



Welcome

Criminology Visit Day

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Criminology at Bristol

- BSc Criminology
- BSc Criminology with Study Abroad
(four year degree)
- BSc Criminology with Quantitative Research Methods
- Msci Criminology with Quantitative Research Methods
(four year degree)
- BSc Social Policy with Criminology



Criminology is multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary

Ask important questions

- What is crime?
- What causes crime?
- Is crime increasing or decreasing?
- What can be done about crime?



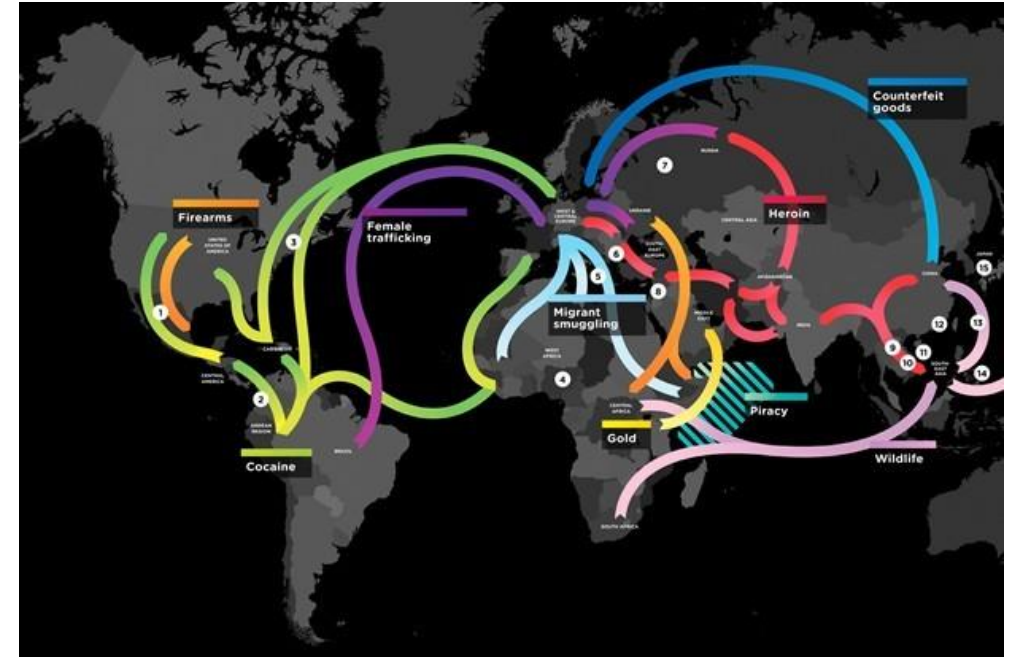
What's distinctive: Criminology at Bristol?

- Focus not only **crime/criminal justice**
- Also consider consequences of activities that are **harmful**, but not criminal/severely punished:
 - e.g. poverty, inequality, social exclusion, injustice, discrimination, obesity, deaths on the road, winter deaths of elderly people, NHS hospital deaths, deaths caused by pollution, global warming, migrant drownings, animal extinction, gig economy, tax avoidance, building site deaths, stress at work, worker suicide
- What is the role of government policy and professionals in promoting a 'harm-free' as well as a crime-free society'?



Our three themes

- Study crime, criminal justice and harm guided by three overarching themes:
- From *justice* to *social justice*
- From *crime* to *harm*
- From *local* to *global*



Source: Wired: Organised Crime – the world's largest social network https://www.wired.com/2011/01/ff_orgchart_crime/

What makes Bristol Criminology special?

- **Expertise** – policing, youth justice, prisons, drugs policy, counterfeiting, social harm, law, globalisation.
- **On-line learning** – readings, lectures, seminars, discussion boards, etc.
- **Well resourced and investment** – class sizes in 2017-18 >15, opportunity for 1:1 support
- **Student support and staying in touch** – personal tutor system supports your progress/development.
- **Listening and communicating** – student committee, evaluation of teaching, newsletter, social events and social networks
- **Encouraging professionalism and employment** – speakers and optional work placement
- **International and global**
- **In a beautiful, vibrant and well-connected city**

Programme Structure (BSc Criminology 2020-2021)

Year 1 **Building foundations**
Compulsory

- Understanding Crime, Harm & Society,
- Critical Skills,
- Responding to Crime & Social Harm,
- Criminological Theory: an introduction

+ 2 **options**

Year 2 **Development of knowledge**
Compulsory

- Social Research methods,
- Key Thinkers in Criminology

+ 4 **options**

Year 3 **Specialisation**
Compulsory

- Dissertation,
- Inequality, Harm and Public Policy

+ 3 **options**

Options (*subject to change)

FIRST YEAR (examples)

