

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):	CJ002J01UV	Full-time	3 Years
	CJ002J31UV	Part-time	6 Years
Course Title:	BA (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice and Law		
Hierarchy of Awards:	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Criminology and Criminal Justice and Law Bachelor of Arts Criminology and Criminal Justice and Law Diploma of Higher Education Criminology and Criminal Justice and Law Certificate of Higher Education Criminology and Criminal Justice and Law University Statement of Credit University Statement of Credit		
Language of Study:	English		
Date of DAG approval:	19/May/2017		
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Course Specification valid from:			
Course Specification valid to:	2027/8		

Academic Staff

Course Leader:	Dr Kate Williams
Head of Department:	Dr Clare Williams Ms M. Walsh

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)

Typical entry requirement: 96 UCAS points

- A Levels - grades CCC / BCD
- BTEC L3 Extended Diploma or OCR Cambridge L3 Technical Extended Diploma - grades MMM
- BTEC L3 Diploma - grades DD
- Access to HE Diploma: 45 L3 credits at Merit

Use the [UCAS Tariff calculator](#) to check your qualifications and points

- If you've got other qualifications or relevant experience, please contact [The Gateway](#) for further advice before applying.
- International entry requirements and application guidance can be found at <http://www.wlv.ac.uk/international/apply>
- Successful completion of the [International Foundation Year in Social Sciences](#) guarantees entry on to this course

Other Requirements

Students must usually have studied for a minimum of two years post GCSE level. However, we will consider applications from mature students who do not have two years of post-16 study, where they have relevant work experience. Please see <http://wlv.ac.uk/mature> for further information.

English Language requirements are normally IELTS 6.0 equivalent with a minimum of 5.5 in each area (unless otherwise stated) or equivalent accepted qualification <https://www.wlv.ac.uk/international/international-academy/english-at-the-international-academy/language-entry-requirements/>

We accept the Wolverhampton English Proficiency Exam (WEPE), our own exam for candidates. Please see <https://www.wlv.ac.uk/international/international-academy/english-at-the-international-academy/english-language-pathway-courses/wolverhampton-english-proficiency-examination-we/>

If you do not have the level of English required, you can also do our Pre-sessional. See <https://www.wlv.ac.uk/international/international-academy/english-at-the-international-academy/english-language-pathway-courses/english-language-pre-sessional-courses/>

Distinctive Features of the Course:

Do you want to learn more about crime and the world of criminal justice? Our graduates gain an in-depth knowledge and understanding of various areas of criminal justice and criminology, both theoretical and applied.

You will learn about a range of topics from the criminal justice system and how it functions, the causes and

consequences of crime, victimology, rehabilitation, the history of crime and punishment. By combining with law you will also gain experience in key areas of criminal law, housing law and refugee law. With pathways related to specific topics (for example, probation) you can tailor what you study to your own interests and desired career.

With teaching developed and delivered by research-led staff you can be sure you are learning about the latest research and debates in policy and practice. Teaching and assessment are facilitated through various approaches to provide something for everyone.

At every level of your degree, you will have the opportunity to undertake volunteering with a relevant organisation to further your experience within the field and develop your transferable skills. Even if you choose not to do this, there is still an emphasis on employability at every level.

Educational Aims of the Course:

Crime and its impact are at the forefront of current political and social debate. A degree in criminology and criminal justice with law 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. You will also cover a number of key law subject areas which link to the criminology side of your course. 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 and policing of society. You will also cover a range of areas of law which are of specific relevance to this field of study. 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 in law and criminology or criminal justice that particularly interests you. Students who graduate from the BA Criminology, Criminal Justice and Law course will have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of crime and its consequences, both theoretical and applied. In addition, they will have a clear grasp of a number of specific legal subjects.

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
2020/1	H	Part Time	£3050.00
2020/1	Overseas	Part Time	£6125.00
2021/2	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2021/2	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12950.00
2021/2	H	Part Time	£3100.00
2022/3	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2022/3	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£13450.00
2022/3	H	Part Time	£3120.00

PSRB:

None

Course Structure:

Continuing students will follow the programme indicated below:

January (Full-time)

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
4CJ003	Thinking About Crime	20	SEM1	Core
4LW022	English Legal System and Principles of Professional Conduct	20	SEM1	Core

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

4SA015	Citizenship and Social Inequalities	20	SEM1
4SL005	The Sociological Imagination	20	SEM1

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
5SL007	Doing Quantitative Research	20	SEM2	Core

Group 02 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 20

5CJ009	Victims and Offenders	20	SEM2	
5SL008	Volunteering in Action	20	SEM2	
5LW016	Housing and Welfare Law	20	SEM2	

5LW004	Advanced Criminal Law	20	SEM2	Core
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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
5LW002	Criminal Law	20	SEM1	Core
5CJ002	Framing the Criminological World	20	SEM1	Core

Group 03 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 20

5LW027	Criminal Litigation and Practice	20	SEM1	
5LW008	Alternative Dispute Resolution Law and Skills	20	SEM1	

