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# Criminology





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# A place for you

# Professor Alisdair A. Gillespie Head of Lancaster University Law School

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

Our degrees offer you a broad learning experience. World leading, researchactive 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.

Gaining practical experience is important to prepare you for your future career. We offer a placement year and short work experience options as part of our degrees, as well as a prison-based module, a project with an external client, and opportunities to 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 recruitment team.

# **Everything you want from** your Criminology degree

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for Criminology The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019 and The Guardian University Guide 2020

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**Graduate Prospects** The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019

- + Our degrees are established and well respected; we were 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; 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 sex work, hate crime, 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 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 'Sex 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.

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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 antiracist 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'.

# **Degrees and** entry requirements

Degree	Award	Duration	UCAS code	Typical offer
Criminology	BA (Hons)	3 years	M930	ABB
Criminology and French Studies	BA (Hons)	4 years	MR91	ABB
Criminology and Psychology	BA (Hons)	3 years	CL86	AAB + GCSE Mathematics grade B or 6
Criminology and Sociology	BA (Hons)	3 years	LM39	ABB
Criminology and Law	BA (Hons)	3 years	MM13	ABB

### Placement Year and Study Abroad Degrees

You can take a placement year with most degree programmes. With specialist support and dedicated modules, you will apply for a professional, paid work placement in Year 3 and return to Lancaster to complete your degree in Year 4. Read more: **lancaster.ac.uk/placement-year** 

Study abroad is an option for most degrees. You 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: **lancaster.ac.uk/study-abroad** 

For information on fees, scholarships and any additional costs you might need to consider, please see our website: **lancaster.ac.uk/study** 

# TEF Gold

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TEF Gold

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 attain.



Becky Reeve BA (Hons) Criminology The degree is designed in a way that allows so much flexibility, so I have been able to structure a degree programme that fits my own particular interests. In my first year the department encouraged me to apply for the Independent Monitoring Board at Lancaster Prison. Doing this job alongside my studies has let me see first-hand the realities of what I learn about in my lectures. I was also encouraged to join the University's Career Mentoring Scheme where I was paired with an Inspector from Staffordshire Police. This scheme, alongside careers support from the department, has helped me to secure an amazing graduate job which I am looking forward to starting in September.



# Meet *Irfan*

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** BA (Hons) Criminology



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 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.

# 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.

# Working with classified police data

You will have the opportunity to work with classified police data relating to 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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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

Michelle Cross

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

# the pieces and to reflect, thinking widely and critically.

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developed my knowledge of the criminal justice system and also encouraged me to understand that the process of rehabilitation is multidimensional.

Katrice Russell BA (Hons) Criminology

Learning through practice

# **Your Degree** BA (Hons) Criminology

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 from that presented here.

# Year 1



You will be able to choose modules from a choice of subjects that are

complementary to your major subject and are recommended by your

modules are available and how to register for your preferred options.

Department, After you apply for your degree we will confirm which optional

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.

Select up to 8 Optional

Criminology modules.

See page 12.

# Year 2

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An introduction to the theoretical foundations and processes of different forms of social research used in criminological research, including interviews and observations.



# **Optional Criminology** Modules

Examples of

Criminology

Tameira's

first year at uni

Modules

Year 2 Optional

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 from the group below. 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.

## 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

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'. We will also explore 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

# Tameira Norton BA (Hons) Criminology

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.

Everv time l 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.



# 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

Deepens 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', ensuring that you gain an understanding of its harms. The international perspective to this module will be gained from a discussion of 'hate crime' as a human rights problem, with a particular focus on freedom of speech.

# **Joint Degree** BA (Hons) Criminology and Law

# Year 1

Year 2

# Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice

See page 10 for module details.

# Criminal Law

This engaging module immerses vou in a broad investigation of criminal law, including legal rules, substantive crimes, the conditions of criminal responsibility, and law in practice. You will develop an understanding of the elements of major offences from homicide to theft, fraud to sexual offences, and offences against the person.

See page 10 for module details.

