

Lancaster
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Criminology
Undergraduate Degrees 2026



Welcome

As one of the first universities in the UK to offer an undergraduate degree in criminology, you will benefit from our decades of expertise in teaching this ever-popular subject. 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.

During your time with us, we will support and encourage you to consider and develop your career prospects, and to explore the many opportunities both within and beyond the criminal justice sector. Those wishing to pursue a criminal justice career can benefit from our strong links with local and national criminal justice agencies, including Lancashire Constabulary and HM Prison Lancaster Farms, and begin to establish links of their own. We also support students in their trajectory towards a wide-range of non-criminal justice careers in both the public and private sectors, for example, policy development and consultancy.

Teaching on our criminology modules at Lancaster, we have an internationally-recognised team of researchers who lead in shaping both criminal justice policy and the academic field of criminology. This means that, at Lancaster, you will be learning from those who are experts in their field. They are passionate about their impact on wider society and are dedicated to sharing this with you. We look forward to welcoming you and supporting you through a dynamic, exciting, and thought-provoking degree.



- + We have strong links with criminal justice and third sector organisations, including Lancashire Constabulary, HMP Lancaster Farms, the Lancashire Youth Offending Team, and HMP Kirkham, meaning you can access work, volunteering, and research opportunities.
- + You will be taught by academics conducting world-leading, impactful research, on topics like cybercrime, youth justice, and drug misuse. This research informs their teaching and your learning.
- + We are a global School of Social Sciences with students and staff from around the world.
- + Dedicated careers support is given by a specialist team who provide support for applications, and with preparation for interviews.
- + We have an active student-run criminology society who organise a range of extracurricular activities, including careers and social events.



Degree title		Degree (Hons)	UCAS code	Course duration (years)	Typical A level offer
Criminology		BA	M930	3	BBB
Criminology (Placement Year)		BA	M931	4	BBB
Criminology (Study Abroad)		BA	M932	4	BBB
Sociology and Criminology		BA	LM39	3	BBB
Sociology and Criminology (Placement Year)		BA	LM40	4	BBB
Sociology and Criminology (Study Abroad)		BA	LM41	4	BBB
Criminology and Psychology		BA	CL86	3	AAB
Criminology and Psychology (Placement Year)		BA	CL87	4	AAB
Criminology and Psychology (Study Abroad)		BA	CL88	4	AAB
Law with Criminology		LLB	MM12	3	AAB
Law with Criminology (Placement Year)		LLB	MM14	4	AAB
Law with Criminology (Study Abroad)		LLB	MM15	4	AAB

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Made for *learning*

We use a varied and inclusive assessment strategy to reflect the diverse skills needed for both academic success and future employment. This approach allows you to demonstrate your understanding in multiple ways and supports different learning styles.



Traditional assessments, such as essays and exams, develop critical thinking, research, and written communication skills. At the same time, innovative tasks—like podcasts, blogs, and group presentations—encourage creativity, teamwork, and public engagement.

Assessment is designed to be developmental, with feedback provided throughout the degree to help you build confidence and improve your academic performance over time. We also prioritise real-world relevance, incorporating tasks such as mock policy submissions and community-based research projects that connect criminological theory to practice.



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*The staff
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inspiring.*

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Nicky

**BA (Hons) Criminology and
Psychology**

Studying criminology and psychology has been an absolute joy. This incredible interdisciplinary course has given me the opportunity to develop critical academic skills, as well as research interests that I am passionate about.

While my psychology modules gave me a strong foundation in statistical analysis, scientific writing, and research methods, it was my criminology modules that shaped my academic drive and perspective.

Being encouraged to challenge the core definitions of crime and deviancy taught me how to assess social phenomenon critically, whilst also acquiring the proper outlook to carry out research at a higher level.

I am most grateful for the amazing staff, who have been so patient, supportive, and inspiring throughout my time at Lancaster. Without their insight and expertise, I would not have been able to conduct my dissertation research on drug policies in Oregon, US, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Gain *real-world* experience

We know you want to graduate confident and ready to progress into your career. That's why we make it easy to incorporate work experience into your time at Lancaster.

