

Programme Specification

CRM-2024: Criminology and Criminal Justice

LU Certificate of Higher Education awarded by Lancaster University (FHEQ Level 4)

LU Foundation Degree in Arts awarded by Lancaster University (FHEQ Level 5)

LU Bachelor of Arts with Honours (Top-up) awarded by Lancaster University (FHEQ Level 6)

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Introduction

This programme specification provides a summary of the main features of the Criminology and Criminal Justice programme and includes the learning outcomes that you as a student are expected to have achieved on successful completion of the programme.

Further detailed information related to this programme and the College can be found in the following resources:

- Programme Handbook
- B&FC Admissions Policy
- Work based and placement learning handbook (for foundation degrees)
- Student guide to assessment and feedback

When undertaken as part of a Degree Apprenticeship additional information is available in the following resources:

- The Programme Delivery Plan
- The End Point Assessment Guide
- B&FC Mentor Guide
- B&FC Apprenticeship Strategy

Key Programme Information

Programme Code	CRM-2024
Programme Title	Criminology and Criminal Justice
Teaching Institution	Blackpool and The Fylde College
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body (PSRB) Accreditation	None
UCAS Code	TBC
Language of Study	English
Version	1
Approval Status	Approved
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Programme Awards

Award	Award Type	Level	Awarding Body
LU Certificate of Higher Education	Level 4 Target Award (120 credits)	Level 4	Lancaster University
LU Foundation Degree in Arts	Foundation Degree (240 credits)	Level 5	Lancaster University
LU Bachelor of Arts with Honours (Top-up)	Honours Top-up Degree (120 credits)	Level 6	Lancaster University

Programme Overview

Our Criminology and Criminal Justice programme will take you on a fascinating journey focusing on the study of crime, the people behind violent and criminal behaviors and the impact it has on individuals and communities. If you have an interest in this deeply complex area of study, our programme will put you on the path to a well-paid career in the criminal justice system. Our programme brings together disciplines such as sociology, psychology, law, politics and

philosophy to provide an understanding of the ever-changing nature and extent of the crime 'problem' from a local, national and global perspective. Practitioners and industry experts from a range of multidisciplinary agencies will provide insights into real life challenges of the justice and penal system. Depending on your choice of career pathway, the Criminology and Criminal Justice programme is designed to prepare you for postgraduate life, whether as a practitioner in the criminal justice field, an academic researcher or criminal justice policy maker.

Alternatively, if you are uncertain about the commitment of a 2 year foundation degree but are interested in developing your knowledge in this area, a Certificate in Higher Education in Criminology and Criminal Justice (TargetCertHE) is another fantastic option for you to start your learning journey. A CertHE qualification is equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree. Once completed, you will have the option to join the Level 5 (second year) of the Criminology and Criminal Justice degree programme. As a qualification, your Target CertHE will prepare you for employment with valuable insights into the Criminal Justice System, as well as transferrable digital and analytical skills.

Admission Criteria

These are our typical admission requirements:

Ideally students should have a minimum of 96 UCAS points in an appropriate discipline and GCSE English Language grade C/4 or above (We also accept Level 2 Functional skills). However, if you are a non-traditional student, who has not followed the traditional routes to higher education, we can consider your application on a case by case basis. If you have relevant work experience or can demonstrate a passion and understanding of the field of Criminology and Criminal Justice then we may be able to offer you a place.

Career Options and Progression Opportunities

A degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice can put you on an exciting and fulfilling career path that opens doors to a diverse range of stimulating opportunities. Armed with a deep understanding of the causes and consequences of crime, you will be well positioned to contribute and make a big impact to criminal justice, law enforcement and social policy and practices. As a Criminology graduate here is an exhilarating career trajectory that you might pursue:

Criminal Justice system (Probation, Police, Probation)

Government and civil services jobs

Educational institutions

NGOs (non- governmental organisations)

Home Office

Youth Offending institutions

NHS

Postgraduate routes

A range of conversion courses such as Law, Psychology, and Social Work to continue and develop your skills in specific areas and forge a successful career.

Other studies such a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) or a Masters in a related field such as MA Criminology and social Policy, MSc Criminology and Psychology are also

possible options for you to pursue after your undergraduate study.

