Welcome

Criminology at Lancaster University is taught in the 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 the learning experience we offer. Gaining practical experience is important to prepare you for your future career. We offer placement year degrees and short work experience opportunities. Some students are able to take a prison-based module, complete projects with an external client, or work with classified police data.

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

Dr Catherine Easton
Head of Lancaster University Law School

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Our thoughts are with all who are affected by the coronavirus pandemic. For the latest information in relation to applying to Lancaster University, please visit: www.lancaster.ac.uk/coronavirus/applicants
Everything you want from your Criminology degree

#8 for Criminology in the UK
Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2021

Established and well respected
One of the first English universities to offer a Criminology degree.

+ We have strong links with criminal justice and third sector organisations, including Lancashire Constabulary; HMP Lancaster Farms and the Lancashire Youth Offending Team, HMP Kirkham, meaning our students can access work, volunteering, and research opportunities.

+ You can benefit from practical learning opportunities with our module Learning Together: Criminology on the “Inside”, and other work-related modules.

+ You will be taught by academics conducting world leading, impactful research, on topics like cybercrime, domestic abuse, and drugs/substance misuse; this research informs their teaching and your learning.

Our 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 Charlotte Barlow
Lecturer in Criminology

Dr Barlow’s research on domestic abuse has influenced national and international policy, including the UK’s Domestic Abuse Bill and the development of Psychological Violence legislation in Denmark. Informed by her body of research in this area, she has developed a domestic abuse training package, which has been used extensively by various police forces, social workers, health care professionals, local government organisations and third sector support services throughout the UK. A key aspect of this training includes re-thinking attitudes toward and understandings of the range of behaviours which constitute domestic abuse, including psychological violence and control. This approach channels into her teaching, by encouraging students to conduct extensive research and challenge often taken for granted assumptions. Dr Barlow teaches students about this research in various modules, currently including Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice, Contemporary Issues in Policing and Crime and Media.

Professor Majid Yar
Chair of Criminology

Professor Majid Yar has been a leading contributor to the study of cybercrime for many years. His research has examined a wide range of online crime issues, including digital piracy, computer hacking, and abuse and harassment on social media. He has been called upon to inform and advise government bodies, businesses, as well as the wider public through contributions to the media. He has also made notable contributions to the development of criminological and social theory, and the study of crime in popular culture. His expertise is reflected in his teaching contributions to a number of modules, currently including Cybercrime and Cybercriminality.

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# Degrees and entry requirements

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We welcome applications from students with a range of alternative UK and international qualifications. Further guidance can be found at: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/entry-requirements](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/entry-requirements)

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**Placement Year and Study Abroad degrees**

Check online for the relevant UCAS code to apply for a placement year degree, which are available with most of our degree programmes. With specialist support, you will apply for a professional, paid work placement which, if successful, you would undertake in Year 3. You would return to Lancaster to complete your degree in Year 4.

Read more: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/placement-year](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/placement-year)

You can apply to spend a year studying abroad with most of our degrees. There are opportunities to spend Year 2 studying at one of our international partner universities, where teaching is in English, before returning to complete Year 3 at Lancaster.

Read more: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/study-abroad](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study-abroad)

For information on fees, scholarships and any additional costs you might need to consider, please see our website: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/study](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study)

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I have loved my time at Lancaster University! The staff here are so friendly and truly want to help you understand what they are teaching you. They also want to help you plan for the future, supporting on job applications, and providing opportunities for personal growth. I have learned so much, not just about Criminology, but also about myself during my time studying here.

Sarah Holbrow
BA (Hons) Criminology
Final Year

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I really enjoyed learning about how theories of crime have changed over time and the truly wacky things people used to believe I have really been able to make my degree my own and study what I find fascinating, including writing a dissertation on Executive Orders in America.

