Criminology

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Welcome from the Head of Lancaster University Law School

Criminology at Lancaster University forms part of the prestigious Law School, providing you with an excellent place to study.

Our degrees offer you a broad learning experience. World leading, research-active academics will introduce you to key themes and topics in Criminology and help you to engage with recent and influential research. You will be offered the opportunity to analyse the social, cultural, political and economic contexts of crime and criminal justice; taking an in-depth look at the social circumstances of offending, policies regulating crime, and the social response to criminal activity.

The Law School has strong international links and we welcome students from across the world to study with us. We also provide international travel opportunities for our students, further diversifying your learning experience.

We hope that you decide that Criminology at Lancaster is the course for you and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our recruitment team.

Professor Alisdair A. Gillespie
Head of Lancaster University Law School

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WHY STUDY CRIMINOLOGY AT LANCASTER?

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Criminology
The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018

Our degrees are established and well respected; we were one of the first English universities to offer a Criminology degree.

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INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED STAFF

We are a research-intensive Law School and over 80% of our research was rated as internationally excellent or world leading in the 2014 UK Research Excellence Framework.

Dr Sarah Kingston
Senior Lecturer in Criminology

Dr Sarah Kingston’s research on the sex industry has led to her being consulted regularly by the Home Office, lawyers, political parties, and national and international press. Dr Kingston’s research was recently cited in the Home Office Select Committee: Prostitution Inquiry 2016 report, which suggested a change to existing legislation. Sarah argues that we need to be informed by a robust evidence base rather than making judgments based on moral, religious or political standpoints. It is this approach that she channels into her teaching, by encouraging students to conduct extensive research and challenge often taken-for-granted assumptions. Her module ‘Sexual Crimes and Sexual Offending’ debunks myths such as ‘stranger danger’ and challenges stereotypical images of sex offenders by, for example, examining female sex offenders and child sexual abuse in familial settings.

Professor Paul Iganski
Professor of Criminology

Professor Paul Iganski’s research has led the field in understanding the hurt involved in acts of hate crime for victims and offenders. This research has impacted upon the allocation of funding for anti-racist organisations in Western Europe; raised awareness about the support needs of victims and offenders for governmental and non-governmental organisations across the EU; and informed the direct delivery of support services and interventions against hate crime. It also directly informs his teaching with students here at Lancaster University via his module ‘Hate Crime: A Global Perspective’.

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There are opportunities to apply to Study Abroad or to complete a Placement Year with many of our degrees.

*Criminology and Law joint degree is a new course expected to be launched for 2019 entry.

Lancaster University has been awarded the highest possible score in the UK government’s 2017 Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). Our TEF Gold rating is based on high quality teaching, excellent teaching facilities and the good careers our graduates go into.

"Studying Criminology at Lancaster University is a great opportunity. It makes you more open-minded and accepting of people from different walks of life as well as giving you a whole new perspective on crime and the world. Criminology is definitely one of the best subjects ever! It is a fantastic opportunity to learn new things and also, it is a subject that will provide you with essential transferable skills for your future career."

Irfan Patel
3rd Year, BA (Hons) Criminology

"Studying Sociology and Criminology at Lancaster University has provided me with an in-depth understanding of fascinating topics such as imprisonment and explanations as to why people offend. The interests of both Sociology and Criminology often overlap but provide very different insights upon a single topic, which is great to improve critical thinking skills."

Shannon Sahni
3rd Year, BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology
LEARNING THROUGH PRACTICE

We believe that one of the best ways for you to learn is through practice and we offer a range of opportunities for you to engage in practical and practice-based learning.

LEARNING TOGETHER MODULE

This optional module offers a fantastic opportunity for you to learn collaboratively with inmates based at HMP Lancaster Farms. You will gain a critical understanding of imprisonment, desistance from crime, and resettlement in the community, and will be provided with the unique opportunity of learning in the prison environment.

“Learning Together had such a positive impact on me and it was definitely not something that I thought I would achieve in my last year of university. The module not only pushed me out of my comfort zone but also helped me to grow in confidence. I gained invaluable experience, learnt a great deal from the Lancaster Farms students, and built-up many new relationships that I never thought I would. Most importantly, the module allowed me to get to know people not by their offence, but as a person who shared a common interest in education.”