Your ambitions are important to us, and we will help you build the skills you need to succeed by offering a range of placement and internship opportunities.

Placement year

You can opt to study your degree with a placement year (also known as a year in industry). On this degree you spend your third year working in a graduate-level, professional job in a sector of your choice before returning to complete your final year at Lancaster University. Securing a placement is a competitive process and we support you with personalised coaching and professional guidance.

Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Internship Scheme

You'll gain sector-relevant work experience and get paid for it with these internships. Apply in all years of study for opportunities in areas such as public affairs, marketing, business development and events. The scheme is delivered by our faculty employability team who are here to support your access to direct work experience while you study.

The Lancaster Award

The Lancaster Award is a non-academic certificate developed in partnership with employers to help you make the most of your time at Lancaster and to demonstrate the skills you have developed along the way. It is designed to reward the wide range of volunteering activities and placements undertaken by many of our undergraduates. Potential employers increasingly value a profile that includes more than just strong academic results, and the Lancaster Award recognises and validates this.

Volunteering

Voluntary activities are another excellent way to build work experience that is highly sought after by employers. Volunteering can also make a positive impact on the world around you. Our students have previously volunteered with the Citizens Advice Bureau and Lancashire Constabulary's Special Constables.

Psychology Employability Programme

If you study the BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology degree, you will have access to this programme, which provides volunteering opportunities relevant to careers in psychology, including research assistant placements across the Psychology Department research labs.

Partner organisations include:

- + Alzheimer's Society
- + National Autistic Society
- + Making Space Supported Housing
- + Prison Care and Advice Trust



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I've developed skills in handling complex situations, adaptability, advocacy, and safeguarding.

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Holly, final year

**BA Hons Criminology
(Placement Year)**

I undertook my placement year at Red Rose Recovery in Lancaster, a lived experience recovery organisation which supports people in the community with their mental health, substance use and offending behaviours. I held two roles that enabled me to develop a very different set of skills.

As a Community Engager, I worked on the drug and alcohol contract helping those struggling with addictive behaviours. This involved facilitating groups and helping with the running of the city-centre hub, for example providing initial support and signposting for those in need of housing, detox or domestic violence support. I frequently attended events to liaise with associated services, for example, the local Probation Service, Social Services, HMP Lancaster Farms, and the Royal Lancaster Infirmary. This strengthened my personal and professional networks.

As a Mental Health Peer Support Worker, I provided encouragement, advocacy and crisis support to those struggling with their mental health. This involved attending appointments with higher-risk clients, working with the NHS community mental health teams, and helping to create care plans. I undertook training in boundaries, trauma, and mental health first aid. Alongside these, I have personally developed skills in handling complex situations, adaptability, advocacy, and safeguarding. These are incredibly transferable to any future career path I may take.



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. We embrace an international mindset and encourage you to make the most of these opportunities to travel as part of your studies.

Study abroad

You can choose to study your degree with a study abroad year. On these four-year degrees, you spend your third year studying at one of our partner universities abroad.

Living in another country and studying criminology from a different perspective enhances your subject knowledge and develops resourcefulness for life after university.

Vacation travel and overseas summer schools

You can also discover the world during your vacations. We run short trips to destinations such as China, Germany, Ghana, Malaysia and Switzerland. These trips include meeting local students and businesses as well as some academic study and cultural discovery.

In addition, you can attend summer schools at one of our many overseas partners.

Find out more at lancaster.ac.uk/your-global-experience

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It gave me so many ways to learn about myself and the world.

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*University of New South
Wales in Sydney*

Lancaster University



Abigail

Study abroad student, final year

My choice to undergo a study abroad year at the University of New South Wales in Sydney was one of the best decisions of my life. It gave me so many ways to learn about myself and the world I had yet to truly explore, and to grow within my relationships, both with myself and other people. And I think the most important thing that I learnt was who I was, away from the comforts of home and familiarity.

