



PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information	
Awarding Institution	University of the West of England
Teaching Institution	University of the West of England
Delivery Location	Frenchay Campus
Study abroad / Exchange / Credit recognition	
Faculty responsible for programme	Business and Law
Department responsible for programme	Law
Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body Links	
Highest Award Title	BA (Hons) Criminology and Law
Default Award Title	N/A
Interim Award Titles	BA Criminology and Law DipHE Criminology and Law CertHE Criminology and Law
UWE Progression Route	
Mode of Delivery	Full time and SW
ISIS code/s	ISIS2: MM19 MM19 (SW) MM1913 (FT)
For implementation from	September 2017

Part 2: Description

The BA (Hons) Criminology and Law programme aims at Level 1 to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the related disciplines of Criminology and Law. At Levels 2 and 3, the programme is designed to help students develop an in-depth and detailed understanding of both Criminology and law, in equal measure, to an advanced level, highlighting how these two disciplines interact. In particular the programme aims to:

- Promote a legal and scientific understanding of the multitude of different explanations of criminality across a number of different offences and what this means in regard to victimology, crime control & crime prevention; the punishment and /or rehabilitation of offenders; public/societal attitudes to crime; and the Criminal justice system
- Develop a holistic understanding of offending, victims, crime, criminality and criminal justice.
- Promote critical evaluation of offending, victims, crime, criminality and criminal justice.
- Develop an understanding of the relationships between theory and its application to the full range of offending, victims, crime, criminality and criminal justice.
- Develop an understanding of the role of empirical evidence in the creation and constraint of theory and the role of theory in the collection, analysis and interpretation of data.
- Enable the acquisition and knowledge of a range of legal and criminological research skills and methods, quantitative and qualitative, culminating in an ability to conduct research independently.
- Develop the abilities and insight necessary to appreciate and critically evaluate theory, research findings, applications and interventions.
- Provide related study options in the field of Criminology and Law.
- To acknowledge and accommodate the wide diversity of student needs and interests through the provision of a flexible programme which enables students to choose between varieties of specialist modules.
- To encourage scholarship and to foster the virtues of objectivity, reflection, judgment, critical study, and independent learning (individual and collaborative).
- Develop an understanding of legal values and principles, ethical and professional judgment and Foundations for Law
- Develop an understanding of a range of major legal concepts which will support the study of crime control, crime prevention and public/ societal attitude to crime in a criminological context
- Develop specialist knowledge and skills to meet the demands of a modern workplace both in the public and private sector

The BA (Hons) Criminology and Law degree at UWE is designed to enable students who are interested in both Criminology and Law to shape their own futures. There is an emphasis on enabling students to maximise their employment prospects and to provide them with a range of options which will enable them to focus on those areas of Criminology, law and socio-legal studies which interest them most and which best fit with their interests and career aspirations.

Level One provides BA Criminology and Law degree students with a common first year. In addition to subject specific knowledge gained in the four 30 credit modules, students also develop their skills in case analysis (particularly in Foundations for Law), statutory interpretation (particularly in Foundations for Law), research methodology and techniques (particularly in Foundations for Law and criminal justice), research (particularly in Criminal Law, Criminal Justice and Foundations for Law), oral presentation skills (Criminal Law, Criminal Justice and Criminological Theory), team working (particularly in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice). Peer Assisted Learning and the Foundations for Law module assist students in the transition into higher education. Both the Criminal Justice and the Foundations for Law modules encourage students to audit and reflect on their skills development and helps students to identify their career options and to start to identify the knowledge, skills, experience and aptitudes required by employers in their preferred future career(s). At level 1 all students combining Criminology and Law follow a common programme. This allows students combining the two disciplines to choose during level 1 whether to major in Law (the LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology) to major in Criminology (the BA (Hons) Criminology with Law) or to continue to combine the two subjects equally the BA (Hons) Criminology and Law.

Level 2 builds on the skills developed at level 1. Level 2 subjects provide students with the opportunity to improve their research skills, project management, personal development planning, career planning and reflection. Choosing to study criminology and law together enables students to develop a

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specialism within their degree programme. Students will also be advised that if they want to pursue a BA (Hons) in Criminology and Law, it will be possible for them after graduation to take a Graduate Diploma in Law as an alternative route into the legal profession. Students are advised about level 2 option choices in the level 1 Foundations for Law module and have the opportunity to discuss this with their Personal Academic Tutor on a one-to-one level. Before making their level 2 choices students are provided with information about the modules on offer, the subject areas covered, skills developed, their assessment, method of delivery and method of assessment. Students also have the option to meet with the module leaders of the modules from which they are choosing their level 2 options.

Level 3 builds on the skills developed at level 1 and Level 2 through the continued use of the Personal Academic Tutor system and the teaching of study skills in the compulsory module.

Assessments are designed to facilitate a progression through differing levels of complexity at each level of study:

- At level 1, a sound knowledge of the basic concepts of a subject.
- At level 2, a sound understanding of the principles of the field of study and the ability to apply these principles more widely.