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Group 01 Min Value: 20 Max Value: 20				
6CJ014	Youth Crime and Youth Justice	20	SEM2	
6CJ005	Contemporary Issues in Criminology	20	SEM2	
6CJ002	Prisons and Prisoners	20	SEM2	

Group 02 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 20

6LW042	Law of Criminal Evidence	20	SEM2	
6LW048	Nationality, International Migration and Refugee Law	20	SEM2	

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

6CJ007	Criminology and Criminal Justice Project	20	SEM2	
6LW002	Research Methods and Project	20	SEM2	

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Group 01 Min Value: 20 Max Value: 20				
6LW005	Employment Law	20	SEM1	
6CJ006	Controlling Crime	20	SEM1	

Group 02 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 20

6CJ011	Serious and Organised Crime	20	SEM1	
6CJ015	Rehabilitation of Offenders and Desistance	20	SEM1	
6LW034	Internet Law	20	SEM1	Core

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Group 01 Min Value: 20 Max Value: 20				
6LW004	Law of the European Union	20	SEM1	
6LW005	Employment Law	20	SEM1	

Group 02 | 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

September (Full-time)

Students must choose three Law modules and three Criminal Justice modules at each level of study.

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
Group 02 Min Value: 20 Max Value: 20				
4CJ006	Victimology	20	SEM2	
4SA014	Advocacy in Action	20	SEM2	

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

4CJ005	Human Rights in Criminal Justice	20	SEM2	
4LW023	Constitutional and Administrative Law	20	SEM2	
4CJ003	Thinking About Crime	20	SEM1	Core
4LW022	English Legal System and Principles of Professional Conduct	20	SEM1	Core
4LW005	Law of Torts	20	SEM2	Core
4CJ002	Working in the Criminal Justice System	20	SEM1	Core

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5CJ002	Framing the Criminological World	20	SEM1	Core

Group 03 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 20

5LW008	Alternative Dispute Resolution Law and Skills	20	SEM1	
5LW027	Criminal Litigation and Practice	20	SEM1	

Group 02 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 20

5CJ003	Police and Society	20	SEM2	
5CJ011	Environmental Crime	20	SEM2	
5SL008	Volunteering in Action	20	SEM2	
5SL009	Research methods	20	SEM2	Core

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

5LW016	Housing and Welfare Law	20	SEM2	
5LW029	Family and Child Law	20	SEM2	
5LW004	Advanced Criminal Law	20	SEM2	

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6LW034	Internet Law	20	SEM1	Core

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

6CJ011	Serious and Organised Crime	20	SEM1	
6CJ015	Rehabilitation of Offenders and Desistance	20	SEM1	

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

Select 6CJ006 in semester 1 if you choose 6LW002 in semester 2.
 Select 6LW005 in semester 1 if you choose 6CJ007 in semester 2.

6LW005	Employment Law	20	SEM1	
6CJ006	Controlling Crime	20	SEM1	

Group 02 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 20

Select 6LW002 in semester 2 if you select 6CJ006 in semester 1.
 Select 6CJ007 in semester 2 if you select 6LW005 in semester 1.

6LW002	Research Methods and Project	20	SEM2	
6CJ007	Criminology and Criminal Justice Project	20	SEM2	

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

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

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

6LW048	Nationality, International Migration and Refugee Law	20	SEM2	
6LW042	Law of Criminal Evidence	20	SEM2	

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6CJ011	Serious and Organised Crime	20	SEM1	
6CJ015	Rehabilitation of Offenders and Desistance	20	SEM1	

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

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

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6LW034	Internet Law	20	SEM2	
6LW048	Nationality, International Migration and Refugee Law	20	SEM2	

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6LW002	Research Methods and Project	20	SEM2	

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6CJ006	Controlling Crime	20	SEM1	

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:

[UK Quality Code for Higher Education](#)

[Qualifications and Credit Frameworks](#)

[Subject Benchmark Statements](#)

[University Policies and Regulations](#)

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
CERTHE01 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.	
CERTHE02 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.	
CERTHE03 Evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems related to your area(s) of study and/or work.	
CERTHE04 Communicate the results of your study/work accurately and reliably, and with structured and coherent arguments.	
CERTHE05 Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of some personal responsibility.	
DIPHE01 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.	
DIPHE02 Demonstrate the ability to apply underlying	

Learning Outcomes
concepts and principles outside the context in which they were first studied, including, where appropriate, the application of those principles in an employment context.

Modules

DIPHE03 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.

DIPHE04 Use a range of established techniques to initiate and undertake critical analysis of information, and to propose solutions to problems arising from that analysis.

DIPHE05 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.

DIPHE06 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.

BHONSN01 Critically evaluate the fundamental concepts, principles, theories and procedures of law and criminology and an understanding of how they operate.

BHONSN02 Critically evaluate problem situations and provide innovative solutions to unresolved debates demonstrated over a wide number of legal and criminal justice issues.

BHONSN03 Act independently in planning and managing tasks with limited guidance in areas which they have studied and will be able to demonstrate digital literacy.

BHONSN04 Critically analyse 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.

BHONSN05 Have a critical awareness of social political and cultural diversity in the context of criminological theories and the criminal justice system.

BHONSN06 Identify and use primary legal sources and journals relevant to topics under study.