Programme Aims

Certificate of HE

- To provide students with the opportunity to explore criminological issues, debates and problems through engagement with theoretical perspectives, research and criminal justice policy and practice.
- To provide students with a knowledge and appreciation of the social, cultural, economic, political, historical and geographical contexts in which crime, victimisation and criminal justice are located.
- To provide students with the necessary cognitive and professional skills and literacies to enhance employability and develop reflective practice.

Foundation Degree

- To provide students with the opportunity to explore criminological issues, debates and problems through engagement with theoretical perspectives, research and criminal justice policy and practice.
- To provide a programme of study which enables students to link and integrate theoretical perspectives and research in vocational contexts.
- To provide students with a knowledge and appreciation of the social, cultural, economic, political, historical and geographical contexts in which crime, victimisation and criminal justice are located.
- To provide students with the necessary cognitive and professional skills and literacies to enhance employability and develop reflective practice.

BA (Hons) Top-up

- To further and extend knowledge of critical criminological theories and concepts.
- To further develop research skills and apply them to the investigation of substantive topics in crime, victimisation and criminal justice.
- To develop an appreciation and understanding of changing forms and patterns of criminality in a globalising world.
- To synthesise and critically evaluate a range of criminological theories, perspectives, concepts, ideas and arguments.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Level 4

Upon successful completion of this level, students will be able to:

1. Discuss the ways in which crime and control are constructed and the contested nature of criminological inquiry.
2. Describe and examine a range of key concepts and theoretical approaches within criminology and discuss their contribution to the explanation of criminal behaviour and its definition.
3. Explain criminological arguments, integrating relevant issues from current problems in crime and justice and their relationship to criminological theory.
4. Apply criminological knowledges to academic and professional audiences in a variety of academic formats.
5. Generate clear, logical, criminological information using academic and digital literacies and present these in a variety of academic and professional formats.

Level 5

Upon successful completion of this level, students will be able to:

6. Appraise the social and political context within which criminological theories have emerged.

7. Evaluate the application of criminological theories and perspectives to current problems in crime, victimisation and justice.
8. Assess the values, practices and processes of governance of key criminal justice agencies which administer responses to crime and deviance.
9. Apply critical criminological knowledge to practitioner fields and develop practical and professional skills.
10. Summarise, utilise and evaluate key theories, perspectives and concepts in criminology.

Level 6

Upon successful completion of this level, students will be able to:

11. Critically analyse, and synthesize arguments, concepts, ideas and perspectives from a range of criminological sources.
12. Apply a critical approach to social scientific research and practitioner fields, using a range of methodologies and analytical techniques.
13. Produce clear, logical and theoretically grounded arguments to critically interrogate and contextualise current problems in crime, victimisation and justice.
14. Critically apply quantitative and qualitative research methods recognising the ethical implications of research in the collection, analysis, interpretation and evaluation of different types of evidence used in criminology.
15. Critically apply conceptions of human rights in order to evaluate social and environmental harms.
16. Critically analyse changing forms and patterns of criminality in a globalising world.

Programme Structure

Module	Level	Credits	%	Category	Description	Length/Word Count	Grading Method
Stage 1							
CRM401: Becoming a Criminologist (Mandatory)	4	20	30%	Coursework: Literature Review	n/a	1000	Letter Grade
			70%	Coursework: Other	Creative auto-ethnographical writing	1500	Letter Grade
CRM402: Introduction to Criminological Theory (Mandatory)	4	20	50%	Coursework: Essay	n/a	2500	Letter Grade
			50%	Coursework: Other	Online Controlled Assessment	7	Letter Grade
CRM403: Psychology of Crime (Mandatory)	4	20	30%	Coursework: Report	A 1,500-word case study report (30%)	1500	Letter Grade
			70%	Coursework: Essay	A 2,500 word assignment (70%).	2500	Letter Grade
CRM404: Imprisonment and Rehabilitation (Mandatory)	4	20	30%	Practical: Presentation	A presentation based on a case study will be assessed. A 1500 word script will also be submitted.	1500	Letter Grade
			70%	Coursework: Assignment	A 2,500 word assignment	2500	Letter Grade
CRM405: Introduction to Criminal Justice (Mandatory)	4	20	100%	Coursework: Essay	n/a	3000	Letter Grade
CRM406: Criminology in Action (Mandatory)	4	20	25%	Coursework: Report	n/a	1500	Letter Grade
			75%	Coursework: Essay	n/a	10	Letter Grade
Stage 2							
CRM501: Work Experience - Criminology into Practice (Mandatory)	5	20	70%	Coursework: Report	n/a	3500	Letter Grade
			30%	Practical: Presentation	n/a	15	Letter Grade
CRM502: Critical Criminological Theory - Social Divisions and Social Justice (Mandatory)	5	20	30%	Coursework: Critical Review	n/a	1500	Letter Grade
			70%	Coursework: Essay	n/a	2500	Letter Grade
CRM503: Researching Crime and Justice (Mandatory)	5	20	80%	Coursework: Project	n/a	3000	Letter Grade
			20%	Practical: Presentation	Academic Poster Presentation	10	Letter Grade
CRM504: Psychology in the Criminal Justice System (Mandatory)	5	20	50%	Coursework: Assignment	A 2,500 word assignment	2500	Letter Grade
			50%	Practical: Presentation	A digital presentation via YouTube or similar	15	Letter Grade