There are so many experiences I could talk about, from hiking the Blue Mountains to skydiving over Mount Cook – things I hadn't even considered before. I didn't really know what to expect when I went out there, except things like wildlife and surfing, but I never expected to feel so at home. It was a lot of admin work and included a few nervous moments, but I couldn't have asked for a better experience in all honesty.

And looking back now, it has done wonders for what the future holds in my life. Something that my mum always reminds me of is how awesome it looks to employers when you can say you have studied and lived in another country. It shows a level of independence and organisation and demonstrates a willingness to uproot and delve into the unknown.

My study abroad experience truly opened my eyes to the endless possibilities around us, and how much a person can learn about themselves in just one year. I'm forever grateful for this opportunity and had an absolutely incredible year.

Criminology

BA (Hons)

Ready to see the world of crime and criminal justice differently? Join us to unpick theories and perspectives that explore today's most pressing crime-related issues.

Through your first year, you'll explore key criminological theories, learn about the structure of the criminal justice system, and address real-world, contemporary issues like youth crime and policing. Through engaging case studies and debates, you'll develop your critical thinking and research skills.

In your second year, you'll sharpen your focus, with modules designed to develop your research skills and deepen your understanding of theory. Optional modules mean you have the chance to explore in depth what interests you. Whether you're into crime dramas, cyber or financial crime, you choose what excites you most.

Final year is your chance to dive deeper, build expertise, and tailor your learning to suit your career goals or personal passions. You'll rethink punishment and justice; have the opportunity to undertake an independent research project; and choose modules that interest you and help you to question, challenge, and shape the future of criminal justice in an ever-changing world.

Enhancing your curriculum

We continually review and enhance our course curricula to ensure we are delivering the best possible learning experience, and to make sure that the subject knowledge and transferable skills you develop will prepare you for your future. Information within this publication with respect to courses and modules is correct at the time of publication, and the University will make every reasonable effort to offer courses and modules as advertised. In some cases, changes may be necessary and may result in new modules or some modules and combinations being unavailable, for example as a result of student feedback, timetabling, staff changes and new research.

Year 1

Core Modules

Explaining Criminology

Explore criminology where you will encounter a range of theoretical perspectives and debates that inform the discipline. Are criminals born bad? Or do they learn this behaviour from their families or from where they grow up? We'll debate it all!

Exploring the Criminal Justice System

Criminology and law are two of the disciplines that underpin our criminal justice system (CJS). You will explore the interplay between these subjects by learning about the concepts, principles and processes of the CJS in England and Wales.

Researching Crime and Criminals

How do we learn about crime and criminals? Discover the methods criminologists use to study crime and the criminal justice system, moving beyond everyday assumptions and media portrayals.

Making Sense of Justice

In this module you will be introduced to the ways in which subjects in the School of Social Sciences approach and make sense of injustices and justice.

Study abroad degrees

You will study abroad at a partner university in your third year. The grades you achieve at your host university will be translated back and be credited to your Lancaster degree.

Placement year degrees

In your third year you will undertake as core the 'Placement Year Work Based Learning Module'.



Year 2

Core Modules

Criminological Thought

This module introduces you to the scholarship in criminological theory and the sociology of deviance from the nineteenth century to the present.

Understanding Criminological Fieldwork

Focusing on real-world research in the 'field,' you will study the theoretical foundations of how knowledge and evidence is understood and produced and how this underpins the methods adopted by researchers.

Measuring Crime

In this module, you will learn and work with different data sources related to crime and criminal justice, exploring data from police-recorded crime, the Crime Survey for England and Wales and criminal justice statistics from the courts.