At level 3, an understanding of a complex body of knowledge, some of it at the current boundaries of the academic discipline.

Programme requirements for the purposes of the Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR)

Criminology is a contemporary, multi-faceted and applied subject area. Criminology focuses on definitions and understandings of crime as well as criminal justice from a range of perspectives (victims, offenders, the state and institutions). Criminology, especially the criminology taught at UWE, focuses on theoretical learning as well as the application of this knowledge to real world situations. Throughout their degree criminology students will experience a range of learning (online/offline), teaching (lectures, seminars, workshops and TEL) and assessment (essays, exams, case studies, presentations) techniques. Students also acquire knowledge of some of the Law's core areas and develop key skills and attributes for their future working lives. There are opportunities for a year on placement or study abroad, and participation in a significant range of extra-curricula activities including mooting, pro-bono work and Law student societies. Students are challenged in their ability to communicate, analyse and problem-solve, developing their intellectual capacity focusing on practical, enterprising and future-facing application within the legal arena and elsewhere.

Consequentially, a Law and Criminology degree opens graduates up to a range of graduate level positions, including, in the criminal justice system and related charitable sectors.

Regulations

Approved to [University Regulations and Procedures](#)

Part 3: Learning Outcomes of the Programme

	UJUKV-30-1	UJUTD3-30-1	UZSNLE-30-1	UZSNLD-30-1	UZSSTR-15-2	UZQSTA-15-2	UZSNQA-30-3
Learning Outcomes:							
A) Knowledge and understanding of:							
Introduce a knowledge and range of black letter and socio legal studies within Law and demonstrate how they link to criminology	x	x	x				
All students are offered the opportunity to study traditional law and developing legal subject areas which are likely to be of interest to a student of law and criminology.	x	x					
Knowledge of legal values, principles and a range of major legal concepts.	x	x					
The major theoretical perspectives within Criminology and Law, as well as their applications to specific real world situations and problems.	x	x	x	x	x		
The UK criminal justice system in both national and international context.		x		x	x	x	x
Research design, research methods and data analysis – including measurement techniques, psychometrics, quantitative and qualitative data analytic approaches, ethical and moral issues, codes of conduct.	x	x				x	
Understanding of the relationship between theory, evidence, practice and methods in legal and criminological research.	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Knowledge of the nature, origins and development of key institutions of criminology, law enforcement and criminal justice.	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Knowledge of a significant range of specialist areas in criminology and law. Knowledge of research findings, and an understanding of the application of theory and practice to a range of domains of study.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
(B) Intellectual Skills							
Learning to research, analyze, critically evaluate and develop a technical and practical understanding of important legal and criminological concepts and principles.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Understanding the process of research - how to research and interpret and apply information from relevant legal materials such as case and statute law.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Developing a mature understanding of the areas of law and criminology studied.	x	x	x	x		x	x
Understanding the fast developing and organic nature of some areas of law.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Recognise and evaluate problems and plan strategies for their solution.	x	x					
Synthesise information from a range of different sources in ways which show originality and creativity in the student's work.	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Show insight in applying complex theoretical concepts to real-world problems and situations.	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Appreciate the assumptions and reasoning underlying the analysis of statistical and qualitative data.	x	x	x	x	x	x	
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(C) Subject/Professional/Practical Skills							
Applying and integrating multiple perspectives on criminological, and legal, issues.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Recognize distinctive criminological and legal approaches to particular problems, seeing where they intergrate as well as build on each other.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pose, operationalise and critique research questions.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Developing skills of oral argument.	x	x	x	x			x
Identifying appropriate evidence in order to build and structure arguments in an appropriate and ethical manner,	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Technical skills development is fostered through practical problem solving,	x	x					
Analyse data, as well as understand how data was analysed, using both quantitative and qualitative methods.						x	
Deal specifically and practically with ethical professional issues and act in accordance with these.					x	x	
The formation of independent opinion through the reading and discussion of empirical, policy and theoretical material.		x	x		x	x	
An appreciation of the applicability of subject knowledge and skills to the world of work.	x	x			x	x	
Law modules provide learning experiences for students through the analysis of scenarios or research of topics which require the practical application of law to facts.	x	x					
Acquiring the skills necessary to work both independently and as part of a team.		x			x	x	
(D) Transferable skills and other attributes							
Research techniques		x			x	x	
Report writing	x	x			x	x	
Identifying issues and obtaining and summarizing appropriate and up to date legal and statistical information from electronic and paper sources.		x					
Comprehend and use numerical, statistical and other forms of data, particularly in the context of presenting and analysing complex data sets.						x	
The ability to work successfully both independently and as part of a team.		x	x		x	x	x
the ability to identify and use primary and secondary sources of law.	x	x					
The ability to apply legal knowledge to practical problems of limited complexity in order to produce arguable solutions to concrete problems.	x	x		x			
To demonstrate the flexibility of understanding required to recognize Alternative conclusions to problems based upon an informed understanding.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
To show a command of standard legal arguments.	x	x					
To demonstrate good written English communication skills and to be able to produce word processed text.	x	x	x	x	x	x	

