

BSc(Hons) Criminology (UHSP-AFB30)

Course and Award Details

Course title	BSc(Hons) Criminology
Route(s)	BSc(Hons) Criminology
Awarding body	University of Bath
Award	Undergraduate Degree with Honours
Award name	Bachelor with Honours
Course mode of delivery	Full time
Course length	3 years
Entry point	September 2024
Main location of study	University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down
Course-owning school/department	Social & Policy Sciences

Course Description

Course Summary	Explore crime and criminal justice issues faced in modern society. You'll gain a deep insight into the theories of crime, justice and punishment.
Course Description	<p>This is a degree with a strong global focus. You'll explore key issues, including human rights and terrorism, social justice, contemporary social issues, and the globalisation of crime.</p> <p>You'll gain knowledge of how criminal justice agencies work and interact, and how criminal justice policy is created. You'll study how policing, courts and prisons present new challenges in today's world.</p> <p>In Year 1, you'll learn about crime and justice from a theoretical and practical perspective. You'll examine key criminological concepts, like victimisation, deviance, and justice, and learn to evaluate data and information to develop arguments.</p> <p>Year 2 will develop your knowledge of criminological theory, criminal justice practice and policy, and global crime. You'll also enhance your research and data analysis skills.</p> <p>In your final year, you'll do your dissertation. This will demonstrate the knowledge and skills you've developed. You'll also choose from a range of specialist criminology and social science optional units. This will enable you to develop an in-depth understanding of criminal justice institutions, explore topics that interest you and prepare you for your future.</p>
Learning and teaching	<p>Informed teaching to advance your learning</p> <p>You'll learn from a team of expert criminal justice researchers and criminologists. Their passion, knowledge and research shape their teaching, enhancing your learning experience.</p>
Contact hours	<p>Contact hours</p> <p>Timetabled contact hours, which may be made up of lectures, practical sessions, seminars, tutorials, workshops and computer laboratory sessions, vary throughout your course and between courses but are typically around 10 hours a week in your first year.</p>

Our teaching for this course is delivered through in-person learning on campus, supported by high quality online provision. A small proportion of these contact hours may be delivered online, with the significant majority taught on campus. This may be supplemented by additional activities such as a small number of online learning sessions (not live), skills development sessions, and personal tutorials.

The amount of timetabled sessions on campus in later years may vary based on the options you choose, with a greater emphasis on independent learning. Project and dissertation units will generally have fewer scheduled sessions to allow you time for your independent work - this may also mean the number of hours of timetabled sessions each week will vary within a year.

Independent learning

In addition to timetabled contact hours, you are expected to undertake independent learning and assessment activities. Typically, this might be around 25 to 30 hours per week in your first year, and include individual research, reading journal articles and books, working on individual and group projects, preparing coursework assignments, presentations, or revising for exams. After your first year, the emphasis on independent learning becomes greater, for example, you may do a final year project in the final year. You'll be expected to work both on your own and as part of a group.

Delivery methods

Laboratory sessions
Lectures
Online resources
Practical sessions
Seminars
Tutorials
Workshops

Assessment summary

You will be assessed in a range of methods designed to develop and test your skills and knowledge.

10% to 25% of your course will be assessed through examinations.

75% to 90% will be assessed through essays, reports, and presentations.

The final degree classification is determined by your second and final year marks and each contributes 32% and 68% respectively.

You will primarily be assessed as an individual, but may also be assessed as part of a group.

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

Report
Examinations
Presentations
Essay

Placement/Study Year Abroad details

We also offer this course with a professional placement(/courses/undergraduate-2024/criminology/bsc-criminology-with-professional-placement/) in Year 3. This allows you to take advantage of our links with a range of organisations in different sectors.

A professional placement is a great way to get insights into the career path you want; contribute to projects and services; have fun, make friends and build your professional network; and even earn some money or experience a new culture.

Careers and professional development

Develop your professional skills

We work to provide you with the skills and support to prepare you for employment and further study. You will develop knowledge about potential future careers and learn relevant skills through a range of opportunities and training, including:

- guest speakers from external agencies
- networking

- data generation and analysis
- research critique
- field trips

Prepare for your future

Many of our social sciences graduates have gone on to work as social and policy researchers, civil servants, international consultants, journalists, and accountants.

They've worked for organisations such as:

- Save the Children
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Education Support Partnership
- Virgin Media
- Viiv Healthcare
- Rolls-Royce
- Richmond Housing Partnership

Course Assessment Regulations

Applicable Assessment Regulations	Undergraduate assessment regulations - https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/
Exemptions from Regulations	N
Weighting of each Study Year	Stage 1: 0% Stage 2: 32% Final Stage: 68%
Is this Course Standalone or Co-Existent?	SA

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	SP12001	Becoming a social scientist 1	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
S1	SP12005	Critical thinkers in criminology	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
S1	SP12006	Crime and society	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
S2	SP12004	Crime, social justice, and social policy	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
S2	SP12010	Becoming a social scientist 2	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
S2	SP12011	Criminal justice processes and practices	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	

Year 2

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	SP22025	Theorising crime, justice and punishment	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
S1	SP22019	Qualitative analysis: the power of immersion	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
S1	SP22024	The history and politics of crime and punishment	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	5	
S2	SP22020	Quantitative data analysis: the power of statistics	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
S2	SP22023	Global crimes of the powerful	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	5	

Title Year 2 Options

Total credits in this study yr 20

Overview of options in this study yr In Year 2, you will study 20 credits of optional units. This will be either two all-year 10 credit option or a single all-year 10 credit options and a 5 credit option in each semester, or two five credit options in each semester.

These options will cover a range of criminology, sociology and social policy topics,

- such as:
- conflict and security
 - race and racism
 - mental health
 - poverty and population
 - youth justice

Year 3

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	SP32037	Criminology dissertation	Part 3 Stage 3 Compulsory	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	20	

Title Final Year Options

Total credits in this study yr 40

Overview of options in this study yr In your final year, you will study 40 credits of optional units. This will consist of two all-year 10 credit options and the remaining 20 credits will be selected from either all-year 10 credit options or single semester 5 credit options.

These options will cover a range of criminology, sociology, social policy and economics topics, such as:

- conflict and human rights
- humanitarianism
- incarceration
- policing
- experts and evidence

You'll study these optional units alongside your dissertation.

Learning Outcomes

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

	Knowledge and Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Professional and Transferable Skills	Placement	Study Year Abroad
Evaluate and apply a range of key concepts, debates, and theoretical approaches in criminology	✓				
Identify and distinguish criminal justice processes and institutions and critically evaluate their aims, outcomes, and effectiveness.	✓				
Interpret and critically evaluate the ways in which crime, violence,	✓				

victimisation, and criminal justice are shaped by social organisation, including historical and cultural context, political and economic factors				
Identify and assess how social factors such as social class, gender, ethnicity, and age shape crime, deviance, and victimisation	✓			
Assess the merits and appropriateness of competing explanations for crime, deviance, victimisation, and criminal justice responses to crime	✓			
Marshall, interpret, and synthesise empirical evidence about crime, deviance, victimisation, and responses to crime	✓	✓		
Undertake individually and/or collaboratively investigations of criminological questions, issues and problems by employing different techniques of data collection and analysis, including secondary data and other information, using appropriate software			✓	
Design, undertake, and complete an independent dissertation, composed of interconnected components and directed towards advancing criminological knowledge and/or understanding			✓	
Construct structured arguments based on suitable evidence, and present them in high-quality presentations and written outputs.	✓	✓	✓	

Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards

This course has no designated alternative course (DAC).
Exit awards:
Diploma of Higher Education

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