Plus one from:

Employability, Purpose and Social Impact

Global Challenges and Collaborative Solutions

Cultural Diversity and Professional Contexts

Taking an Idea and Making it Happen

Optional Modules

- + Youth Justice
- + Crime and Popular Culture
- + Organised Crime
- + Contemporary Issues in Policing
- + Cybercrime and Cybercriminality
- + Contemporary Crime Problems
- + Financial Crime

Final Year

Core Modules

Prisons, Punishment and Society

Learn about methods of punishment today and historically and consider the place of prisons within this wider context. Explore theories around the justification and limitations of past and present practices as you examine the shift to a prison industrial complex.

Plus one from:

Technology and Social Justice

Queer Futures

People Power, Community Engagement and Collective Action

Confronting the Climate Crisis

The Power of Ideas

Artistic Fusions

Futures Beyond Borders

Optional Modules

- + Power, Inequality and Decolonisation
- + Gendered Harm and Justice
- + Green Criminology
- + Crime, Time and Space
- + Hate Crime
- + Drugs, Crime and Society
- + Crime and Media
- + Crimes and Harms of the Powerful
- + Criminology Dissertation
- + Sex Crimes and Sexual Offending



Criminology and Psychology

BA (Hons)

Informed by the latest research and combining theory and practice, this degree offers you the opportunity to study both criminology and psychology – with a particular focus on the psychology of crime and criminals.

Through your first year, you'll explore key criminological and psychological theories and learn about the structure of the criminal justice system. Through engaging case studies and debates, you'll cover contemporary concerns affecting psychological and criminological research and policy.

In your second year, you'll sharpen your focus, with modules designed to develop your research skills and deepen your understanding of how the crime and the mind work. Optional modules mean you have the chance to explore in depth what interests you. Whether you're into crime dramas, cyber or financial crime, you'll be able to interrogate why people act and think the way they do.

Final year is your chance to dive deeper, build expertise, and tailor your learning to suit your career goals or personal passions. You'll learn all about forensic psychology; rethink punishment and justice; have the opportunity to undertake an independent research project; and choose modules that interest you and help you to question, challenge, and shape the role of psychology in the criminal justice system.

Study abroad degrees

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Placement year degrees

In your third year you will undertake as core the 'Placement Year Work Based Learning Module'.

Year 1

Core Modules

Explaining Criminology

You will study both positivistic and social analyses of crime and criminalisation and learn to evaluate criminological theory in relation to a range of intellectual movements.

Exploring the Criminal Justice System

You will explore the interplay between criminology and law by learning about the concepts, principles and processes of the criminal justice system in England and Wales.

Researching Crime and Criminals

How do we learn about crime and criminals? Discover the methods criminologists use to study crime and the criminal justice system, moving beyond everyday assumptions and media portrayals.

Introduction to Developmental and Neuropsychology

This module focuses on developmental psychology, neuropsychology, and individual differences. You'll explore how humans develop over time, the interplay between the brain and behaviour, and delve into research to build foundational knowledge and critical thinking skills.

Introduction to Cognitive and Social Psychology

Explore how we perceive and process the world around us and navigate and understand social interactions. You'll examine core theories and findings as well as their real-world applications while considering the roles of personality, intelligence, and individual differences in shaping thoughts, emotions, and behaviour.

Optional Modules

+ Making Sense of Justice



Year 2

Core Modules

Criminological Thought

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Measuring Crime

In this module, you will learn and work with different data sources related to crime and criminal justice, exploring data from police-recorded crime, the Crime Survey for England and Wales and criminal justice statistics from the courts.

Understanding Criminological Fieldwork

Focusing on real-world research in the 'field,' you will study the theoretical foundations of how knowledge and evidence is understood and produced and how this underpins the methods adopted by researchers.

Cognitive Psychology

This module focuses on core processes in psychology, such as memory, attention, perception, and emotion. You will explore in-depth research, gaining insights into how these processes shape behaviour.

Social Psychology

You'll explore theories and approaches whilst considering cultural and historical contexts. Lectures and seminars enhance academic skills, fostering critical engagement with psychology's real-world relevance.

