

Changes to previous information

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, we prioritised the health, wellbeing and safety of our students and staff.

As we start the new academic year, your health, wellbeing and safety remains our top priority. This means when we return to our campuses and buildings in September 2020 social distancing and other health and safety measures will be in place. This is to help keep you, and others around you, safe. We will respond to the requirements of vulnerable students regarding their personal safety on an individual basis.

We remain committed to delivering an outstanding education and student experience both on campus and online. Like most universities, we'll be providing a mix of on-site face-to-face and digital learning and teaching. The exact mix will vary between courses and course modules taking into account teaching requirements and other considerations such as meeting the safety of vulnerable staff.

It is important to emphasise that a face-to-face, on-site experience will be delivered within the Government and Public Health England guidance and providing there are no serious unforeseeable public health issues that result in the Government introducing further lockdown measures.

Our response to the pandemic means we may have made changes to your course. This is to take account of these important health and safety measures.

We ask you to read the information provided about course changes carefully. We detail what we include in our online prospectus and explain what has changed.

You should read our statement of changes alongside any information provided in videos, at open days or in other promotional materials. This is because the information may also have been affected by the changes we had to make. We are providing this information so you can make an informed choice about whether the course remains suitable for you.

When you register for your course, you will be asked to confirm you have read about our changes and you agree to them. It means that by choosing to continue with your application, and register with us, you accept these changes and are happy to study your course with us.

We really look forward to seeing you in the next academic year. In the meantime, if you want to find out more about University life from this September, and being part of our supportive and welcoming community, please visit our [September 2020 web pages](#).

Current published course related information		
Course title	Forensic Investigation	No change
Award level	BSc – Single honours only	No change
How do you want to study?		
Start Date	Sept 2020	No change
Modes of study	Full-time Part-time	No change
Duration	3 years full-time 6 years part-time	No change
UCAS code	F410	No change
Location	Canterbury	No change
Partner institution	N/A	No change
Available with a Foundation Year	Yes	No change
Overview		
	<p>Take a step towards a career that really makes a difference to people in a society where crime is a part of everyday life. You could work at the cutting edge of crime in a job where every day is different.</p> <p>Forensic investigators are key players in investigating and solving crime and they often provide the evidence that ensures offenders are brought to justice.</p> <p>During the course, you'll have the opportunity to gain extensive knowledge of forensic theories, practices, procedures, cases and the criminal justice system. You will also develop practical skills using a range of mock crime scenes, laboratories, policing and court facilities, supported by experienced staff who are ex-forensic practitioners.</p> <p>Our students say that this course is both engaging and exciting, and the extensive experience of the teaching team is</p>	

	<p>invaluable. Current forensic professionals confirm that the course is accurate, innovative and relevant to a range of careers.</p>	
<p>Why study Forensic Investigation?</p>		
	<p>A career in forensic investigation is challenging, exciting and rewarding, and it requires people who are inquisitive, resilient, dedicated, good at problem-solving and enjoy working in a team.</p> <p>Our course is designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to forge a successful career in forensic investigation, working with the police, a forensic provider or any other investigative or intelligence agency, for example, the Home Office or HM Customs and Excise.</p> <p>As well as gaining a solid grounding in core areas of forensic investigation, such as crime scene investigation, forensic science and interpretation, and presentation of evidence, you'll also benefit from a significant amount of practical and laboratory work.</p> <p>Throughout the course, you'll build your research skills and cast a critical eye over forensic investigation processes. We will support you with finding work experience and volunteering opportunities to help build your confidence and resilience, and enhance your CV.</p> <p>Through optional modules, you'll be able to focus on specific areas of forensic investigation and related professions such as such as policing, law, psychology and cyber crime. This helps to broaden your knowledge and build an understanding of how different professions work together to investigate and solve crimes, and bring offenders to justice.</p> <p>Our expert teaching team have worked as practitioners or researchers within forensics and other related fields. They have an excellent understanding of the core knowledge, skills and personal qualities required for forensics roles. They will help</p>	<p>Our ability to secure external lecturers will largely be dependent on Covid 19 conditions, but where possible, externals will still attend to give lectures / give lectures online.</p> <p>Access to forensic facilities is largely dependent on Covid 19 restrictions. Where possible, practicals will run as usual, on dedicated days, but in the case of lockdown, we would provide online scenarios and online support instead of practical sessions and review the practical aspects of the programme in the following year to ensure that you are still able to build the skills needed for careers in this field.</p> <p>During 2020-21 we will not be able to partake in any field trips and it is unlikely that you would be able to find a volunteering placement, but we will support you in doing these things later in your degree if coronavirus permits this.</p>