Sarah Holbrow
BA (Hons) Criminology
Graduated 2019

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Emily Waterworth
LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
Graduated 2019

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Meet Sarah

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I really enjoyed my time at Lancaster. I made many friends and memories that will always stay with me.

Studying my undergraduate degree at Lancaster in Law with Criminology was amazing as there was a variety of modules I could choose from to expand my knowledge.

My favourite module was the ‘Learning Together’ module. This module enabled me to go to Lancaster HMP once a week to work and learn alongside inmates. We would receive lectures from staff and external guests on a variety of topics surrounding prisons and the issues inmates face.

The module was a really unique learning experience that provided me with real life practical skills.

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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: Criminology on the “Inside”
This optional module offers a fantastic opportunity for you to learn collaboratively with inmates based at HMP Lancaster Farms. You will work towards building a critical understanding of imprisonment, desistance from crime, and resettlement in the community, and will be provided with the opportunity of learning in the prison environment. Please note places on this module are limited.

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 placement opportunities. There is also a scholarship fund which you can apply to that offers financial support to you whilst on work experience.

Working with classified police data
There are opportunities to work with classified police data relating to offenders, victims and crimes. On the current third year ‘Criminal Justice Research’ module students work alongside the police to better understand and address key priorities in effective policing. Please note places on this module are limited.

The Learning Together module was fantastic. We didn’t just learn together, we learned from each other. Listening to the Lancaster Farms students’ perspectives brought the course to life. Each week we were listening to their reality and I began to relate our experience within the prison to my studies. Learning Together helped us to join the pieces and to reflect, thinking widely and critically.

Michelle Cross
BA (Hons) Criminology
Final Year

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.

Katrine Russell
BA (Hons) Criminology
Graduated 2018

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Your Degree
BA (Hons) Criminology

We keep our degree programmes under constant review, and regularly introduce and update modules. In any academic year, the modules offered may therefore differ from those presented here. Similarly, the structure of our degrees may change, in response to curricular developments and following consultation with students. Please check our website for the latest information: www.lancaster.ac.uk/study

Year 1
Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice

You will examine criminological perspectives (such as biological, sociological and psychological explanations for offending behaviour) 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.

Minor Subject 1
Measuring Crime: Understanding Crime Data and Trends

You will be able to choose modules from a choice of subjects that are complementary to your major subject and are recommended by your Department. After you apply for your degree we will confirm which optional modules are available and how to register for your preferred options.

Minor Subject 2
Understanding Criminological Fieldwork

Year 2

Criminological Thought

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

Measuring Crime: Understanding Crime Data and Trends

Helps you build a critical and practical understanding of crime data, predominantly using sources that influence criminal justice policy and practice. You will aim to 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.

Select up to four optional Criminology modules. See page 11.

Optional Criminology Modules

Whether you are studying for a BA (Hons) Criminology, or one of our joint degrees, BA (Hons) Criminology and Law, French Studies, Sociology or Psychology; you will be able to select some optional modules. These optional modules give you a chance to build on your core Criminology knowledge, focusing on the topics that interest you most for an in-depth study.

Examples of Year 2 Optional Criminology Modules

Contemporary Issues in Policing
Provides a critical analysis of the nature, culture, and structure of police forces in the UK. We will explore issues such as use of force, use of stop and search and policing protest.

Organised Crime
Critically analyses the concept of ‘organised crime’ and how it is used to describe particular groups and activities; examines various types of organised crime and the wider social, political and economic factors that shape them; and assesses the methods and challenges of policing transnational organised crime.

Green Criminology: Environmental Crime and Ecological Justice
Examines a range of issues related to green criminology and environmental harms, such as protest and environmental activism, animal rights and environmental victimisation.

Youth Justice
Considers the tension between perceptions of children as ‘troubled’ and ‘troublesome’. Also explores the criminal justice response to children who are in conflict with the law.

Other Year 2 module options include
+ Human Rights and Civil Liberties
+ Contemporary Crime Problems

Year 3

Select up to eight optional Criminology modules. See page 12.