Optional Modules

- + Crime and Popular Culture
- + Contemporary Issues in Policing
- + Contemporary Crime Problems
- + Financial Crime
- + Neuropsychology
- + Employability, Purpose and Social Impact
- + Global Challenges and Collaborative Solutions
- + Cultural Diversity and Professional Contexts
- + Taking an Idea and Making it Happen

Final Year

Core Modules

Prisons, Punishment and Society

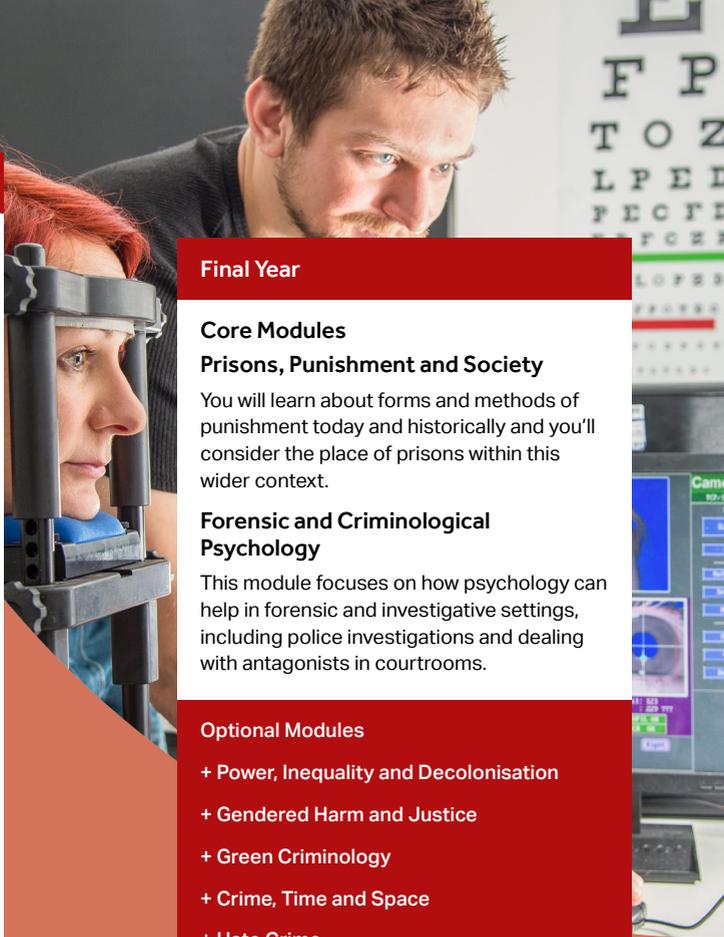
You will learn about forms and methods of punishment today and historically and you'll consider the place of prisons within this wider context.

Forensic and Criminological Psychology

This module focuses on how psychology can help in forensic and investigative settings, including police investigations and dealing with antagonists in courtrooms.

Optional Modules

- + Power, Inequality and Decolonisation
- + Gendered Harm and Justice
- + Green Criminology
- + Crime, Time and Space
- + Hate Crime
- + Drugs, Crime and Society
- + Crime and Media
- + Crimes and Harms of the Powerful
- + Criminology Dissertation
- + Sex Crimes and Sexual Offending
- + Cognition: From Laboratory Research to Everyday Behaviour
- + Clinical Psychology
- + CyberPsychology
- + Current Direction in Social Psychology
- + Technology and Social Justice
- + Queer Futures
- + People Power, Community Engagement and Collective Action
- + Confronting the Climate Crisis
- + The Power of Ideas
- + Artistic Fusions
- + Futures Beyond Borders



Sociology and Criminology

BA (Hons)

This is a thought-provoking degree that covers complex, challenging topics from criminal justice and youth crime to social justice and climate change, racism and hate, power and inequalities.

In your first year, you will explore key sociological and criminological perspectives, learning how to think critically about society, crime, and justice. You'll be introduced to the sociological imagination and core criminological concepts while examining how social issues are framed and how the criminal justice system operates in practice.