Emma Pease
Final year, BA (Hons) Criminology

CRIMINOLOGY INNOVATION MODULE

You will complete an assessed, live project, for an organisation within or connected to, the Criminal Justice System. You will enact change through your project by putting your criminological theory into practice. Examples of projects could include (but are not limited to), engaging the public in crime prevention and supporting rehabilitation services through advocacy campaigns.

WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

The Law School has strong links with third sector organisations operating in the field of criminal justice, allowing us to offer volunteering and work experience placements. There is also a scholarship fund to offer financial support to you whilst on work experience.

“In my final year, I worked on a ten week placement with WomenMATTA. WomenMATTA is a specialist women’s centre that provides holistic support to women affected by the criminal justice system and to those at risk. This placement developed my knowledge of the criminal justice system and also encouraged me to understand that the process of rehabilitation is multidimensional.”

Katrice Russell
Final year, BA (Hons) Criminology

WORKING WITH CLASSIFIED POLICE DATA

You will have the opportunity to work with classified police data on offenders, victims and crimes. If you choose to take the third year ‘Criminal Justice Research’ module you will work alongside the police to understand and address key priorities in effective policing.
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Please note that we keep our degree programmes under constant review, and also regularly introduce new modules. In any academic year, the list of modules offered and course structure may therefore differ slightly from that presented here.

**YEAR 1**

- Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Flexible Subject Option 1
- Flexible Subject Option 2

**INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

You will examine criminological perspectives (such as biological, sociological and psychological explanations for the commission of crime) and contemporary criminological issues (such as domestic abuse, cybercrime, and substance misuse). You will also explore the structure and functions of the criminal justice system, including looking at the roles of the police, prisons and the probation service.

**FLEXIBLE SUBJECT OPTIONS**

At Lancaster, in your first year of study, you are given the opportunity to broaden your studies to include one or two additional subjects. For your first flexible subject, we strongly recommend that students study a criminologically related discipline (Sociology, Psychology, Politics or Law).

Additional subjects our students choose from for their second flexible option include Media and Cultural Studies, Economics and English Literature, amongst others. For more information, see the Flexible Subject Options booklet: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/fass-flexible-learning/](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fass-flexible-learning/)

**YEAR 2**

- Criminological Thought
- Measuring Crime
- Understanding Criminological Fieldwork
- Select up to 4 Optional Criminology Modules

**YEAR 3**

- Select up to 8 Optional Criminology Modules

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**CRIMINOLOGICAL THOUGHT**

Introduces and examines the main theoretical approaches in criminology from its origins to the present day.

**MEASURING CRIME**

Provides you with a critical and practical understanding of crime data, predominantly using sources that influence criminal justice policy and practice. You will develop highly valuable skills in data handling and analysis.

**UNDERSTANDING CRIMINOLOGICAL FIELDWORK**

An introduction to the theoretical foundations and processes of different forms of social research used in criminological research, including interviews and observations.
From day one of being at Lancaster, I loved my modules. I particularly enjoyed learning about the various explanations of crime and the ways in which race influences experiences of the criminal justice system. Every time I attend a Criminology lecture, I am excited to tell my friends about what I learned. One of the best things about being in the Criminology Department at Lancaster is the support you receive from staff.

Tameira Norton
1st Year, BA (Hons) Criminology
**YEAR 1**

**BA HONS CRIMINOLOGY AND FRENCH**
- Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice*
- French Studies (Advanced or Beginners)
- Flexible Subject Option 1*
- +

**BA HONS CRIMINOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY**
- Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice*
- Investigating Psychology
- Flexible Subject Option 1*
- +

**BA HONS CRIMINOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY**
- Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice*
- Introduction to Sociology
- Flexible Subject Option 1*
- +

*Please refer to page 10 for Criminology core module details and more on your Flexible Subject Options.

**French Studies (Advanced or Beginners)**
- You will consolidate and improve your skills in spoken and written French. You will also learn about the historical and cultural development of France, alongside contemporary institutions and society.

