Course structures

BSc Criminology
BSc Criminology with Study Abroad
BSc Social Policy with Criminology
BSc Criminology with Quantitative Research Methods
MSci Criminology with Quantitative Research Methods
The School for Policy Studies at the University of Bristol offers undergraduate courses in Criminology, Social Policy, and Childhood Studies. These degrees are delivered by a vibrant academic community at the forefront of their fields of research.

For Criminology, we offer a Single Honours degree that includes a Study Abroad option; Social Policy with Criminology and Criminology with Quantitative Research Methods that has an additional masters year as option. This leaflet has been designed to describe the course structures for the academic year beginning 2020/21.

Prospective applicants should note that as we continually develop our undergraduate programmes, we keep all courses under review. Individual units within courses, and the combinations of units that students may take, are therefore subject to change.

While this information is correct at time of writing (Feb 2020) we recommend you check for the most up-to-date unit descriptions at:

bristol.ac.uk/sps/study/undergraduate/criminology

For more detailed information on each unit in the Criminology programmes, including the aims and intended learning outcomes, assessment and some recommended reading, visit the programme catalogue at: bristol.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue

Select programme catalogue and search Criminology in ‘Locate a programme’.

Choose the programme you want to view and use to explore available units in each year.
BSc Criminology

First year
Students take four mandatory units
• Understanding Crime, Harm and Society
• Criminological Theory: An Introduction
• Responding to Crime and Social Harm
• Critical Skills for Social Scientists: Criminology
And two first year optional units from within the School (see page 8) or open units from across the University.

Second year
Students take two mandatory units
• Key Thinkers in Criminology
• Social Research Methods
And at least three Criminology-related optional units (see page 8). Remaining unit to be taken from the other optional units list (see page 9).

Third year
Students take two mandatory units
• Dissertation (double-weighted unit)
• Inequality, Harm and Public Policy
And at least two Criminology related optional units (see page 8). Remaining unit to be taken from the other optional units list (see page 9).
Taking the opportunity to study abroad while you are a student can be a very valuable and exciting experience. BSc Criminology offers a four year degree (BSc Criminology) with Study Abroad.

The four year degree with Study Abroad is identical to the three-year programme, but students will spend their third year studying abroad at one of our overseas partner institutions. Students will be able to take units related to Criminology or units from broader social sciences or arts and humanities subjects in their host institution abroad. On their return, students will join Year 3 of the degree at Bristol to complete the final year of their four year programme.

In their study abroad application, students can make three choices from a list of partner institutions that currently includes the City University of Hong Kong, Linköping University (Sweden), University of Western Australia (Perth, Australia) and University of Washington (Seattle, USA). Study abroad places will be allocated competitively according to the suitability and the first and second year marks of students.

For an up-to-date list of partner universities (subject specific) and the application process, please see: bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/go-abroad
BSc Social Policy with Criminology

First year
Students take six mandatory units
- Critical Skills for Social Scientists: Social Policy
- Key Concepts, Theories and Ideologies in Social Policy
- Social Policy Past and Present
- Comparative and International Policy Studies
- Criminological Theory: An Introduction
- Understanding Crime, Harm and Society

Second year
Students take two mandatory units
- Understanding Public Policy
- Social Research Methods
And four optional units, at least two of which will be Criminology-related options (see page 8)

Third year
Students undertake a dissertation (Double weighted unit)
And four optional units, at least two of which will be Criminology-related options (see page 8)
BSc Criminology with Quantitative Research Methods

First year
Students take the following six mandatory units
- Responding to Crime and Social Harm
- Convincing stories? Numbers as evidence in the social sciences
- Criminological Theory: An introduction
- Critical Skills for Social Scientists: Criminology
- Segregation and inequality in the UK (measurement and debate)
- Understanding Crime, Harm and Society

Second year
Students take three mandatory units
- Conducting a Research Project using secondary data
- Key Thinkers in Criminology
- Principles of Quantitative Social Science
And three Criminology-related optional units (see page 8)

Third year
Students take two mandatory units
- Dissertation - With Quantitative Research Methods (Criminology)
  (Double weighted unit)
- Inequality, Harm and Public Policy

Additionally, students choose two Criminology-related optional units (see page 8) and one units from the other optional units list (see page 9)
After year three, students can exit with a BSc in Criminology with Quantitative Research Methods. The MSci route requires a fourth year of study (see page 7).
MSci Criminology with Quantitative Research Methods

This four year programme is identical to the three year programme for the first three years. After year three, students can exit with a BSc in Criminology with Quantitative Research Methods or take the MSci route which requires a fourth year of study.

**Fourth year**
Students take two mandatory units
- Advanced Quantitative Methods for Social and Policy Research
- Advanced Quantitative Research Project

Plus one unit from a list including:
- Explanation, Causation and Longitudinal Analysis
- Spatial Data Analysis, Spatial Regression Modelling and GIS in Research

And two further units in School for Policy Studies.
Optional units within the School for Policy Studies

First year
Social Policy and Childhood Studies optional units:
- Key Concepts, Theories and Ideologies in Social Policy
- Social Policy Past and Present
- Comparative and International Policy Studies
- Contemporary Debates in Global Childhood
- Constructing Childhoods
- Segregation and inequality in the UK (measurement and debate)
- An Introduction to Psychology or Childhood Studies

Second and third year
Criminology-related optional units:
- Youth, Sexualities and Gendered Violence
- Youth Justice
- Punishment in Society
- Drugs and Society
- Globalisation, Crime, Harm and Justice
- Harms of the Powerful
- Work and Work Placements: Criminology
- Leisure, Pleasure and Harm
- Criminalising Welfare
- Understanding ‘Terrorism’
- Violence, Conflict and Forced Migration
Other optional units:
- Migration: UK, EU and Global Policy Perspectives
- Comparative Political Economy and Social Policy
- Social Policy and Development
- Changing Families and the State
- Poverty, Social Exclusion and Social Policy
- Societal Change and the Transformation of Work
- Youth Policy and Social Welfare
- Social Care in Crisis
- Public Management
- Family Support
- Child and Adolescent Psychology
- Play and Creativity
- Children and Young People in the Law
- Inter Professional Working in Children’s Services
- Child Nutrition, Activity and Health
- Language and Literacy in Young Children
- Cities and communities in the urban age