

Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	School of Social, Historical and Political Studies		
Course Code(s):	CJ001K23UV	Sandwich	4 Years
UCAS Code:	MM93		
Course Title:	BA (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice with Sandwich Placement		
Hierarchy of Awards:	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Criminology and Criminal Justice, having satisfactorily completed a sandwich placement Bachelor of Arts with Honours Criminology and Criminal Justice, having satisfactorily completed a sandwich placement Bachelor of Arts Criminology and Criminal Justice, having satisfactorily completed a sandwich placement Criminology and Criminal Justice, having satisfactorily completed a sandwich placement Criminology and Criminal Justice, having satisfactorily completed a sandwich placement University Statement of Credit		
Language of Study:	English		
Date of DAG approval:	05/Oct/2015		
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Academic Staff

Course Leader:	Dr Kate Williams
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Course Information

Location of Delivery:	University of Wolverhampton
Category of Partnership:	Not delivered in partnership
Teaching Institution:	University of Wolverhampton
Open / Closed Course:	This course is open to all suitably qualified candidates.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are subject to regular review. The entry requirements applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website (and externally as appropriate e.g. UCAS

A levels BBC-CCC

BTEC QCF Extended Diploma MMM

BTEC QCF Diploma DD

Access to HE Diploma full award (Pass of 60 credits - of which a minimum of 45 credits must be at level 3 including 18 at Merit or Distinction).

International student language requirements and application guidance can be found at www.wlv.ac.uk/international/apply

Distinctive Features of the Course:

- Graduates will have in-depth knowledge and understanding of crime and its consequences, both theoretical and applied.
- Students will be taught by skilled staff committed to high quality teaching and who are research-active.
- Our research-led teaching ensures that you will be learning about the latest debates in policy and practice.
- The opportunity to undertake a practical placement and to undertake practical research for a relevant organisation is available at each level of the degree.

A placement can be undertaken anywhere; local, national or even, in some instances, international. During a placement, you will be doing similar work to a normal employee of the organisation giving you a unique insight into your chosen profession or sector, the opportunity to acquire crucial personal skills and also the opportunity to build a network of useful contacts. Many companies that employ graduates use placement programmes as a method of recruitment so you could be fast tracked into employment or onto one of their graduate schemes if you impress them.

The team at [The Workplace](#) constantly search for new placement opportunities but if you find an opportunity that interests you or you have been successful in securing one yourself, contact them for further information and support.

Educational Aims of the Course:

Criminology and criminal justice is the study of how crime is defined, why some people commit crime and what happens when they do. It is also the study of the police, the courts and penal system, as well as the prevention and deterrence of criminal behaviour.

Crime and its impact are at the forefront of current political and social debate.

A degree in criminology and criminal justice enables you to explore the reality behind the newspaper headlines on crime and examine a topic which is relevant, topical and has real, practical application in

contemporary society.

During your course you will study criminological theories and gain an understanding of the policies and practices within the criminal justice system in England and Wales. You will study a wide range of topics covering the legal and sociological issues of criminology and criminal justice, including, the operation of the criminal courts through punishment and sentencing policing of society as well as social inequalities and the law.

You have the opportunity to undertake a research project on behalf of a relevant statutory or voluntary agency or you can undertake a piece of individual research on an area of criminology or criminal justice that particularly interests you. This course is also suitable if you are currently working in a related profession and want to enhance your existing knowledge and skills.

Students who graduate from the BA (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice course will have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of crime and its consequences, both theoretical and applied. Subject specific skills, such as knowledge of the social processes of crime and the criminal justice system, will be complemented by the type of transferable skills that are highly valued by employers in the graduate job market, including the ability to present and develop a cohesive argument, IT skills, research and problem-solving skills, communication skills and working as part of a team.

Intakes:

September

Major Source of Funding:

Office for Students (OFS)

Tuition Fees:

Tuition fees are reviewed on an annual basis. The fees applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website.

