

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

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

Course Code and Number: CRIM 491		Number of Credits: 6 Course credit policy (105)													
Course Full Title: Honours Project Course Short Title: Honours Project															
Faculty: Faculty of Social Sciences		Department (or program if no department): CRIM													
Calendar Description: Provides an opportunity to collect and analyze data for an honours thesis proposal developed in CRIM 490 and to disseminate the research findings in a research paper and public presentation.															
Prerequisites (or NONE):		Acceptance into the Criminal Justice Honours program, permission of a faculty supervisor, and CRIM 490.													
Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):															
Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):															
Antirequisite Courses (<i>Cannot be taken for additional credit.</i>) Former course code/number: Cross-listed with: Equivalent 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>		Course Details Special Topics course: No <i>(If yes, the course will be offered under different letter designations representing different topics.)</i> Directed Study course: Yes; cannot be repeated for credit <i>(See policy 207 for more information.)</i> Grading System: Letter grades Delivery Mode: May be offered in multiple delivery modes Expected frequency: Annually Maximum enrolment (for information only): 6													
Typical Structure of Instructional Hours <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Supervised directed learning (directed studies only)</td> <td>90</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total hours</td> <td>90</td> </tr> </table>		Supervised directed learning (directed studies only)	90									Total hours	90	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) PLAR cannot be awarded for this course because: This is part of the Criminal Justice Honours program and involves a unique research project designed in consultation with a UFV Criminology and Criminal Justice faculty member.	
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Scheduled Laboratory Hours Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		Transfer Credit (See bctransferguide.ca) Transfer credit already exists: No Submit outline for (re)articulation: No <i>(If yes, fill in transfer credit form.)</i>													
Department approval		Date of meeting: October 8, 2025													
Faculty Council approval		Date of meeting: November 7, 2025													
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval		Date of meeting: December 19, 2025													

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Carry out a research project designed in CRIM 490.
2. Analyze collected data quantitatively and/or qualitatively.
3. Produce a final research report.
4. Deliver the results of a research project in an academic presentation.
5. Respond to questions and critique of a research project in an academic setting.
6. Demonstrate an advanced level of interpretation and analysis of social science phenomena, methods, and theories that closely meet the expectations for acceptance into a graduate program.
7. Evaluate the implications of the findings for research questions related to Indigenous Peoples, racialized groups, and/or marginalized populations.

Recommended Evaluation Methods and Weighting *(Evaluation should align to learning outcomes.)*

Project:	100%	%	%
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Details:

Project involves a written research report (70%-80%) and an oral presentation of findings (20-30%).

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

Typical Instructional Methods *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Independent study with a faculty supervisor.

Texts and Resource Materials *(Include online resources and Indigenous knowledge sources. [Open Educational Resources](#) (OER) should be included whenever possible. If more space is required, use the [Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form](#).)*

Type	Author or description	Title and publication/access details	Year
1. Textbook	Babbie, E., Wagner-Huang, W.E., & Zaino, J.	Adventures in Social Research: Data Analysis Using IBM SPSS Statistics, Sage Publications	2022
2. Textbook	Creswell, J.W., & Poth, C.N.	Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design: Choosing Among Five Approaches	2024
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Required Additional Supplies and Materials *(Software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.)*

The following may be required, depending on the project specifics: Excel; NVivo; SPSS

Course Content and Topics

Course content will vary by project.

- Exploring recruitment approaches and research methodologies
- Developing a thesis statement
- Ethical principles
- Data analysis tutorial (e.g., review of SPSS, introduction to NVivo)
- Academic writing
- Communicating research findings
- Limitations and future directions of research findings
- How to prepare an academic presentation