MA/PGDip Criminology

Develop your understanding of crime in an increasingly globalised world

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Study across the humanities and social sciences

Prepare for a range of careers

Learn from expert academics

Gain practical experience through internships
Examine crime in its local, regional, national and international contexts

Overview
Reflecting the nature of criminology as a fast-developing, interdisciplinary subject, this course incorporates sociology, law, psychology, geography, history, and cultural and media studies.

You will discover how:
- certain kinds of behaviour are defined as crime (and why)
- societies respond to these and other harmful behaviours
- crime is experienced by victims/survivors and society as a whole
- crime is represented or misrepresented in the media and popular culture

Content
You will develop skills in a range of research methods and put them into practice through an extended piece of criminological research.

Hands-on experience with local organisations is an integral part of your studies, offering you the opportunity to apply what you have learned in the classroom. Internships are typically available with probation services, police forces, youth justice organisations and prisons.

You will be equipped with key skills in:
- understanding and assessing criminology theories and concepts
- evaluating arguments and evidence used to support them
- developing your own perspectives on a range of issues in criminology
- conducting methodologically rigorous and ethically sound research
- communicating your ideas clearly at an advanced level
- reflecting critically on your own learning and personal development

Structure
Across the autumn and spring semesters, you will take 120 credits of core and optional modules. MA students will complete a 60-credit 15,000-word dissertation over the summer, and an appropriate dissertation supervisor will oversee your progress.

Modules are typically assessed through a 5,000-word essay or report, usually on a topic of your choice.

Modules
Core
- Contemporary Issues and Debates in Criminology
- Criminology in Practice
- Criminology: Questioning Theories
- Research Methods and Research Management
- Dissertation in Criminology (MA only)

Optional
You will choose 40 credits of optional modules from across the University, subject to approval.

Entry requirements
MA applicants require a 2:1 (or international equivalent) in a relevant arts, humanities or social science discipline.

PGDip applicants require a 2:2 (or international equivalent) in any discipline.

If English is not your first language, you must achieve IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element).

Careers and employability
This course will equip you with the skills required for a career in the police forces, probation/prison services, criminal justice, non-governmental organisations, victim support, academia, civil service or journalism.

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