BHONS01 Critically evaluate the fundamental concepts, principles, theories and procedures of law and criminology and an understanding of how they operate.

BHONS02 Critically evaluate problem situations and demonstrate the ability to provide solutions to unresolved debates demonstrated over a wide number of legal and criminal justice issues.

BHONS03 Act independently in planning and managing tasks with limited guidance in areas which they have studied and will be able to demonstrate digital literacy.

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Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

This course is informed by the University's inclusivity framework.

We use a wide range of learning activities to support your achievement of the course learning outcomes. These include:

- seminars
- lectures
- interactive lectures
- small and large group work
- student presentations
- community-based learning through placements
- documentaries
- guest speakers
- research activities
- online discussion forums
- online activities
- field trips

These have been carefully developed to support both your topic learning and the development of transferable skills that are important for graduates and employers. There will be one-to-one support where required, in particular for the final year research project.

Assessment Methods

At the University of Wolverhampton, a variety of modes of assessment are 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, such as:

- Written examinations (including online examinations, open and closed book examinations, and quizzes),
- Coursework (for example, essays, reports, portfolios, project proposals and briefs, poster presentation), and
- Practical (for example, oral or group presentations and developing podcasts).

In the final year of your undergraduate degree, you are expected to write an extended piece of work or research in the form of a dissertation on a criminological or criminal justice area of your choice. This gives you an opportunity to utilise the skills you have developed over the course of your research and produce a piece of work based on a topic of particular interest to you. You are also assigned a supervisor who will guide and support you in developing your dissertation topic and completing the research.

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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:

General University support:

[University Learning Centres](#) are the key source of academic information for students. Learning Centres provide physical library resources (books, journal, DVDs etc.) and offer a range of study areas to allow students to study in the environment that suit them best: Social areas, quiet and silent areas. Learning Centres also provide access to wide range of online information sources, including eBooks, e-Journals and subject databases.

Learning Centres also provide students with academic skills support via the [Skills for Learning programme](#). Students on campus can attend workshops or ask for one-to-one help on a range of skills such as academic writing and referencing. Students can access a range of online skills material at: www.wlv.ac.uk/lib/skills

The [University Student Support website](#) offers advice on a variety of matters (careers, counselling, student union advice, etc.) Students can also access these services by booking appointment with the SU, careers, counselling services, etc.

Course Specific Support

Development of academic skills is at the heart of this course with academic study skills embedded in core level 4 modules; the development of study skills enables students to complete the course successfully. The development of academic skills is also embedded in the research methods module at level 5, with particular focus on both doing and understanding research. E-advice, one-to-one consultation appointments, workshops and re-sit sessions are all regularly available. Where appropriate online activities will support learning.

You will receive feedback informally throughout the modules and formally through written feedback (electronically via the VLE where appropriate) for your formative and summative assignments. Feedback is designed to be constructive and to indicate how to progress in your learning and further develop your skills.

You will be supported through their final year academic 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.

Students will be able to access the ASK@WLV service on-campus, over the phone and online. Our friendly and dedicated team of advisors will be there to help students get the support they need to make the most out of their time at university.

Find ASK@ on campus:

- City Campus: Ambika Paul Building, next to the Harrison Library.
- Walsall Campus: In the Performance Hub.
- Telford Campus: In the Darby Building.

ASK@WLV will also be a mobile service, offering pop-up opportunities throughout the year for students to get support at key locations across different parts of each of our campuses.

Students can Log a question online in e:Vision: www.wlv.ac.uk/evision

And call on: 01902 518 518.

Employability in the Curriculum:

The course has been mapped to the University's graduate attributes framework. Recent graduates are working in a variety of Criminal Justice agencies including the Police, Prisons and Probation services while others are employed in related fields such as offender and victim support organisations, youth work, fraud investigation, community work, civil service, immigration, and social work. Others continue their study in Law to enter the legal profession. However, not everyone wants to work within criminal justice when they have completed their undergraduate course and many of our graduates continue with postgraduate study, such as a Master's or PhD, teaching, public relations, lecturing, or social sciences research.

The curriculum remains diverse and inclusive in covering a broad range of criminological and criminal justice and Law aspects and practices on crime, punishment, rehabilitation, criminalisation, harm, human rights, and victimisation and provides options for students to focus on the areas in which they are mostly interested. This means that our graduates will have had the opportunity to tailor their degree to the areas linked to their career aspirations whether these are predominantly victim-, offender-, or research-based as well as develop transferable skills applicable to non-criminal justice settings too.

This degree develops skills which are appropriate to a range of careers from the civil service to various management roles. All modules provide the academic background and scholarship necessary for postgraduate study and further research in governmental, private, voluntary, or charity organisations. The course also provides a number of employability pathways via the variety and choice of modules offered. A probation pathway is in place where graduates of the course interested in joining the Probation Service are eligible for the reduced period of probation officer training if they have taken undergraduate modules in the specified areas, these are The Criminal Justice System, Understanding Crime and Criminal Behaviour, Penal Policy and the Punishment of Offenders, and Rehabilitation of Offenders all of which are embedded in the corresponding modules offered in the course.



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