Year	Status	Mode	Amount
2020/1	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2020/1	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12250.00
2021/2	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2021/2	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12950.00
2022/3	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2022/3	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£13450.00

PSRB:

None

Course Structure:

Continuing students will follow the programme indicated below:

September (Sandwich)

Part time students study alongside full time students. However, they do not study more than 80 credits in each academic calendar year.

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
5CJ002	Framing the Criminological World	20	SEM1	Core
5SL009	Research methods	20	SEM2	Core
5CJ003	Police and Society	20	SEM2	Core

Group 05 | Min Value: 40 | Max Value: 40

5CJ006	Punishment and Society in England and Wales since 1718	20	SEM1	
5SL001	Racism, Diversity and Difference	20	SEM1	
5LW002	Criminal Law	20	SEM1	

Group 01 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 20

5CJ011	Environmental Crime	20	SEM2	
5SL008	Volunteering in Action	20	SEM2	
5LW004	Advanced Criminal Law	20	SEM2	

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
5LW022	Supervised Placement Year	40	YEAR	Core

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
6CJ018	Independent Project Module	40	YEAR	Core

Group 02 | Min Value: 40 | Max Value: 40

6CJ011	Serious and Organised Crime	20	SEM1	
6CJ006	Controlling Crime	20	SEM1	
6CJ015	Rehabilitation of Offenders and Desistance	20	SEM1	
6LW057	Protest Law	20	SEM1	

Group 01 | Min Value: 40 | Max Value: 40

6CJ017	Modern Punishment	20	SEM2	
6CJ005	Contemporary Issues in Criminology	20	SEM2	
6CJ014	Youth Crime and Youth Justice	20	SEM2	

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
6SL012	Qualitative Research Methods	20	SEM1	Core

Group 01 | Min Value: 40 | Max Value: 40

6CJ002	Prisons and Prisoners	20	SEM2	
6CJ005	Contemporary Issues in Criminology	20	SEM2	
6CJ014	Youth Crime and Youth Justice	20	SEM2	

Group 01 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 20

6CJ011	Serious and Organised Crime	20	SEM1	
6CJ015	Rehabilitation of Offenders and Desistance	20	SEM1	
6CJ006	Controlling Crime	20	SEM1	Core
6CJ007	Criminology and Criminal Justice Project	20	SEM2	Core

Please note: Optional modules might not run every year, the course team will decide on an annual basis which options will be running, based on student demand and academic factors, to create the best learning experience.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Academic Regulations Exemption:

Reference Points:

- QAA Benchmark statements for Criminology and Law
- QAA Code of Practice for Placements
- Framework for Higher Education Qualifications
- Equality Act (2010)

Overview of Assessment:

As part of the course approval process, the course learning outcomes were mapped to each of the modules forming the diet of the programme of study. This process confirmed that all course learning outcomes can be met through successful completion of the modules. This mapping applies to the final award as well as to all of the intermediate awards.

Learning Outcomes	Modules
BHONS01 "Demonstrate knowledge of the underlying concepts and principles associated with your area(s) of study, and an ability to evaluate and interpret these within the	

context of that area of study"

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Modules

BHONS02 "Demonstrate an ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data, in order to develop lines of argument and make sound judgements in accordance with basic theories and concepts of your subject(s) of study."

BHONS03 Evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems related to your area(s) of study and/or work

BHONS04 "Communicate the results of your study/work accurately and reliably, and with structured and coherent arguments"

BHONS05 Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of some personal responsibility

BHONS01 "Demonstrate knowledge, understanding and skills appropriate to graduate employment and specifically to employment within the criminal justice system and related areas "

BHONS02 "Demonstrate understanding of the key concepts and theoretical approaches that have developed and are developing in relation to crime, responses to crime and the practices of the criminal justice system."

BHONS03 Demonstrate critical and reflective approach to criminological theory and the practices of the criminal justice system

BHONS04 "Demonstrate broad range of transferable skills, both personal and academic, enabling the individual to maximise graduate employment opportunities"

BHONS05 Demonstrate ability to undertake research using relevant research methodologies and communicate findings appropriately.