CRM505: Crime, Media, Culture and the City (Mandatory)	5	20	30%	Coursework: Case Study	Ethnographic Case Study	1500	Letter Grade
			70%	Coursework: Essay	n/a	2500	Letter Grade
CRM506: Criminology and International Human Rights (Mandatory)	5	20	40%	Coursework: Report	n/a	1500	Letter Grade
			60%	Coursework: Essay	n/a	2500	Letter Grade
Stage 3							
CRM601: Dissertation (Mandatory)	6	40	100%	Coursework: Dissertation	n/a	10000	Letter Grade
CRM602: Crimes and Harms of the Powerful (Mandatory)	6	20	30%	Coursework: Case Study	n/a	1500	Letter Grade
			70%	Coursework: Essay	n/a	2500	Letter Grade
CRM603: Psychology of Security and Terrorism (Mandatory)	6	20	50%	Practical: Presentation	Podcast	15	Letter Grade
			50%	Coursework: Report	n/a	2500	Letter Grade
CRM604: Punishment, Justice and Control (Mandatory)	6	20	70%	Coursework: Essay	n/a	3000	Letter Grade
			30%	Practical: Presentation	n/a	15	Letter Grade
CRM605: Global Crime, Harm and Disorder (Mandatory)	6	20	30%	Coursework: Essay	n/a	2500	Letter Grade
			70%	Coursework: Other	Online Controlled Assessment (7 days)	0	Letter Grade

Study Workload

Embark on an exciting and stimulating academic journey in Criminology. At Levels 4&5 prepare yourselves for an engaging workload over two days of dynamic lectures, interactive seminars, thought-provoking research investigations and personalised one to one tutorial. Level 6, the BA Top-up offers a full day of lectures, refining your analytical skills and engaging with contemporary research. You will be guided and supported by a team of experts in their field to help you leave with skills ready for employment or further study.

Programme Delivery: Learning and Teaching

The examination and exploration of criminology and criminal justice involves the study and application of a range of theories used to understand what is a complex and multi-faceted area of investigation. The ever-evolving and transforming discipline of criminology is an engaging, stimulating and immersive experience which will challenge and change your understanding of the world of crime and criminal justice. All lectures and seminars will be delivered face-to-face, with small class sizes providing a unique and supportive higher education experience. The field of criminology and criminal justice consists of a wide range of approaches and the programme will prepare you for employment in the criminal justice sector; further study and criminological research; and involvement in developing and shaping current and future criminal justice policy and practice.

You will be involved in collaborative learning debates and discussions on contemporary issues in criminal justice and wider society. You will participate in interactive case studies using multimedia resources that explore and examine national and international criminal cases, closely examining the ideas and arguments of academic experts and the experiences of criminal justice practitioners. With the use of our newly installed 360 Augmented Reality Igloo, real life crime and criminal justice scenarios will be brought to life in the classroom, in order to augment, support, enrich and complement material from lecture and seminar sessions and provide tangible connections between theory, research, policy and practice. In addition to this, you will also be taking part in work-based experience which will enable you to apply your criminological knowledge and understanding to an appreciation of the nature and scope of multiagency working in the criminal justice system.

Guest speakers from the criminal justice sector will bring first-hand practitioner experiences into the classroom, providing valuable insights into the skills and attributes related to successful professional practice. Prison Officers will provide knowledge and insight into their experiences of managing offenders; Probation Officers will share stories related to the rigors and demands of offender management; previous offenders will provide insights into their experience of criminal justice processes. You will also be provided with the opportunity to take part in field trips to the courts and local prisons. All the above approaches are designed to provide a holistic knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the criminal justice field.