In your second year, you'll deepen your understanding of social theory and criminological thought while developing essential research skills in both disciplines. You will explore topics such as race and inequality, gender, youth justice, cybercrime, and organised crime.

In your final year, you will apply advanced theoretical insights to contemporary issues in society and criminology—such as health, migration, prisons, environmental crime, and the crimes and harms of the powerful. You can also carry out an independent research project, demonstrating your ability to analyse complex problems and communicate your findings effectively.

Study abroad degrees

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Placement year degrees

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Year 1

Core Modules

Explaining Criminology

You will study both positivistic and social analyses of crime and criminalisation and learn to evaluate criminological theory in relation to a range of intellectual movements.

Exploring the Criminal Justice System

You will explore the interplay between criminology and law by learning about the concepts, principles and processes of the criminal justice system in England and Wales.

Thinking Sociologically

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

Framing Social Issues

How can the 'sociological imagination' help us make sense of important contemporary topics? Focussing upon the sociological study of these topics, this module will explore how sociology explores them compared to other methods.

Making Sense of Justice

In this module you will be introduced to the ways in which subjects in the School of Social Sciences approach and make sense of injustices and justice.



Year 2

Core Modules

Global Social Theory: Connecting Sociologies

Introducing you to a diverse range of theoretical perspectives from around the world, this module will analyse how different social theories help us understand the emergence and transformation of our societies.

Research in Action: Methods for Investigating the Social World

Equipping you with essential research skills to explore pressing social questions, this module will dive into how sociologists investigate the world around us.

Designing Sociological Research

Preparing you for independent research, this module will guide you through the process of developing sociological research questions, selecting appropriate methodologies and considering ethical and practical challenges.

Criminological Thought

This module introduces you to the scholarship in criminological theory and the sociology of deviance from the nineteenth century to the present.

Plus one from:

Employability, Purpose and Social Impact

Global Challenges and Collaborative Solutions

Cultural Diversity and Professional Contexts

Taking an Idea and Making it Happen

Optional Modules

- + Youth Justice
- + Crime and Popular Culture
- + Organised Crime
- + Contemporary Issues in Policing
- + Cybercrime and Cybercriminality
- + Contemporary Crime Problems
- + Financial Crime
- + Race, Racism and Inequality
- + Transnational Debates on Gender and Society
- + Welfare States: Poverty, Policy and Politics

Final Year

Core Modules

Prisons, Punishment and Society

You will learn about forms and methods of punishment today and historically and you'll consider the place of prisons within this wider context.

Advanced Sociological Theories and Applications

Take an advanced look at how sociologists use paradigms, theories and concepts, as this module takes a deep dive into every stage of research.

Plus one from:

Technology and Social Justice

Queer Futures

People Power, Community Engagement and Collective Action

Confronting the Climate Crisis

The Power of Ideas

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Optional Modules

- + Power, Inequality and Decolonisation
- + Gendered Harm and Justice
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- + Drugs, Crime and Society
- + Crime and Media
- + Crimes and Harms of the Powerful
- + Criminology Dissertation
- + Sex Crimes and Sexual Offending
- + Sociology Independent Project
- + Environment and Society: Crisis, Justice and Change
- + Migration, Inequalities and Societies
- + Health, Bodies and Social Reproduction

Law with Criminology

LLB Hons

Gain insight on the issues of today on this degree, with topics ranging from criminal justice and youth crime to social harm and environmental crime. You will have the opportunity to connect with local agencies such as the police and the prison service.

You will gain a good understanding of law in context and wider societal issues. Building on the foundations of legal knowledge, you'll also learn about issues at the heart of our society such as human rights law, litigation funding, legal history, property law and the right to protest.

Criminology complements your legal studies by providing alternative perspectives on issues of crime, punishment and justice. You will look critically at the social, cultural, political, and economic contexts of crime and criminal justice, and view challenges through a social justice lens.

