

MSc Criminology (THSP-APM33)

Course and Award Details

Course title	MSc Criminology
Route(s)	MSc Criminology
Awarding body	University of Bath
Award	Masters Degree not mainly by Research
Award name	Masters - Postgraduate Taught
Course mode of delivery	Part time
Course length	2 years
Entry point	September 2024
Main location of study	
Course-owning school/department	Social & Policy Sciences

Course Description

Course Summary	Enhance your criminal justice knowledge and develop your criminological imagination. You'll focus on global contemporary crime and justice-related challenges.
Course Description	<p>This is a master's degree with a strong global focus. You'll critically analyse some of the biggest crime, deviance and criminal justice issues affecting society right now. By doing this, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by policymakers and law enforcement organisations, and the mechanisms that prevent and manage these.</p> <p>Throughout the course, you'll learn to enhance your research skills. This will allow you to assess topical issues and develop convincing arguments for change.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of the degree, you'll be equipped with the skills to progress or begin your career in the criminal justice sector in the UK or further afield.</p> <p>You will study topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- international criminal justice and law- contemporary criminological theory- criminological ethnography- technological developments in criminal justice- state crime, human rights, and transitional justice- violent crime <p>This course is suited to both recent graduates of undergraduate criminology degrees and people with social science or humanities undergraduate degrees.</p> <p>>Watch our webinar about this course(https://vimeo.com/821235080)</p> <p>Industry insight to enhance your learning</p> <p>Through a mixture of field trips and guest speakers, you'll gain important first-hand insights into how criminal justice agencies function, how criminal justice policy is created, and how modern challenges are being addressed.</p>

Bath's Criminology expertise

The Department of Social & Policy Sciences(/departments/department-of-social-policy-sciences/) has a proven track record of delivering high-ranking courses in criminology. Our BSc Criminology(/courses/undergraduate-2024/criminology/) degree has been ranked in the top 3 in UK for three years in a row by The Times & The Sunday Times Good University Guide(<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/uk-university-rankings>).

This new master's course builds on our proven record in this subject to further utilise the expertise and knowledge of our teaching staff.

Gain key skills

You will leave the course with:

- a critical understanding of some of the most pressing, urgent criminological issues and challenges in the 21st century
- practical skills in research, analysis and communication, and an understanding of how these can be applied within the fields of criminal justice and practice
- rich experience gained from working with people from a wide range of disciplinary, professional and national backgrounds

Graduate prospects

This course will prepare you for a variety of roles with organisations in the following areas:

- prison and probation services
- victim support
- offender management
- rehabilitation
- drug taking and drug policy reform
- young offenders and youth justice reform

Contact hours

You are expected to spend approximately 35-40 hours per week studying, with around 6-8 hours of this being structured classes.

Part-time students typically study for approximately 50% of the full-time equivalent. Structured classes will take place in-person on our Bath campus.

This will be made up of a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, and workshops, as well as online resources. You will work as an individual and as part of small groups.

Delivery methods

The following list provides an indication of some of the learning and teaching methods used on the course:

- Lectures
- Online resources
- Seminars
- Tutorials
- Workshops

Assessment summary

You will experience a balance of different forms of assessment designed to support your professional development. This will include, essays, examinations, reflective assessments, set exercises, and a dissertation.

We can make reasonable adjustments to assessment procedures for students with disabilities. Take a look at our Disability Service's pages(/professional-services/disability-service/) for information.

Assessment methods

The following list provides an indication of some of the assessment methods used on the course:

- Set exercises
- Dissertation
- Reflective assessment
- Examinations
- Essay

Specialist Facilities

N/A

Budgeting statement

You will need to budget at least £100 for the cost of photocopying, printing and binding. You will also need to budget for the cost of textbooks. Some courses involve visits away from campus and you may be required to pay some or all of the costs of travel, accommodation and food and drink. If you're on a placement, you're responsible for your own travel, accommodation and living costs. You should also consider the financial implications if you go on an unpaid or overseas placement. If you are thinking about studying or working abroad as part of your course, you may have to prove that you have a certain amount of money in your bank account to get a visa. Please read the information about planning your finances for your placement year [<https://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/planning-your-finances-for-your-placement-year/>] which includes potential sources of funding, travel insurance, and visas.

Additional Costs

If you receive an offer, you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of £1,000 when you accept to secure your place. This will be deducted from your tuition fee when you register.

Careers and professional development

Students taking PGT Criminology courses tend to go on to work for a range of criminal justice organisations, including the prison and probation service, and local and Metropolitan police. The skills and knowledge acquired on the MSc Criminology would also be relevant to future careers working for the Home Office and Ministry of Justice. Students may alternatively seek a career in a third sector organisation with a particular focus on criminal justice, rehabilitation, and/or victim support.

Course Assessment Regulations

Applicable Assessment Regulations	Undergraduate assessment regulations - https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/
Exemptions from Regulations	N
Course Progression Requirements	NA

Course Structure**Year 1**

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	SP00000	Academic integrity training & test	Extra	Foundation (FHEQ level 3)	0	
S1	SP52081	Contemporary criminological theory	Part 4 Taught Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
S2	SP52085	Core issues in crime and criminal justice	Part 4 Taught Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
S2	MSc Criminology S2 options PG					Select 1 module from this group in this period
	SP52087	The architecture of criminal justice	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	SP52088	Homicide and the human condition	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	SP52090	Independent research essay	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
Additional rules for module selection						
None						

Year 2

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
S1	SP52080	Doing criminological research	Part 4 Taught Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
S1	MSc Criminology S1 options PG					Select 1 module from this group in this period
	SP52082	Introduction to criminal law	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	SP52083	State crime, rights, and global justice	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	SP52084	Independent research essay	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
S2	SP52086	Criminological ethnography	Part 4 Taught Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
DIS	MSc Criminology DIS options CT PG					Select 1 module from this group in this period
	SP52089	Criminology dissertation	Part 4 Project/Dis Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	30	
	SP52122	Consultancy Project	Part 4 Project/Dis Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	30	
Additional rules for module selection						
None						

Year 3

No units found

The availability of optional units is subject to constraints such as staff availability, minimum and maximum group sizes, and timetabling factors, as well as a student's ability to meet any pre-requisite rules.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, you will be able to

Knowledge and Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Professional and Transferable Skills	Study Year Placement Abroad

Demonstrate an understanding of core theories, concepts, and contemporary debates in Criminology	✓	
Demonstrate and apply knowledge of core methodological and analytical approaches in Criminology	✓	
Demonstrate an understanding of both research integrity and what constitutes ethical research, including researcher and participant wellbeing	✓	
Identify criminological problems, formulate appropriate research questions, and investigate them		✓
Draw on and synthesise evidence from a range of sources to critically assess and advance criminological arguments		✓
Demonstrate the ability to conduct and present independent research		✓
Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills		✓
Critically evaluate criminal justice policy and practice		✓
Identify a criminological research problem and apply criminological concepts and methods to investigate it, through generating relevant data/observations and critically analysing it in relation to previously published work in the area		✓
Produce well-structured, coherent written accounts (in essays and other forms) of criminological theories and concepts		✓
Marshal evidence and theory to support or		✓

challenge a criminological argument in such a way as to demonstrate a critical awareness of the origin and bases of knowledge

Identify criminological research problems and (with support) independently devise and implement a research strategy to tackle those problems



Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards

Postgraduate Diploma Postgraduate Certificate