Part 4: Programme Structure

BA(Hons) Criminology and Law

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a typical full time undergraduate student

ENTRY		Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules	Awards
	Level 1	<p>Law UJUUKV-30-1 Foundations for Law</p> <p>UJUTD3-30-1 Criminal Law</p> <p>Criminology UZSNLD-30-1 Introduction to Criminological Theory</p> <p>UZSNLE-30-1 Introduction to Criminal Justice.</p>	None	<p>Interim Awards</p> <p>Cert HE Criminology and Law 120 credits at appropriate level</p>
	Level 2	<p>Law None</p> <p>Criminology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UZSSTR-15-2 Developing Self and Society • UZQSTA-15-2 Nature and Use of Research. 	<p>(subject to availability)</p> <p>Law a choice of 60 credits from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USSJT4-30-2 Forensic Evidence • UJUJW-30-2 Sexual Offences and Offending: Criminal Justice Responses • UJUUKU-30-2 Law of Torts • UJUUKT-30-2 Land Law • UJUJF-30-2 Migration Law and Policy • UJUUL5-30-2 Criminal Procedure and Punishment <p>Criminology a choice of 30 credits from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UZSNNC-30-2 Criminal Psychology • UZSNMX-30-2 Youth Crime, Youth Justice • UZSNR8-30-2 Drugs, Crime & Society • UZSNU-30-2 Transgression • UZSSMU-30-2 Policing and Prisons 	<p>Interim Awards</p> <p>Dip HE Criminology and Law 240 credits at appropriate level</p>

Year Out: Placement

Students taking the sandwich (SW) programme must complete a Work Placement (a minimum of 40 weeks in employment) normally in the legal field.

Students will, during this placement or study year, undertake a 15 credit module - Placement Learning (UMCDN5-15-3). This will be complemented on their return by undertaking a 15 credit Law Project (UJUUK3-15-3), conducting further research and writing a report based around the placement.

To be eligible for Placement students must have passed a minimum of 210 credits. Where students make this choice they are advised to take 30 fewer law credits at level three as these 30 credits count towards the total required to complete the programme.

	Optional Modules	Interim Awards	
Level 3	<p>Law</p> <p>None</p> <p>Criminology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UZSNQA-30-3 Critical Criminology 	<p>(subject to availability)</p> <p>Law a choice of 60 credits from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UJUUKS-30-3 European Union Law • UJUTD7-30-3 Dissertation • UJUTD8-30-3 Law of Evidence • UJUTG7-30-3 European Human Rights • UJUTK7-30-3 Family Law • UJUTA9-30-3 Gender and the Law • UJUTNB-30-3 Medical Law and Practice • UJUUL4-30-3 Organized Crime and Criminal Justice • UJUUL3-30-3 Information Technology Law • UJUUK3-15-3 Law Project <p>Criminology a choice of 30 credits from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UZSNQK-30-3 Comparative and Transnational Criminology • UZSSJN-30-3 Protest, Policing and Public Order • UZSNQV-15-3 Terrorism • UZSNQG-15-3 Victims and Victimology • UZSSJQ-30-3 Digital Media & Society • UZSNQP-30-3 Childhood Disorder, Disordered Childhood <p>wef Sept 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UZSY5T-30-3 Criminology Project • UZSY5L-30-3 Criminology Placement 	<p>Awards:</p> <p>BA (Hons) Criminology and Law 360 credits at the appropriate level</p> <p>BA Criminology and Law 300 credits at the appropriate level</p>

Part 5: Entry Requirements

The University's Standard Entry Requirements apply

Tariff points as appropriate for the year of entry - up to date requirements are available through the [courses database](#).

Part 6: Reference Points and Benchmarks[QAA UK Quality Code for HE](#)

- Framework for higher education qualifications (FHEQ)
- Subject benchmark statements

[Strategy 2020](#)[University policies](#)

Law Benchmarks 2007 ISBN 978 184482765-5; the QAA subject benchmark statement for Criminology ISBN 978 1 84482 679 7; Professional Joint Academic Stage Board Requirements; plus the following University and Faculty strategies and policies:

Faculty strategies and policies:

- Blended Learning Framework
- Curriculum Principles
- Employability Strategy
- Faculty of Business and Law LTA Strategy

Staff research projects

- Where ever possible staff are encouraged to utilize their research – and that of colleagues – to inform their teaching, both in terms of content and pedagogic approach

Employer interaction and feedback

- Employers and alumni are regularly consulted to ensure the currency and relevance of the programme

The Criminology benchmarks have informed the curricular content of the programme from the start. The spine of the programme is therefore in conformity with the benchmarks. These were consulted during the planning process and at each stage of the development of the programme. They are embedded in the educational aims and learning outcomes (cognitive, subject, professional and transferable) of the compulsory elements.

Please note: Criminology awards differ (mainly in terms of tone and options) depending on where they are located in their institution (i.e., Sociology, Law, Psychology, etc) the current programme adheres to the core provision of similar criminology degrees and the subject benchmarks. Therefore meaning that it is appropriate and comparable.

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