## Understanding Criminological Fieldwork

See page 10 for module details.

An introduction to the key torts and tort principles including, trespass to the person, negligence, torts of strict liability and vicarious liability.

# English Legal System and Methods

An introduction to the central tenets of the English Legal System that supports the development of the legal skills that will see you through your degree.

# Law of Contracts

The purpose of Contract Law is to provide a remedy to an aggrieved party when the other party has broken its contractual obligations. While studying this important but difficult topic, you will practise applying the law, so that you can competently address the main concern of clients: resolution.

# Public Law

You will develop an understanding of Constitutional Law in the UK, drawing on historical, political, comparative and jurisprudential materials. This module also provides an introduction to Administrative Law, and Human Rights/Civil Liberties in the UK.

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## Select up to 4 optional modules

See page 11 for Criminology options. Law options include:

- + Family Law + International Law
- + Employment Law
  - + Commercial Law

- + Criminology Innovation
- + Criminal Justice Research

Other Year 3 module options include

- + Prisons, Punishment and Society
- + Crimes of Power
- + Dissertation

- + Violence: Criminological Perspectives
- + Learning Together: Criminology on the "Inside"

# + Evidence

Year 3

# Select up to 8 optional modules

See page 12 for Criminology options. Law options include:

- + Company Law
- + Evidence

Criminological Thought

# Law of Torts

# + Health Care Law and Ethics

+ Immigration and Asylum Law

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# Examples of Year 3 Optional Criminoloav

Modules

# Joint Degrees with Criminology

# Year 1



# French Studies (Advanced or Beginners)

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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.

# and Psychology Sociology Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice\* Investigating Psychology Understanding Psychology Flexible

# Investigating Psychology

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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.

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



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# 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 develop a capacity for conceptual analysis, apply sociological reasoning to empirical examples, and evaluate everyday life with new critical skills.

# Year 2



\* Please refer to page 10 for Criminology core module details. You can find more details about Year 2 Criminology Modules on page 11.

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# 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: Moments and **Movements**

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Key areas explored include language and linguistic heritage, centralisation, regionalisation and education.

# 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

# 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 lav 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.

# Year 2 optional modules

- + Foundations of Cognitive Neuroscience
- + Contemporary Crime Problems
- + Extended crime-related essay + Personality and Individual
- Difference
- + Social Psychology
- + Youth Justice

in Psychology

# Socioloav 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 Sociology

- + Climate Change and Society
- + Gender, Sexuality and Society
- + Human Rights and Civil Liberties

# Year 3: Joint Degree Modules



Due to space limitations, we have not represented here every single optional module available across all of our degrees but hopefully enough to give you a flavour of some of the choice on offer.

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# Your global experience

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. You can study abroad for your second year at one of our partner universities, currently located in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand and the USA. Alternatively you could take a short trip in the Easter or summer vacation to destinations such as the US, Malaysia, India and China. These trips include meeting local students and businesses as well as academic study and cultural discovery.

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# A year abroad for Lilith

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.

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Lilith Hayes BA (Hons) Criminology

# 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 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: lancaster.ac.uk/fass-placements

#### *Course-based placements*

We offer two course-based placements in the third year. They are listed below.

Please see our website for more information on these: lancaster.ac.uk/study

- + Criminology Placement
- + Criminal Justice Research

# 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

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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 iob market.

Find out more at: lancaster.ac.uk/lancaster-award

# Your future career

Support with

vour 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 your 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.

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

# Kate Kaliski-Wiseman Policy Advisor, Ministry of Justice

BA (Hons) Criminology graduate

I thoroughly enjoyed my time studying Criminology at

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

conception of 'valid evidence'. with a nearby police force

excellent preparation for the MSc in Public Policy and Human and Technology at the United Nations University (UNU-Merit)

# Rebecca Fecitt

# Recovery Practitioner, Delphi Medical Consultants Ltd

# BA (Hons) Criminology graduate

Whilst I was unsure of which career path I wanted to take,

supporting men and women with

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# Careers



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