Study abroad degrees

You will study abroad at a partner university in your third year. The grades you achieve at your host university will be translated back and be credited to your Lancaster degree.

Placement year degrees

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Year 1

Core Modules

Legal Systems and Sources

Learn about the legal system of England and Wales and begin to understand precedent, court structure and hierarchy and the different legal services and personnel. You will develop the academic legal skills that you need to succeed in your law degree.

Contract Law

Learn about the foundations of legal knowledge governing contracts in England & Wales. Contracts are legally enforceable agreements that provide security to transactions and the basis for a wide range of legal relationships.

Explaining Criminology

Explore criminology where you will encounter a range of theoretical perspectives and debates that inform the discipline. Are criminals born bad? Or do they learn this behaviour from their families or from where they grow up? We'll debate it all!

Legal Systems and Justice

Gain an understanding of the English legal system through a consideration of the trial process in civil and criminal litigation, alternative dispute resolution and access to justice. You'll develop employability skills to prepare you for your studies and future career.

Criminal Law

You will examine selected methods and the key concepts of criminal law and understand how these are used by judges, academics and others to solve the practical problems presented by the administration of criminal law.

Public Law

You will undertake a legal, political and historical exploration of the United Kingdom's constitutional arrangements to understand public law in its wider context.

Year 2

Core Modules

Tort Law

Study core concepts in tort law at an introductory level. Tort law addresses civil wrongs, aiming to provide a legal remedy. The scope of these is broad and cases may include negligence causing harm, nuisances between neighbours and intentional wrongs.

Criminological Thought

This module introduces you to the scholarship in criminological theory and the sociology of deviance from the nineteenth century to the present.

Land Law

This module provides opportunities to work through legal problems from the perspective of a legal practitioner. Through real life scenarios you will gain an understanding of how land law really works.

Optional Modules

- + Business Law and Practice
- + Employment Law
- + Family Law
- + International Law
- + Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- + Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- + Commercial Law
- + European Union Law
- + Financial Crime
- + Human Rights and Civil Liberties
- + International Law on Force and Territory
- + Law and Young People
- + Legal Tech and Innovation
- + Understanding Criminological Fieldwork
- + Measuring Crime
- + Youth Justice
- + Organised Crime
- + Cybercrime and Cybercriminality
- + Crime and Popular Culture
- + Contemporary Issues in Policing
- + Contemporary Crime Problems

