

Programme Specification

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| 1 | Awarding body | University of London | | | | |
| 2 | Teaching Institution | Birkbeck College | | | | |
| 3 | Programme Title(s) | BSc Criminology and Criminal Justice | | | | |
| 4 | Programme Code(s) | UBSCRIMG_C (Part-time) UUBSCRIM_C (Full-time) | | | | |
| 5 | UCAS code | LL34 | | | | |
| 6 | Home Department | Criminology | | | | |
| 7 | Exit Award(s) | Dip HE, Cert HE Criminology | | | | |
| 8 | Duration of Study (number of years) | 4 years Part Time; 3 Years Full time | | | | |
| 9 | Mode of Study | FT | x | PT | x | DL |
| 10 | Level of Award (FHEQ) | 6 | | | | |
| 11 | Other teaching depts or institution | N/A | | | | |
| 12 | Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details | N/A | | | | |
| 13 | QAA Benchmark Group | Criminology | | | | |

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| 14 | Programme Rationale & Aims |
| | <p>The School aims to provide education in criminology and criminal justice that is critical, questioning and creative. It is designed for students from a range of different backgrounds. It seeks to produce undergraduates who not only have a knowledge of the relevant skills, rules and principles applicable to the study of criminology and criminal justice but also to ensure they are aware of the major theories from the human sciences to enable them to understand the social, political, economic, theoretical and cultural contexts of all aspects of crime, security and responses to crime and social order. Other main aims and distinctive features include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The imparting of advanced knowledge about concepts and debates across the key areas of the discipline of criminology and criminal justice and clear indications of how these are informed by multi-disciplinary research at the boundaries of knowledge; • Training in a range of specialist subject specific and transferable skills which prepare students for employment or further postgraduate study; • The possibility of study in full time or part time face to face mode; and • Provision of a degree programme which is sensitive to the particular needs of mature and part time students. • A degree programme that facilitates transition from pre degree to undergraduate degree programmes with due recognition being given for prior learning. • To better integrate and utilise the School's expertise and international reputation in these disciplines into the School suite of programmes. |

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| 15 | Entry Criteria |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCAS tariff score: 112-120 (A Levels – BBC-BBB) • Access to Higher Education Diploma with a minimum of 15 credits achieved at Merit or Distinction in law, humanities or social science units. • BBK Cert HE Criminology; Pass (40%) for entry into 2nd year of the BSc <p>We welcome applications from mature students and each will be assessed on its merits. Admission is at the discretion of the admissions tutor</p> |
| 16 | Learning Outcomes |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A comprehensive grounding in the major concepts, principles, policies and methods relevant to criminology and criminal justice. In particular students will have an appreciation of how they are informed by research at the forefront of the discipline and competing intellectual approaches within criminological and criminal justice studies and relates disciplines in the human sciences; 2. An ability to place criminological and criminal justice studies, policies and institutional practices in their historical, ethical, social, political, cultural and economic context. In particular we aim to encourage students to interrogate the interface between the theory and practice of criminology and criminal justice; 3. A mature appreciation of social scientific methods which can be used to identify, locate and analyse scholarly, policy and practical developments in the field; 4. An advanced understanding of multi-disciplinary approaches to the study of crime and criminal justice which enables students to demonstrate a critical awareness and an ability to make use of theoretical and methodological frameworks developed in law, the humanities and social sciences; 5. The ability to deal with complex issues systematically and creatively; 6. Confidence in a range of subject specific and transferable skills which can prepare them for employment or further studies. These include skills in writing and problem solving, IT literacy, group work, independent research, analysis and critique, oral presentation, independent research, critique, and problem solving; and 7. The ability to exercise sound academic judgement, take personal responsibility for their course of study and demonstrate initiative. |
| 17 | Learning, teaching and assessment methods |
| | <p>The School of Law employs a variety of teaching and learning strategies to enable learning outcomes to be achieved. In particular we promote student learning through lectures; seminars; virtual learning environments; student led study groups facilitated by the school; private tutorials; web based independent skills tutorials; weekend and pre-sessional skills workshops; public lectures and research seminars. We employ a diversity of assessment tools including independent research essays, seen and unseen exams, group work, oral presentations, reflective journals and creative and critical thinking exercises.</p> |

