

<b>ORIGINAL</b> Course Implementation Date (yyyy-mm):	2011-01
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<b>Senate Graduate Studies Committee approval:</b>	<b>2022-06</b>

## OFFICIAL GRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

**Note:** The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

<b>Course Code and Number:</b> CRIM 790		<b>Number of Credits:</b> 7 See <a href="#">Course credit policy (105)</a> and the <a href="#">Principles for Course Credit Assignment: Graduate Studies</a>															
<b>Course Full Title:</b> MA Major Paper <b>Course Short Title:</b>																	
<b>Faculty:</b> Faculty of Social Sciences		<b>Department/School:</b> School of Criminology and Criminal Justice															
<b>Calendar Description:</b> Students develop an original piece of research in which they conduct a comprehensive literature review, critique past research, collect and analyze data, and make concluding recommendations. Students work with a senior supervisor and second supervisor, and orally defend their major paper to their supervisory committee and an external examiner.																	
<b>Prerequisites</b> (or NONE):		Admission to the Master of Arts (Criminal Justice) and 23 graduate-level credits.															
<b>Corequisites</b> (if applicable, or NONE):																	
<b>Pre/corequisites</b> (if applicable, or NONE):																	
<b>Antirequisite UFV Courses</b> (cannot be taken for additional credit) Former course code/number: Cross-listed with: Dual-listed with: Equivalent UFV course(s): <i>(If offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit for the antirequisite course(s) cannot take this course for further credit.)</i>																	
<b>Total Contact Hours:</b> 105 <b>Sample structure of instructional hours:</b>		<b>Special Topics Course:</b> No If yes, the topic will be recorded when offered.															
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<b>See:</b> <a href="#">Course credit policy (105)</a> and the <a href="#">Principles for Course Credit Assignment: Graduate Studies</a>		<b>Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)</b> <b>PLAR cannot be awarded for this course because:</b> this is a capstone course for the Master of Arts (Criminal Justice) program.															
<b>Note:</b> For each contact hour students should expect to spend at least three hours further on coursework outside of class.		<b>Expected Frequency of Course Offerings</b> Annually															

**Course Objective**

The overall purpose/rationale for this course is to design, conduct, and submit an original piece of research based on a student's interests. The focus is on introducing and framing a research problem, conducting a literature review related to the thesis topic, and collecting and analyzing data in order to present findings, make recommendations, and draw conclusions. Following completion of the major paper, students will defend their work before an examination committee consisting of the supervisory committee and an external examiner.

**Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Articulate an issue of concern in the field of criminology or criminal justice.
- Conduct a comprehensive literature review.
- Critically evaluate an issue of concern in the field of criminology or criminal justice.
- Develop appropriate research methods to address an issue of concern in the field of criminology or criminal justice.
- Complete and receive institutional research ethics approval, if required.
- Collect and analyze data to examine an issue of concern in the field of criminology or criminal justice.
- Interpret and discuss limitations of data.
- Make recommendations on an issue of concern in the field of criminology or criminal justice.
- Orally defend conclusions about an issue of concern in the field of criminology or criminal justice.

**NOTE:** The following sections vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the specific instructor.

**Sample Instructional Methods**

(e.g., face to face instruction, online collaborative, online self-directed, experiential, student led learning, group collaboration, etc.).

Self-directed learning, discussions with supervisory committee.

**Sample Text(s) and Resource Materials:**

Type	Author or description	Title and publication/access details	Year
1. Online resource	Graduate Studies.	Library Guidelines Thesis or Major Papers. University of the Fraser Valley.	2017
2. Online resource	Graduate Studies Committee.	Guidelines on the Preparation and Supervision of Research Papers. University of the Fraser Valley.	2009
3. Online resource	Graduate Studies Committee.	Library License Agreement. University of the Fraser Valley	2017
4.			
5.			
6.			

**Sample Required Additional Supplies and Materials** (software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.)

n/a

**Sample Evaluation Methods and Weighting**

(e.g., term paper, essay, assignment, research paper, final exam, midterm exam, major paper, thesis, practicum, research proposal, lab work, etc.)

Major paper	75%	Presentation	25%	%	%
	%		%	%	%

**Sample Course Content and Topics** (approximately 50-250 words)

Students do independent research under the direction of their supervisory committee and produce a major paper.