Final Year

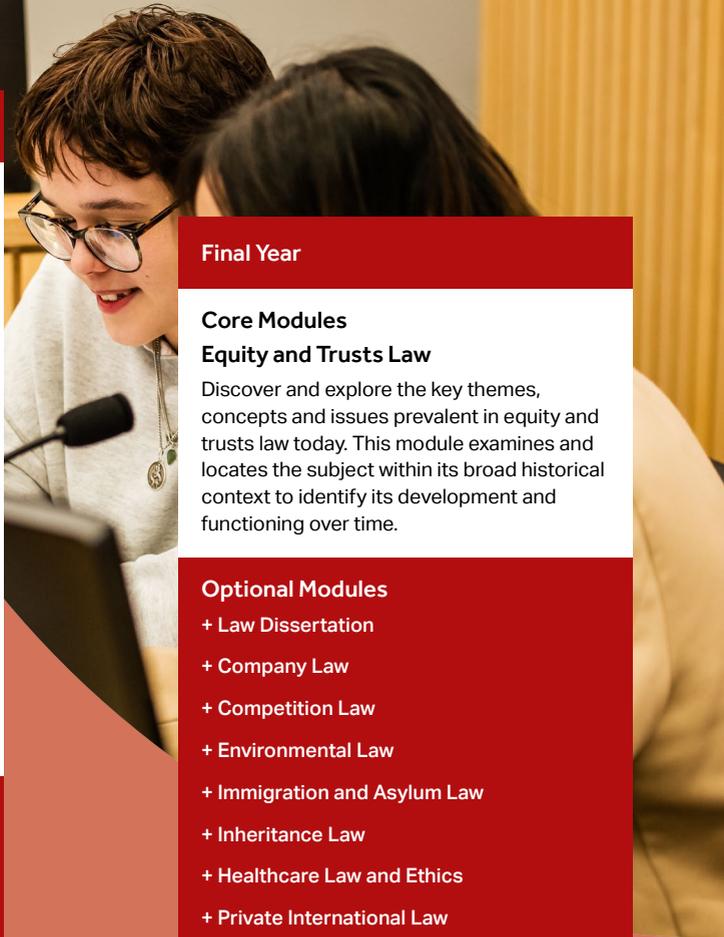
Core Modules

Equity and Trusts Law

Discover and explore the key themes, concepts and issues prevalent in equity and trusts law today. This module examines and locates the subject within its broad historical context to identify its development and functioning over time.

Optional Modules

- + Law Dissertation
- + Company Law
- + Competition Law
- + Environmental Law
- + Immigration and Asylum Law
- + Inheritance Law
- + Healthcare Law and Ethics
- + Private International Law
- + Legal Advice Clinic 1
- + Legal Advice Clinic 2
- + Corporate Governance in Financial Distress
- + Evidence
- + Intellectual Property Law and Policy
- + Mass Atrocities and War Crimes
- + Sex Crimes and Sexual Offending
- + Street Law
- + Prisons, Punishment and Society
- + Power, Inequality and Decolonisation
- + Green Criminology
- + Drugs, Crime and Society
- + Crimes and Harms of the Powerful
- + Gendered Harm and Justice
- + Crime, Time and Space
- + Hate Crime
- + Crime and Media



Careers and *employability*

We emphasise careers from the very beginning of your degree, a factor that contributes to the success of our graduates in the workplace.

Careers service

Both during your degree and after you graduate the University provides dedicated, specialist support. Our careers service has connections with some of the world's top graduate recruiters, high growth businesses and employers across diverse sectors. They organise careers fairs, workshops, and networking opportunities throughout the year.

You can be matched with an employer or a previous graduate for one-to-one advice and take part in workshops on topics such as writing an effective CV, developing a LinkedIn profile, or succeeding at psychometric testing. We also have a vast range of online resources as well as an exclusive job search portal.

Career mentoring programme

This uniquely tailored scheme 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.



Graduate destinations

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

- + Criminal justice agencies (the police force, HM Prison Service, the National Probation Service)
- + The Home Office
- + The Department for Health, Social Services
- + NHS trusts
- + Charities
- + Youth offending services
- + Civil Service
- + Professional research and consultancy



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**Becky Reeve, Senior Public Sector
Consultant**

BA (Hons) Criminology, graduated 2019

After graduating I secured a place on the Civil Service Fast Stream; the flagship leadership development programme for the UK Civil Service.

During my time on this programme and in the Civil Service more broadly I had a number of very interesting roles. At HMRC I worked on a multimillion-pound technology procurement, and at DWP I developed best practice on user-centred policy design.

Other positions I've held have been more aligned with Criminology, such as leading an intelligence portfolio at the Home Office, Improvements Manager at the Metropolitan Police, working in undercover-online operations, and a short stint as a detective.

Most recently I have moved into the world of consultancy and now work for Capgemini Invent supporting various public sector departments on a whole host of projects and programmes. It's varied, fast paced, and really enjoyable!

My career so far has been characterised by always asking questions like “Why are things done that way? Is this working? How can this be improved?” Perhaps I naturally ask those sorts of questions, but studying Criminology definitely encouraged me in that inquisitive mindset and strategic thinking.

As well as the varied and engaging degree course, the Law School encouraged me in my part-time work at Lancaster Prison and my role as Law School Ambassador, which helped to build my confidence and develop further insights and experience. My time at Lancaster served as an excellent springboard into my career, and I would recommend the degree to anyone considering it.



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