Grace’s first year at uni

Grace Gudgeon
BA (Hons) Criminology
First Year

Studying Criminology at Lancaster is one of the best decisions I ever made. From the beginning of the course, the support I have received from staff has been amazing and I can’t thank them enough. The variety of topics that the degree offers has really helped to shape my interests for the future, and I look forward to new lectures every week! Workshops are so helpful to solidify information learnt, and also a great place to meet friends.

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Examples of Year 3 Optional Criminology Modules

**Sex Crimes and Sexual Offending**
Introduces you to a range of sexual crimes and forms of sexual offending as defined by UK and international law.

**Crime and Media**
Provides a critical examination of the complex interactions between the media and crime. Topics explored include moral panics, representations of youth crime, revenge pornography and cybercrime.

**Criminal Careers**
Aims to deepen your understanding of why some offenders appear to choose a life of crime.

**Drugs, Crime and Society**
Examines the nature and extent of drug taking in the UK and beyond. Topics explored include illegal drug use, trafficking and manufacture.

**Hate Crime**
Focuses on the question of what is 'hate crime', working towards gaining an understanding of its harms. The international perspective to this module will be drawn from a discussion of 'hate crime' as a human rights problem, with a particular focus on freedom of speech.

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- **Criminal Law**
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**Year 2**
- **Criminological Thought**
  See page 10 for module details.
- **Understanding Criminological Fieldwork**
  See page 10 for module details.

**Year 3**

**Select up to four optional modules**
See page 11 for Criminology options. Law options include:
- **Principles of Employment Law**
- **Principles of Commercial Law**

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Joint Degrees with Criminology

Year 1

BA (Hons) Criminology and French Studies

Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice*

French Studies (Advanced or Beginners)

Psychology Modules

Minor Subject*

BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology

Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice*

Psychology Modules

Minor Subject*

BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology

Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice*

The Sociological Imagination

Minor Subject*

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.

Psychology Modules

Through a series of modules you will be introduced to the fundamental principles of psychology and build important practical skills and knowledge in conducting research in psychology.

Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
Introduction to Neuroscience
Social Psychology in the Digital Age
Introduction to Developmental Psychology
Personality and Individual Differences
Statistics for Psychologists 1 & 2
Research Integrity and Open Science 1 & 2
Essential Skills for Psychologists

The Sociological Imagination

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

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

Year 2

BA (Hons) Criminology and French Studies

Criminological Thought*

Either

Measuring Crime: Understanding Crime Data and Trends*

Or

Understanding Criminological Fieldwork*

Connecting Crime and Mind

Either

Skills for Researching Social and Cultural Life

Or

Measuring Crime: Understanding Crime Data and Trends

Optional Criminology and Psychology Modules

Optional Criminology and French or Comparative Culture Modules

BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology

Understanding Criminological Fieldwork*

Research Methods II: Asking questions, analysing responses

Optional Criminology and Psychology Modules

BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology

Criminological Thought*

Sociological Thought for Our Times

Either

Skills for Researching Social and Cultural Life

Or

Measuring Crime: Understanding Crime Data and Trends

Optional Criminology and Sociology Modules

* Please refer to page 10 for Criminology core module details. You can find more details about Year 2 Criminology Modules on page 11. Details of your modules in French, Psychology and Sociology are on page 16.
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 help build your confidence and familiarise you with the culture and society of countries where French is spoken.

Shaping Contemporary France: Moments and Movements
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
Sociological Thought for Our Times
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
+ 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
+ Foundations of Cognitive Neuroscience
+ Contemporary Crime Problems
+ Extended crime-related essay
+ Personality and Individual Differences
+ Social Psychology
+ Youth Justice

Year 2 optional modules in Sociology
+ Climate Change and Society
+ Gender and the Media
+ Human Rights and Civil Liberties

Year 3

BA (Hons) Criminology and French Studies
International Placement Year: Intercultural and academic reflection

BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology
International Placement Year: Intercultural and academic reflection

International Placement Year: Crime-related research-based dissertation

Year 3 optional modules in Psychology
+ Cognitive Psychotherapy
+ Forensic and Investigative Psychology
+ Topics in Clinical Psychology
+ The Developing Mind
You can find more details about the available Year 3 Criminology Optional Modules on page 12.