- **Representations of Crime and Harm**
- Ideologies & Concepts of Welfare
- Social Policy Historical Perspectives
- Comparative & International Social Policy
- Contemporary Debates in Global Childhood
- Constructing Childhoods
- Segregation & inequality
- Sustainable Development

Options for second/third year

(*subject to change)

- Youth Justice
- Punishment in Society
- Drugs and Society
- Globalisation, Crime, Harm and Justice
- Harms of the Powerful
- Criminalising Welfare
- Work and Work Placement
- Youth, Sexualities and Gendered Violence

- Leisure, Pleasure and Harm
- Sex, Consumption and Power
- Climate Emergency
- Violence Conflict and Forced Migration
- Children, Young People and the Law
- Gender Based Violence
- Understanding Terrorism

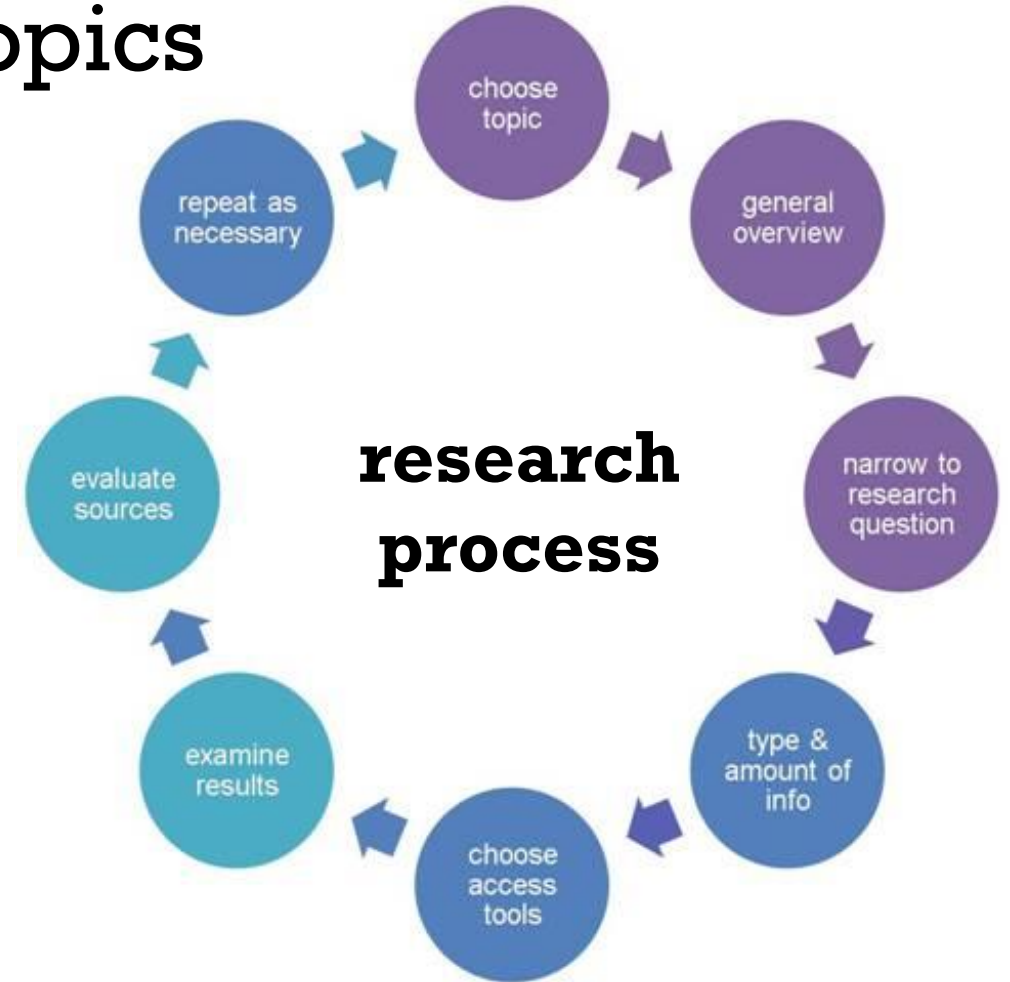
Q-step units

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- Principles of Quantitative Social Science
- Conducting a Research Project using Secondary Data
- Convincing stories: using numbers in the social sciences
- Segregation and inequality: measurement and debate