BHONS01 "Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the well-established principles of your area(s) of study, and of the way in which those principles have developed with an understanding of the limits of your knowledge, and how this influences analyses and interpretations based on that knowledge."

BHONS02 "Demonstrate the ability to apply underlying concepts and principles outside the context in which they were first studied, including, where appropriate, the application of those principles in an employment context"

BHONS03 "Demonstrate knowledge of the main methods of enquiry in the subject(s) relevant to the named award, and ability to evaluate critically the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems in the field of study"

BHONS04 "Use a range of established techniques to initiate and undertake critical analysis of information, and to propose solutions to problems arising from that analysis"

BHONS05 "Effectively communicate information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms to specialist and non-specialist audiences, and deploy key techniques of the discipline effectively"

BHONS06 "Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment, requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and decision-making and undertake further

training, developing existing skills and acquire new competences that will enable them to assume significant responsibility within organisations."

Modules

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BHONSN05 Demonstrate ability to undertake research using relevant research methodologies and communicate findings appropriately.

Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

There will be a variety of learning activities which will support the student's achievement of the course learning outcomes, including

- seminars
- lectures
- interactive lectures
- tutorials
- small and large group work
- student presentations
- community-based learning through placements
- case studies
- videos and DVDs
- research activities
- independent and guided study
- collaborative and individual on-line activities
- discussion forms
- The on-line activities support students' digital literacy.
- Group and individual tasks, student presentations and seminar work will support students' enterprising ideas.
- The international perspectives taken in many modules and in learning tasks will support students' global citizenship
- There will be one to one support where required in particular for the work placement modules and the research project in level 3.

Assessment Methods:

At the University of Wolverhampton, a variety of modes of assessment will be used to support and test your learning and progress and to help you develop capabilities that are valued beyond your University studies and into your working life. Your course may include a variety of assessment activities:

Written examinations (including online examinations, open and closed book examinations and quizzes)
Coursework (for example, essays, reports, portfolios, project proposals and briefs, CVs, poster presentation)

Practical (for example, oral and video presentations, laboratory work, performances, practical skills assessment)

In the final year of your undergraduate degree, and at the end of your postgraduate degree, you are likely to be expected to write an extended piece of work or research, such as a dissertation or a practice-based piece of research.

Student Support:

SSHIPs has a well resourced Academic Support Centre. The development of academic skills is at the heart of this course with academic study skills embedded in core level 4 modules and the opportunity to take a specialist level 4 module in academic study skills; the development of study skills enables students to complete the course successfully.

E-advice, one to one consultation appointments are available as are workshops as well as re sit sessions. Where appropriate online activities will support learning.

Support for the development of academic skills is also embedded in the core level 5 module in Quantitative Research Methods.

Students will receive feedback informally throughout the modules and formally through written feedback (electronically where appropriate) for their formative and summative assignments. This feedback will be constructive and indicate to students how to progress in the learning.

Students will be supported through their final year academic project or Community Link project by an allocated academic supervisor.

All students will have a personal tutor to support their progress throughout their course.

The University's Student Enabling Centre provides a wide range of support for students with varying disabilities.

There is a Directorate of Academic Support available to advise on academic study skills.

Employability in the Curriculum:

Recent graduates are working in a variety of Criminal Justice Agencies including the police service and the National Probation Service, others are employed in related fields such as trading standards, customs and excise and social work. However not everyone wants to work within criminal justice when they have completed their undergraduate course.

This degree develops skills which are appropriate to a range of careers from the civil service to various management roles. All courses provide the academic background and scholarship necessary for postgraduate study at both Master's and Doctoral level.

The completion of a Sandwich Year will enable you to gain valuable hands on experience in a relevant work environment. This will not only provide additional practical subject skills but it will also develop personal transferable skills such as communication skills, problem solving skills and demonstrate competency in working with other people. This will increase your employability and assist you in gaining employment in the future.

