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Laurier launches Global Crime and Justice program in collaboration with United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime

BRANTFORD – Wilfrid Laurier University’s Faculty of Human and Social Sciences and [Centre for Public Safety and Well-Being](#) have collaborated with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to launch a new online undergraduate certificate program, [Global Crime and Justice](#).

Through the collaboration, Laurier is committing to use education as a tool for preventing crime and corruption around the world, as well as empowering the next generation to make a positive and sustainable impact on criminal justice and corruption prevention.

The certificate program is based on modules created by the [UNODC’s Education for Justice](#) (E4J) initiative, which seeks to prevent crime and promote a culture of lawfulness through education. The modules were designed by more than 600 academics and experts from around the world, including Laurier.

“Laurier is excited to collaborate with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to offer this program for students and professionals,” says **James Popham**, program coordinator and E4J cybercrime module contributor. “Governments around the world are developing partnerships in response to international justice issues such as cybercrime and human trafficking. Our program will help prepare students to engage with these issues by introducing them to international perspectives.”

Students registering for the Global Crime and Justice program will select online courses from a wide range of topics, including counter-terrorism, trafficking and anti-corruption. Each online course takes place over six weeks. The certificate program – which requires students to earn 2.5 credits (approximately 10 per cent of a four-year honours degree) – is open to honours or general undergraduate students at Laurier, students from other universities, and prospective students not currently attending university. The certificate can be earned in conjunction with a degree at Laurier.

Global Crime and Justice courses begin in fall 2020, with application and registration now open. For more information about the program, visit wlu.ca/cpsw/global-crime-and-justice.

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