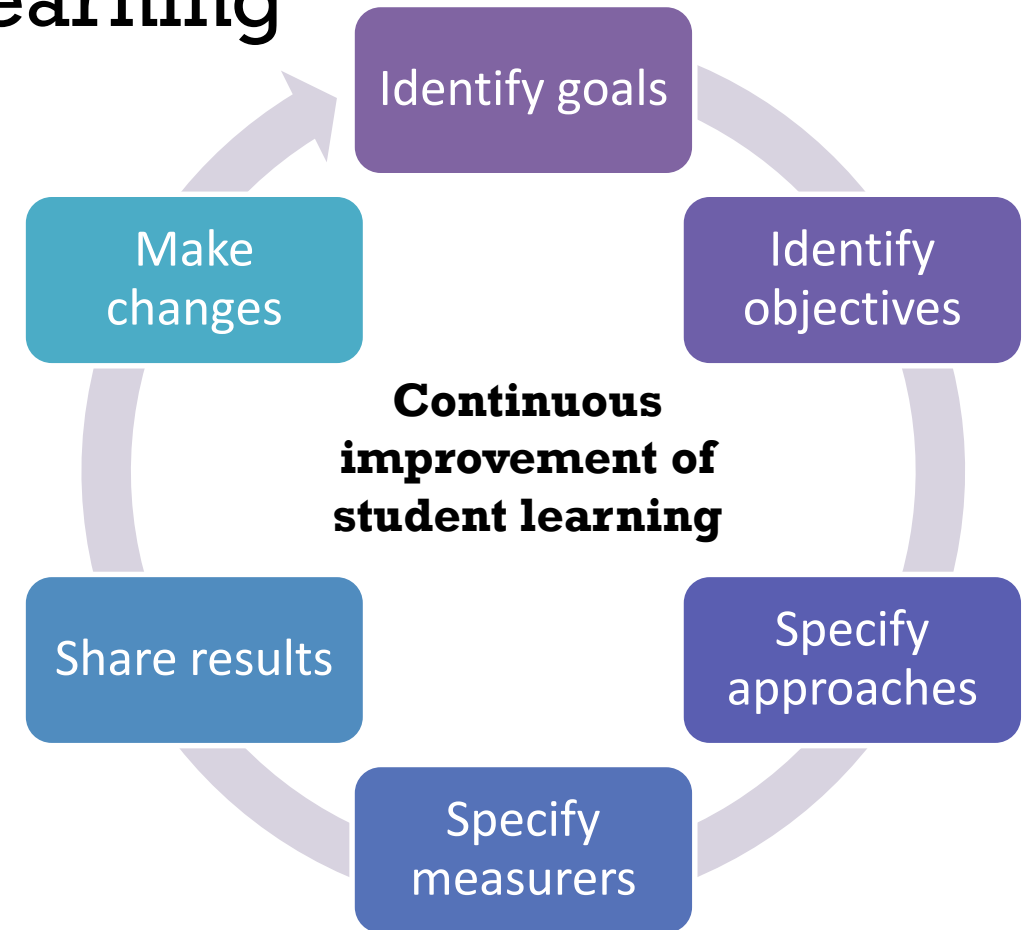
Example recent dissertation topics

- Use of internet forums for steroid consumption
- Young people, knife crime and Grime music
- Impact and harms of volunteer tourism
- Young people and restorative justice
- Drug control policies in Europe
- Media representations of torture
- Police officer attitudes towards domestic violence



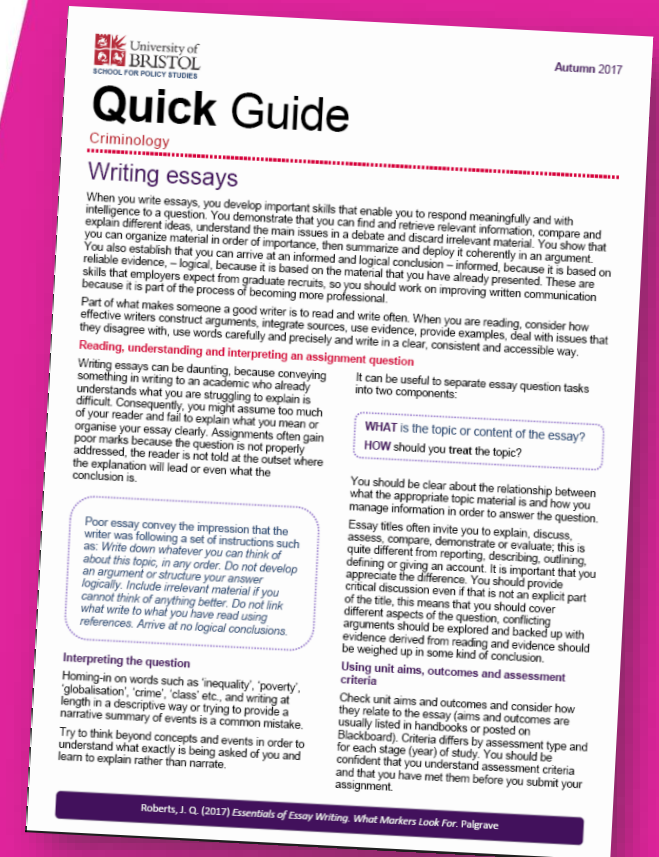
Varied approach to teaching and learning