**Investigating Psychology**
- This module will equip you with important practical skills and knowledge in conducting research in psychology, using different methods of data analysis from descriptive statistics through to inferential statistics, critically evaluating research, and disseminating research findings through report writing and presentations. You will gain this knowledge through both lectures and laboratory classes.

**Understanding Psychology**
- You will be introduced to the fundamental principles of psychology that will underpin your degree: Developmental and Social Psychology, Brain and Behaviour, Cognitive Psychology, Individual Differences and Historical and Conceptual Issues.

**Introduction to Sociology**
- This module focuses on sociological issues, concepts, evidence and argument by examining key aspects of living in the contemporary world. You will develop a capacity for conceptual analysis, apply sociological reasoning to empirical examples, and evaluate everyday life with new critical skills.

**YEAR 2**

**BA HONS CRIMINOLOGY AND FRENCH**
- Criminological Thought*
- Either
  - Measuring Crime*
  - Or
  - Understanding Criminological Fieldwork*
- French Language modules (oral and written skills)
- Shaping Contemporary France: Culture, Politics and the Legacy of History
- Optional Criminology and French or Comparative Culture Modules
- +

**BA HONS CRIMINOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY**
- Understanding Criminological Fieldwork*
- Connecting Crime and Mind
- Research Methods II: Asking questions, analysing responses
- Optional Criminology and Psychology Modules
- +

**BA HONS CRIMINOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY**
- Criminological Thought*
- Connecting Crime and Mind
- Understanding Social Thought
- Optional Criminology and Sociology Modules
- +

*Please refer to page 11 for Criminology core module details. You can find more details about the available Year 2 Criminology Optional Modules on page 12.

Read more about your joint degree modules on the following page.
YEAR 2: JOINT DEGREE MODULES

FRENCH STUDIES MODULES

French Language: Oral Skills
Enhances your linguistic proficiency in spoken French in a range of formal and informal settings (both spontaneous and prepared). The module will broaden your knowledge about different aspects of modern French-speaking society and prepare you for living abroad in Year 3.

French Language: Written Skills
This module focuses on improving your proficiency in written French, including translation and the systematic study of French lexis, grammar and syntax. It will build your confidence and help familiarise you with the culture and society of countries where French is spoken.

Shaping Contemporary France: Culture, Politics and the Legacy of History
Key areas explored include language and linguistic heritage, centralisation, regionalisation and education.

PSYCHOLOGY MODULES

Connecting Crime and Mind
International research scholars from the two disciplines of Criminology and Psychology will help you to explore a range of criminal behaviours such as acquisitive crime, crimes of violence and sex crimes. In each exploration, we will consider the physical and social causes that lay behind real life crimes.

Research Methods II: Asking questions, analysing responses
This module provides you with an introduction to non-experimental methods by which psychological research is conducted, data collected and analysed, whilst also addressing the ethical issues relevant to a range of experimental and non-experimental methods. You will undertake blocks of exercises in which you design, report and evaluate different forms of psychological research through questionnaires and surveys, in addition to interviewing and qualitative analysis.

SOCIOLOGY MODULES

Understanding Social Thought
Introduces you to the development of social theory, from the enlightenment through to contemporary debates about the character of knowing. You will learn to analyse and critically evaluate major social theories on the rise of modern societies.

YEAR 2 OPTIONAL MODULES IN FRENCH
- Cross Cultural Encounters in World Literature
- Language and Identity in France, Germany and Spain
- Professional Contexts for Modern Languages
- Society on Screen: The Language of Film
- Understanding Culture

YEAR 2 OPTIONAL MODULES IN PSYCHOLOGY
- Brain and Behaviour
- Contemporary Crime Problems
- Extended crime-related essay
- Personality and Individual Difference
- Social Psychology
- Youth Justice

YEAR 2 OPTIONAL MODULES IN SOCIOLOGY
- Climate Change and Society
- Gender, Sexuality and Society
- Racisms and Racial Formation

Because of space limitations, we have not represented here, every single optional module available across both your subjects but hopefully enough to give you a flavour of some of the choice on offer, if you want to see this information in greater detail, please take a look at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/

YEAR 3

BA HONS CRIMINOLOGY AND FRENCH

Residence Abroad: Intercultural and academic reflection

BA HONS CRIMINOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY

Crime-related Research-based Dissertation

BA HONS CRIMINOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Optional modules in Criminology and Sociology in a 50/50 ratio

Optional modules in Criminology and Psychology in a 50/50 ratio

You can find more details about the available Year 3 Criminology Optional Modules on page 13.