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| 18 | <p>Programme Structure</p> <p>Description: The BSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice is designed to build students skills, knowledge and confidence in the subject through a balance of required compulsory courses, which cover key skills and concepts in the field, and a selection of optional courses, which allow students to specialise in their own areas of interest.</p> <p>Compulsory modules include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding Crime • Criminal Justice Process • Sociology of Crime • Psychology of Crime • Theories of Crime and Criminal Justice • Critical Skills and Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice • Crime and Law • Advanced Crime and Law • Criminology & Social Theory • Social Research Methods <p>The range of optional modules may change from year to year, but an indicative list includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borders, Migration and Criminal Justice • Crime Fiction and the Law • Crime, Media and Culture • Crime, Law and Performance • Criminal Evidence • Criminal Justice • Drugs, Crime and Criminal Justice • Equality and Diversity • European Perspectives on State Violence • Free Will, Determinism and Responsibility • Gender, Crime and Criminal Justice • Health & Vulnerability in the Criminal Justice System • Human Rights • Imprisonment and Justice • International Criminal Justice • Law, History & Political Violence • Law and Psychoanalysis • Law and Spatial Power • Organised Crime in Contemporary Society • Policing and Society • Political Violence and Terrorism • Prisoners' Rights in the Twenty-First Century • Researching the Workplace |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative & Alternative Justice • State Crime • Victims, Crime and Protection • White Collar & Corporate Crime • Work-Based Learning Module • Youth Crime and Justice • Undergraduate Dissertation |
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3 year full time programme
Year 1

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| 4 | LALA146S4 | Understanding Crime | 30 | COMPULSORY |
| 4 | LALA145S4 | The Criminal Justice Process | 30 | COMPULSORY |
| 4 | LALA180S4 | Sociology of Crime | 30 | COMPULSORY |
| 4 | LALA179S4 | The Psychology of Criminal Behaviour | 30 | COMPULSORY |

Year 2

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
|-------|-------------|--|---------|------------|
| 5 | LALA105H5 | Theories of Crime and Criminal Justice | 15 | COMPULSORY |
| 5 | LALA106H5 | Critical Skills and Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice | 15 | COMPULSORY |
| 5 | LALA103H5 | Crime and Law | 15 | COMPULSORY |
| 5 | LALA104H5 | Advanced Crime and Law | 15 | COMPULSORY |
| 5 | Various | Optional Modules | 60 | OPTIONS |

Year 3

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
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| 6 | LALA165H6 | Criminology and Social Theory | 15 | COMPULSORY |
| 6 | LALA189H6 | Social Research Methods | 15 | COMPULSORY |
| 6 | Various | Optional Modules | 90 | OPTIONS |

4 year part time programme
Year 1

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------|---------|------------|
| 4 | LALA146S4 | Understanding Crime | 30 | COMPULSORY |
| 4 | LALA145S4 | Criminal Justice Process | 30 | COMPULSORY |
| 4 | LALA180S4 | Sociology of Crime | 30 | COMPULSORY |

Year 2

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
|-------|-------------|--|---------|------------|
| 4 | LALA179S4 | Psychology of Crime | 30 | COMPULSORY |
| 5 | LALA105H5 | Theories of Crime and Criminal Justice | 15 | COMPULSORY |
| 5 | LALA102H5 | Critical Skills and Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice | 15 | COMPULSORY |
| 5 | Various | Options | 30 | OPTIONS |

| Year 3 | | | | |
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| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
| 5 | LALA103H5 | Crime and Law | 15 | COMPULSORY |
| 5 | LALA104H5 | Advanced Crime and Law | 15 | COMPULSORY |
| 5 | Various | Options | 30 | OPTIONS |
| 6 | Various | Options | 30 | OPTIONS |
| Year 4 | | | | |
| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
| 6 | LALA165H6 | Criminology and Social Theory | 15 | COMPULSORY |
| 6 | LALA189H6 | Social Research Methods | 15 | COMPULSORY |
| 6 | Various | Options | 60 | OPTIONS |

Status*

CORE – Module must be taken and passed by student; COMPULSORY – Module must be taken, mark can be reviewed at sub-exam board; OPTIONAL – Student can choose to take this module

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| 19 | Programme Director | Paul Turnbull |
| 20 | Start Date (<i>term/year</i>) | October 2012 |
| 21 | Date approved by TQEC | January 2012 |
| 22 | Date approved by Academic Board | February 2012 |
| 23 | Date(s) updated/amended | July 2018 |