- Interactive lectures, visiting professional speakers, small seminars, visits, individual tutorials/discussions, online learning
- Assessment as learning + for employment
 - *Formative* (practise with feedback) before main assessment
 - range includes: short essays, extended essays, examinations, reports, presentations, portfolios, critiques, commentaries, posters, videos, research project
- Contact hours: 9-10 hours per week + preparation



Support for learning

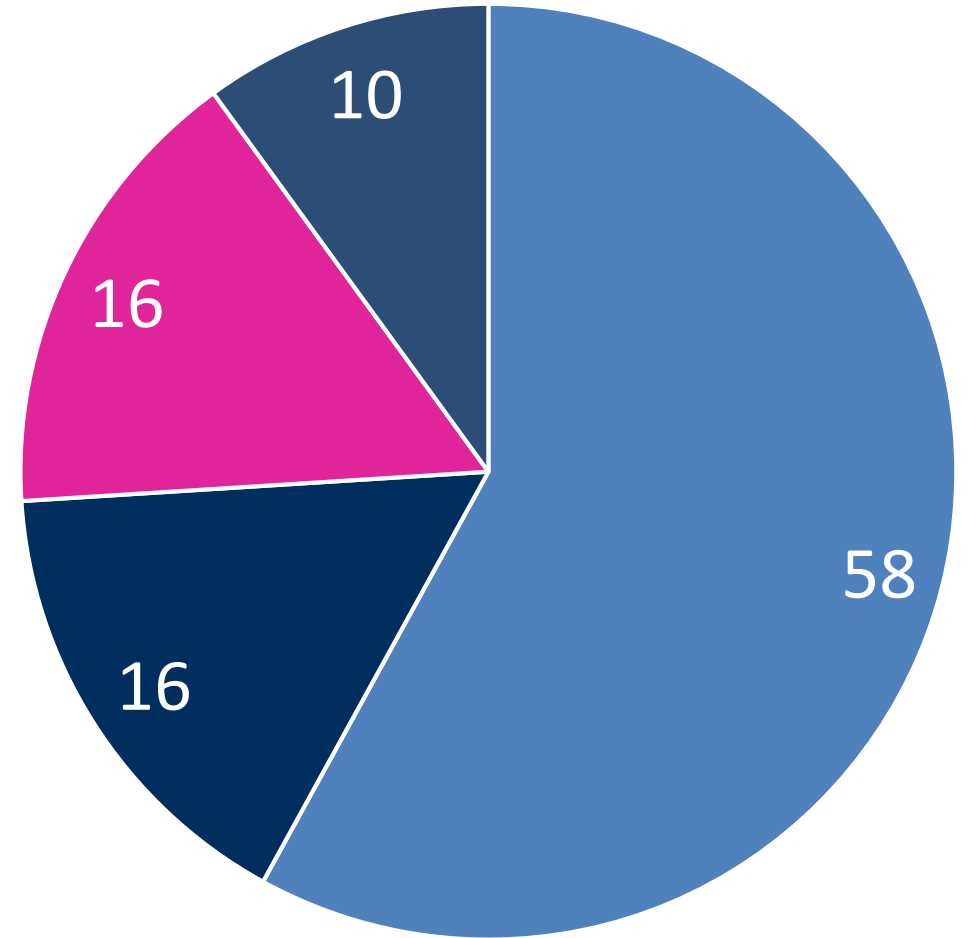
- Critical skills: workshops covering professional communication, study skills, exam preparation, careers Detailed written electronic feedback on all assessment
- Personal tutor offers 1:1 support and advice throughout time at University
- University-wide health and well-being services
- Quick Guides
- Blackboard
- Unit outlines and on-line reading lists
- Re/Play (lecture capture)



Careers in Criminology



- Recent graduates:
58% full time work, 16% part-time work, 16% study, 10% other





**Social work,
youth work
marketing,
management,
banking/finance
HR, housing,
community work**

**Researcher,
media,
border services,
Home Office,
local government,
refugee support**



**Police,
probation,
victim support,
rehabilitation, law,
judicial services, military,
security services, CPS,
MoJ, insurance,
forensics**

**50% of
graduate
vacancies do
not specify a
particular
degree**

4th

Most targeted
university by top
UK employers
(High Fliers
Research, 2020)

**Best city to
live in, 2017**

**Sunday
Times**

Top 10

UK University
in QS World
Rankings 2020

Top 5

For research
in the UK
(REF 2014)

93% of our graduates
are employed or in further
study six months
after graduating



Stay in touch

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