Year 3 optional modules in Sociology
+ Feminism and Social Change
+ Disasters: Why do things go wrong?
+ Nations and Migration
+ Living with Capitalism: Class, Distribution and Recognition

Optional modules in Sociology

You can find more details about the available Year 3 Sociology Optional Modules on page 12.

Year 4

BA (Hons) Criminology and French Studies

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 Criminal Careers and Criminal Justice Research. See page 12 for example final year Criminology modules, or our website for more details: www.lancaster.ac.uk/study
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.

Lilith Hayes
BA (Hons) Criminology
Graduated 2018

Destinations are given as a guide only as places at overseas partners vary each year.

Your global experience

Lancaster is a truly international university, with students and staff from over 100 different countries and 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. There are opportunities to study abroad for your second year at one of our partner universities, currently located in Canada and the USA. Alternatively, there are shorter options in the Easter or summer vacation to destinations such as the US, Malaysia, India, Ghana and China. These programmes include meeting local students and businesses as well as some academic study and cultural discovery. You can also attend summer schools at one of our many overseas partner universities.

Please note that overseas opportunities may be impacted by international travel or Government border restrictions.

www.lancaster.ac.uk/your-global-experience

A year abroad for Lilith
Develop your professional experience

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, and some (such as placement modules) provide credit towards your degree. Placement and internship roles are not 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
You will apply to undertake 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 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 typically offer two course-based placements in the third year. They are listed below.
+ Criminology Placement
+ Criminal Justice Research

Please see our website for more information on these: www.lancaster.ac.uk/fass-placements/course-specific-modules/#criminology

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:
+ Age UK
+ The National Autistic Society
+ Making Spaces
+ Shelter

The Lancaster Award
The Lancaster Award rewards you for taking part in extra-curricular activities outside your academic studies that supplement the excellent education you receive at Lancaster University. Developed in partnership with employers, the certificate aims to reward you for making the most of your time at Lancaster, and could enhance your future job prospects by encouraging you to build skills valued by employers. You will undertake a variety of activities and reflect on the skills you have developed.

Find out more at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/lancaster-award
Your future 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 and support for careers advice.

Criminology Employability Support
The Criminology team have two dedicated members of staff who 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 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.

Career Mentoring Programme
Our Career Mentoring Programme aims to match you with a mentor who is an established professional in your career of choice; this mentor then gives advice and guidance in relation to your future career. Mentoring could help you assess your career goals and get you thinking in different ways about how you can reach them. It’s a uniquely tailored experience that you shouldn’t miss.

Support with your Career

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)

A career that makes a difference

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
Probation Officer, Her Majesty’s Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS)
BA (Hons) Criminology, graduated 2017

Becky Reeve
Civil Service Fast Stream
BA (Hons) Criminology, graduated 2019

I was encouraged to secure a job at Lancaster Prison and as a Law School ambassador where I gained valuable experience and confidence. I’m now half way through the three-year fast stream programme, which consists of three, 12-month rotations.

My first posting was at HMRC in Manchester, I was part of a great team working on a multimillion-pound technology procurement. I’m now with the Met Police’s Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Unit where I’ve spent six months working on one of their largest scale online paedophilic operations to date. During my time as the Unit’s ‘Improvements Manager’ I’ve looked into aspects of their operations, including their referral and review processes for reports of indecent images/videos of children circulating online, and how we deal with the welfare of the individuals we arrest.

I’ve really enjoyed being able to tap back into the knowledge from my degree.