Programme Delivery: Assessment

No Exams!! You heard that right. We've set ourselves apart by designing innovative, stimulating, and engaging assessments which focus on real life scenarios. From delivering podcasts and presentations, to collecting real data for research using contemporary online digital platforms and technology, your assessments will provide the bridge to fill the gap between theory and practice. This will give you the opportunity to investigate, explore and deepen your understanding of all the exciting intersections of Criminology. Our assessments are dynamic and immersive to prepare you for the complexities of real world working in the criminal justice system.

Programme Delivery: Work Based and Placement Learning

Work placement opportunities will not just empower you to translate academic knowledge into the real world but it will also look impressive on your CV. Our course team will assist you in finding relevant work experience so that you can learn about the criminal justice system on a practical level and become familiar with the nuances and complexities of ethical, legal, and practical procedures. This will help you to work more flexibly, reflectively, and collaboratively with a range of people in varied situations. Typical work experience may include working with victims, ex-offenders and criminal justice practitioners, providing the realities of the criminal justice landscape. This experience will help to propel you into the professional world with confidence and an enriched skills set providing you with a competitive edge.

Programme Delivery: Graduate Skill Development

Graduate skills are embedded within the degree for a smooth transition into industry and so you can be ready for employment.

- A commitment to lifelong learning and career development

Learning is a continuous process, so we will providing opportunities for professional training, workshops, and industry related conferences to ensure we are responsive and evolving with the latest trends in Criminology.

- Collaborative teamwork and leadership skills

Work experience and research projects in collaboration with industry practitioners within the criminal justice system will provide opportunities for you to analyse, respond and reflect on challenges in the real world. Leadership opportunities within these experiences can help you develop teamwork, problem solving skills, resilience, and organisational skills.

- Personal and intellectual autonomy

You will be supported to complete a research project in Criminology of your own area of interest. This will place a heavy emphasis on independent thinking and personal autonomy to provide you with the space for exploration of the topic.

- Ethical, social and professional understanding

You will research and understand the ethical dilemmas faced in the criminal justice system with regards to the right of offenders/ victims and also doing criminological research.

- Communication, information and digital literacies

These skills will be encouraged and developed through written assignments, presentations, and immersive technologies. The ability to communicate and represent ideas will be developed throughout the course.

- Global Citizenship

Throughout the course you will be engaging in deepening and exploring international perspectives on crime, justice and international human rights. You will be researching various topics using various international research, analysing global crime issues and participating in cross cultural discussions.

- Research, scholarship and enquiry skills

The curriculum is designed to progressively build research skills, starting with research methodologies, designing and conducting primary research and advancing on to independent large scale dissertation research. This is to encourage a scholarly approach to your studies.

- Enterprise and entrepreneurial awareness and capabilities

Students will be introduced to the practical applications of criminology and looking at ways in which to apply for government funding streams and provide applications for a research rationale to access a funding bid for projects which may be useful and applied to the criminal justice system.

- The ability to solve complex and unforeseen problems with creativity and imagination.

You will be involved in proposing innovative solutions to various challenges in the criminal justice system particularly through work experience and independent research tasks. This will develop creativity and critical thinking as well as understanding complex issues.

Study Costs: Equipment Requirements

Resources required to study on the programme are largely provided by the College. However, you are strongly encouraged to purchase a laptop to access the college systems remotely for resources and lesson information and completing assessments. It is recommended you bring your device with to sessions to make notes and complete in class research tasks. You are also encouraged to purchase an introductory textbook in Criminology, in support of your studies, although this is available online.

Study Costs: Additional Costs

As part of the programme, you are strongly recommended to attend external events, aimed at developing your knowledge, understanding and appreciation of course material, develop practical skills and embed theoretical concepts. There will also be the opportunity to attend criminology and criminal justice conferences involving criminal justice practitioners, policy-makers and academic researchers. Costs may be incurred to cover transport, accommodation and food. Travel for local trips is paid for by the college. Though most of the course material is available online, there may be additional costs to consider, such as printing and photocopying of course material.

Related Courses

Students can progress on to the following at Blackpool and The Fylde College:

Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE).

In addition to this, student have the opportunity to progress on to a variety of postgraduate studies in areas including:

Criminology

International politics

Human rights and Terrorism

Social work and sociology

Criminal investigation and Intelligence