

# Criminology



**Undergraduate study**

## Courses

### Single Honours

#### **BSc Criminology**

three years M900

#### **BSc Criminology with Study Abroad**

four years M901

#### **BSc Social Policy with Criminology**

three years LM49

This leaflet contains information for students planning to start university in autumn 2019. We have made every effort to ensure all details are correct at the time of going to press (June 2018). However, since this information is subject to change, you are advised to check the University's website, [bristol.ac.uk/ug-study](http://bristol.ac.uk/ug-study), for the latest updates.

## Why study criminology at Bristol?

Criminology is a multidisciplinary subject that draws on disciplines including sociology, law, psychology, philosophy, history and social and public policy.

A unique feature of our criminology course is that it offers students the opportunity to study criminology within the broader framework of policy studies. The programme provides students with an understanding of crime and related social harms and the analysis of public policy interventions that contribute towards a safer and harm-free society. By drawing upon zemiological (social harm) perspectives, criminology at Bristol examines conventionally defined crimes and other activities or behaviour that may not be criminalised, but cause extensive harm to individuals and society (for example, poverty, inequality, pollution, social exclusion, injustice, discrimination, stress).

You will be joining a friendly department that is very highly regarded for the quality of its teaching and research. Criminology at Bristol is taught in the School for Policy Studies, which has been recognised in *The Guardian* university league tables 2018, where several courses in the school ranked first in their category.\*

Our high-quality teaching is related to our research strengths and your lecturers will be among some of the leading experts in their field. The results of the 2014 Research Exercise Framework (REF) confirm the excellence of research in the School for Policy Studies: 80 per cent of our research was rated as 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent'.

\*BSc Social Policy (classified as Social Policy and Administration) and BSc Childhood Studies (classified as Social Work) placed first in *The Guardian* 2018 university league tables.

**'Studying criminology with social policy at Bristol has been an insightful experience. It really helps you to understand and reflect on situations from multiple perspectives. It challenges you to think critically.'**

Deeka (BSc Social Policy and Criminology)

# What will you study?

Our courses are structured around the study and development of understanding in three interlocking areas:

- We examine criminal justice and social justice;
- We explore crime and harm;
- We focus on the local to the global.

Learning progresses in the interdisciplinary study of criminology from foundation to specialisation and we do not assume that you will have studied criminology before. In your first year you will take four mandatory units that introduce you to the study of criminology. You will learn about different types of crime and social harm and their contexts, and you will explore key criminological concepts and theory and assess the responses to crime and social harms. You will be supported to develop important academic and research skills that will be useful in your university studies and in your professional work. You can also take a range of optional units.

In year two you will extend your knowledge and understanding of research methods and develop a deeper understanding of criminological theory through an analysis of the contributions of key theorists. In addition, you will take at least three

units from a list of criminology-related options (eg Drugs and Society; Youth Justice; Gender-Based Violence; Punishment in Society; Globalisation, Crime, Harm and Justice) or a criminology-relevant work placement. Additional options are available from a wider list of units within the school.

In your final year you will undertake a dissertation – an independent piece of research, along with a mandatory unit focused on the role of public policy and crime reduction. You will also take at least two criminology-related units.

## Study abroad

You can choose to study criminology as a three- year degree or as a four-year degree with a year spent studying at one of our overseas partner universities. You can spend part of your second year abroad even if you are not taking the four-year course. At your host university, you will be able to study criminology or take units from the broader social sciences, arts and humanities, including language units.

We have international exchange opportunities with universities in Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea. Our European partners include universities in Belgium, Hungary, the Netherlands and Sweden. We also have links in the United States, Canada and Australia.

## Teaching methods

We work hard to ensure that our teaching is engaging and is evaluated positively by our students. We use traditional lectures, interactive lectures, classes, seminars, group workshops and individual tutorials. Visiting criminology-related professionals are invited to give lectures and talks in order to further enhance your understanding and add practical knowledge. We also draw on the city of Bristol to aid your learning. We arrange a number of visits, for example to the courts and prisons.

## Assessment and feedback

We place a strong emphasis on the role of assessment and feedback in helping you to learn and develop throughout your studies. Transferable skills are developed through working with others in small groups and giving presentations. Every unit includes practise assessment with feedback aimed at helping you to improve before you complete the main assessment. Assessment includes seen and unseen examinations, extended essays and reports, posters and presentation. The 10,000-word dissertation is a piece of research on a criminology-related topic of your choice carried out independently with the support of an academic adviser.



## Careers and graduate destinations

Our high-quality, research-led courses will open up a wide choice of rewarding careers. When it comes to choosing a career, criminology graduates often have the best of both worlds. Graduates may go on to work in a variety of vocational roles across a range of public, private and voluntary sectors and many enter the national management training schemes for the Prison Service, local government and the civil service. Some graduates pursue professional vocations such as law and social work.

However, our degrees also have broad appeal and our high-calibre graduates compete successfully for the wide range of graduate opportunities that do not require specific subject knowledge but rather a set of professional skills, such as communication, teamwork and problem solving.

**The University of Bristol has one of the best employment records in the UK. We are rated sixth in the UK in the QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2018 and are the fourth most targeted university by top UK graduate employers (High Fliers Research 2018).**



## Making your application

### Typical offer for BSc Criminology\*

Visit [bristol.ac.uk/ug19-criminology](http://bristol.ac.uk/ug19-criminology) for other qualifications.

**A-levels** ABB (contextual BBC<sup>†</sup>).

**IB Diploma** 32 overall (contextual 29<sup>†</sup>) to include 16 points at Higher Level (contextual 14<sup>†</sup>).

**English Language profile** B<sup>††</sup>

**GCSEs** Standard numeracy requirement (C in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent) and standard literacy requirement (C in GCSE English or equivalent).

<sup>†</sup>For information on contextual offers, visit [bristol.ac.uk/contextual-offers](http://bristol.ac.uk/contextual-offers).

<sup>††</sup>For details of English language profiles, visit [bristol.ac.uk/ug-language-requirements](http://bristol.ac.uk/ug-language-requirements).

**Selection** UCAS or Common Application.

\*The typical offer is indicative only and the University accepts a wide range of qualifications. The information is correct at the time of printing (June 2018); however, we recommend you check the University's website for the most up-to-date information: [bristol.ac.uk/ug-study](http://bristol.ac.uk/ug-study).

### Further information

Find out more about the School for Policy Studies: [bristol.ac.uk/sps](http://bristol.ac.uk/sps).

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