French Studies: Residence Abroad: Intercultural and academic reflection
The Year Abroad encourages you to critically analyse cultural differences, your intercultural position and reflect on language use. You will enhance and develop your language skills, and write all assessments in the target language.

Psychology: Crime-related Research-based Dissertation
You will develop your research skills by undertaking a piece of documentary or field research on a topic within the field of criminology. You will produce a dissertation based on your empirical research.

YEAR 3 OPTIONAL MODULES IN PSYCHOLOGY
- Advanced Social Psychology
- Cognitive Psychotherapy
- Forensic and Investigative Psychology
- Topics in Clinical Psychology
- The Developing Mind
- Cognitive Affective and Clinical Neuroscience

YEAR 3 OPTIONAL MODULES IN SOCIOLOGY
- Violence and Society
- Disasters: Why do things go wrong?
- Nations and Migration
- Welfare States: Histories and Futures

YEAR 4

BA HONS CRIMINOLOGY AND FRENCH

French Language modules (oral and written skills)

French and Comparative Culture modules

Criminology optional modules

In your final year, you will consolidate your French language skills and tailor your degree to your personal and professional interests, selecting from a range of modules including French Culture in the Digital Age, Criminal Careers and Criminal Justice Research.

See page 13 for final year Criminology modules, or our website for more details: www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate
GLOBAL EXPERIENCES

Lancaster is a truly international university, with students and staff from over 100 different countries and 144 partner institutions around the world. Your global experience is about living and learning with people from different cultures whether through your course, your college or your Students’ Union.

You’ll be able to access horizon-expanding opportunities around the world, with exciting possibilities ranging from short vacation travel (with grants available) to longer study abroad options. It is possible to study many of our degrees with a study abroad year where the second year of the degree is spent studying abroad as a credit-bearing part of the degree programme.

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Our current study abroad partner institutions are:
- USA: Michigan State University, University of Georgia
- Canada: Carleton University

Lilith Hayes
Final year, BA (Hons) Criminology

“Studying at the University of Georgia (UGA), in Athens, Georgia in the USA was undoubtedly a decision which allowed me to experience the best year of my life. I was more excited than nervous to start my year, as I could not wait for what was in store for me. Athens is a fantastic college town in the southern part of the USA where the food is fantastic, and the autumn football games bring tens of thousands of fans and spirit to UGA. Definitely not a season to miss!

Although I was the only person from Lancaster heading to Georgia, I made lifelong friends from all walks of life whilst studying at UGA. My year abroad not only brought me to experience a new culture, but also allowed me to experience aspects of my degree far from what I felt was possible whilst studying at Lancaster alone. Through learning in a different context, I was able to compare concepts and opinions across criminological backgrounds.

I am forever grateful for my year abroad, as it has shaped me into a more knowledgeable person, both academically and culturally. I strongly encourage anyone given the opportunity to study abroad to do so; you may never know what experience might be just around the corner.”
PLACEMENTS, INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERING

Placements and internships are great ways to gain work experience, make professional contacts and help you decide your career path. A wide range of opportunities are available, most are paid, and some (such as placement modules) provide credit towards your degree. Placement and internship roles are not usually guaranteed, however we will help you prepare for the competitive application process. Voluntary activities are another excellent way to build work experience and make a positive impact on the world around you.

PLACEMENT YEAR

A year of paid, professional work experience between your second and final year of study. Lancaster University students have worked with companies as diverse as Johnson + Johnson, Warner Bros, Microsoft, Marks & Spencer, and Walt Disney. Typically placements are for between 9-12 months.

FACULTY INTERNSHIPS

Faculty internships are typically, four to six week, paid placements, which are available in the summer vacation or on a part-time basis during term time. They provide work experience in small and medium sized businesses, as well as third sector and not-for-profit organisations. Past employers have included Carnegie Publishing, The Dukes Theatre, and the Ethical Consumer Research Association, with roles ranging from marketing and PR to specific research projects with heritage or humanitarian organisations.

