

# BSc(Hons) Criminology with professional placement (UHSP-AKB30)

## Course and Award Details

<b>Course title</b>	BSc(Hons) Criminology with professional placement
<b>Route(s)</b>	BSc(Hons) Criminology with professional placement
<b>Awarding body</b>	University of Bath
<b>Award</b>	Undergraduate Degree with Honours
<b>Award name</b>	Bachelor with Honours
<b>Course mode of delivery</b>	Thick sandwich (Full-time on campus)
<b>Course length</b>	4 years
<b>Entry point</b>	September 2024
<b>Main location of study</b>	University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down
<b>Course-owning school/department</b>	Social & Policy Sciences

## Course Description

<b>Course Summary</b>	Explore crime and criminal justice issues faced in modern society. You'll gain a deep insight into the theories of crime, justice and punishment.
<b>Course Description</b>	<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>
<b>Learning and teaching</b>	<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>
<b>Delivery methods</b>	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**

Doing a professional placement in Year 3 allows you to use what you've learnt in a practical context and enhance your CV. You'll find out about the organisation you join and how it works, while learning more about potential future careers.

You'll develop skills like planning, problem-solving, decision making and project management.

Employers often value placements, so you could gain an advantage in the job market.

We have established links and partnerships with many organisations. Previous students have done placements with commercial, voluntary or government organisations, or in research settings. These include:

- Home Office
- Locate International
- Metropolitan Police
- Victim Support

Placement opportunities can't be guaranteed but you will receive tailored support from our dedicated placement team.

### **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

<b>Applicable Assessment Regulations</b>	Undergraduate assessment regulations - <a href="https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/">https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/</a>
<b>Exemptions from Regulations</b>	N
<b>Weighting of each Study Year</b>	Stage 1: 0% Stage 2: 32% Stage 3: 0% Final Stage: 68%
<b>Is this Course Standalone or Co-Existent?</b>	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	SP22061	SPS professional placement	Part 2 Stage 3 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	60	

**Placements and Years Abroad - Title** Professional placement

**Placements and Years Abroad - Total credits** 60

**Placements and Years Abroad - Overview** You can choose to go on a professional placement. This is an opportunity to enhance your CV, gain valuable new skills, or try out a career option.

### Year 4

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	SP32037	Criminology dissertation	Part 3 Stage 4 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	✓	✓	✓	
Apply knowledge and skills in a work environment				✓

### Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

**Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards**

UHSP-AFB30: BSc(Hons) Criminology is the designated alternative course (DAC).  
 Transfer to DAC possible from year 3 (placement/study year).  
 Exit awards:  
 Diploma of Higher Education  
 Certificate of Higher Education