Find out more at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/fass-placements

COURSE-BASED PLACEMENTS

We offer three course-based placements in the third year. They are listed below. Please see our website for more information on these:
www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses

- Criminology Placement
- Criminal Justice Research
- Criminology Innovation

PSYCHOLOGY EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME

BA Hons Criminology and Psychology students have access to the Psychology Employability Programme, which provides volunteering opportunities relevant to careers in Psychology, including opportunities to volunteer as research assistants to academics/staff in the Psychology Department.

Partner organisations include:

- Prison Advice and Care Trust
- Lancashire County Council
- Making Spaces Supported Housing
- Shelter

THE LANCASTER AWARD

The Lancaster Award recognises your achievements outside of your academic studies in relation to volunteering, work experience and campus activity. The Award builds the skills necessary to enhance your employability in a competitive job market.

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EMPLOYABILITY
AND CAREERS

SUPPORT WITH YOUR CAREER

We recognise the importance of gaining career advice and enhancing your employability throughout your degree. We therefore offer career and employability support in various ways:

Academic Advisors
You will be assigned an academic advisor in your first year, who will act as your first point of contact for careers advice, and will provide support throughout your time at Lancaster.

Criminology Employability Champions
The Criminology team have two dedicated members of staff who are Employability Champions. They are available to offer you careers advice and guidance.

Networking opportunities
We organise a number of talks on employability throughout the academic year where you will hear from people in key roles in organisations that may be of interest to you after you graduate. These include talks from third sector, public sector and those working in the field of Criminal Justice.

University Skills and Employability Workshops
The university careers service runs workshops throughout the year focussing on the development of skills in areas such as leadership and communication to prepare you for the world of work.

University Career Mentoring Scheme
This scheme assigns you with a mentor who is an established professional in your career of choice; this mentor then gives advice and guidance in relation to the future career. You are given the opportunity to spend time with your mentor, developing a relationship with them and getting an insight into what they do and how they got there.

CAREERS

Our graduates go on to be successful in a variety of careers:

- The Police
- Working in the legal system
- Probation Service
- Central and local government (e.g. The Home Office)
- Social Welfare and Education (e.g. charities and support services for young offenders)

Looking back, the course equipped me with some invaluable tools. In particular, you are pushed to critically reflect on how misleading the information around us can be - from crime statistics sometimes telling us more about recording procedures than actual criminal behaviour - to how television crime shows influence a jury’s conception of ‘valid evidence’. Understanding the social structures that can drive people to engage in certain behaviours helped my development in the international teaching arena, and the opportunity to take on a research-based dissertation with a nearby police force and the Legal Aid Agency was excellent preparation for the MSc in Public Policy and Human Development I’m currently undertaking at the Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology at the United Nations University (UNU-Merit) in the Netherlands.

Natalie Robinson
BA (Hons) Criminology, 2011, Justice Policy Officer, Ministry of Justice

Studying Criminology at Lancaster enabled me to further discover my interest around crime and the criminal justice system. The materials taught were delivered by highly professional, experienced and passionate lectures that inspired me to pursue a career in the criminal justice sector. Whilst I was unsure of which career path I wanted to take, having a wide range of practical and theoretical modules empowered me to discover I was most interested in the penal system and the links between illicit drug use and crime. This discovery has led to me working at various HM Prisons supporting men and women with a variety of drug and alcohol related issues which gives me amazing work experience and job satisfaction. All of the staff were extremely supportive throughout my degree and I cannot praise the staff and the University enough.

Rebecca Fecitt
BA (Hons) Criminology, 2014, Recovery Practitioner, Delphi Medical Consultants Ltd

I thoroughly enjoyed my time studying Criminology at Lancaster. The range of modules that I was able to study was excellent, and provided me with the opportunity to understand many different and varied aspects of criminology. Some of the theories I have learned have helped me to develop and understand certain policies in my current role.

Kate Kaliski-Wiseman
BA (Hons) Criminology, 2017, Policy Advisor, Ministry of Justice

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