	<p>you to understand yourself as a professional and provide you with opportunities to develop your personal and professional skills, such as problem solving, critical evaluation, communication and presentation skills, and the ability to work independently as well as in teams.</p> <p>We also welcome visiting lecturers, who are practitioners working in the forensic field. They will share their expertise and experience with you to give you an insight into real life forensics. You may also have opportunities to participate in field trips.</p> <p>All members of the forensic team have been repeatedly nominated by our students for Golden Apple Awards, which are internal teaching excellence awards. Two members of staff have won the faculty award. Some staff have also worked on high profile forensic cases, such as the London bombings, the Phuket tsunami and the torso in the Thames case.</p> <p>In 2014, one of our final year students entered the Forensic and Policing Services Association (FAPSA) essay competition and she achieved second place and a special mention on their website regarding the quality of her work.</p>	
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Entry requirements	A typical offer would be 88-112 UCAS Tariff points, including an A2 level at grade C or above (or equivalent) in a science subject.	Entry requirements for 2020-21 are 88-112 UCAS points
About the course		
	<p>You'll start the course with an introduction to forensic investigation and aspects of science and psychology, and you'll explore crime, offences and justice. From this solid foundation, you'll explore forensic investigation in more depth and you'll develop personal skills and qualities that are needed to work in the field.</p> <p>As you progress through the course, you'll be able to select optional modules focusing on specific areas, such as sexual and domestic abuse, cyber security, fire and explosion scene investigation.</p> <p>In your final year, you'll conduct independent research on a specific aspect of forensic investigation. You'll carry out in depth studies with the support of an academic supervisor.</p> <p>Throughout the course, you'll develop study and employability skills to ensure you reach your full academic and career potential and, where possible, you'll have opportunities to participate in trips or visits to gain insight into the workings of forensic investigation. Previous students have attended mock crime scene exercises within police forces, post-mortem examinations, a shooting range trip and court trips.</p> <p><i>Three members of the forensic teaching team advised and starred on an episode of the BBC Top Gear programme, which investigated forensic evidence that could be found in used cars.</i></p> <p><i>One member of the teaching team is a trained coach and mentor and has injected this influence into the degree course structure, to enable students to develop as people and professionals, in addition to learning the subject. It is often personal qualities such as confidence that prevents us from reaching our potential, and this approach is actively helping students to</i></p>	No Change

	<i>overcome issues that might impact their success.</i>	
<p>Module information</p> <p>Please note that the list of optional modules and their availability may be subject to change. We continually review and where appropriate, revise the range of modules on offer to reflect changes in the subject and ensure the best student experience. Modules will vary when studied in combination with another subject.</p>		
Core year 1		
	<p>Introducing Forensic Investigation Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will explore the key concepts underpinning forensic investigation and you'll examine Locard's theory on transfer, Kirk's assertions regarding uniqueness and the divisibility of matter. You'll look at how these concepts are applied to the most common forms of evidence sought by forensic investigators, such as finger marks, DNA, marks and trace evidence. You'll then consider how these might be usefully employed in a criminal case.</p>	No change
	<p>Introducing Crime, Offences & Justice Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will learn about the core principles and practices regarding crime types, crime agencies (national and international), crime classifications and crime severity scores. This will include the sentences and the frameworks in which these are investigated, ranging from volume crime such as car theft to major crime (murder and rape), major incidents (disasters and mass murder) and organised crime (drugs, terrorism). You will gain knowledge of offence types and the various stages of the investigative process undertaken by agencies. This will include national and international legislation and agencies, as well as UK and transnational crime and incidents.</p> <p>Core module for single honours students</p>	No change
	<p>Biology for Forensic Investigation Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will explore the structure and function of forensic science in the United Kingdom, by examining UK forensic providers, the national forensic regulations, key standards,</p>	<p>We plan to run practical sessions in 2020-21, where possible, will all attendees wearing masks and gloves. Should another lockdown occur preventing us from running these sessions, we would provide online</p>

	<p>relevant laws/policies and the stringent quality procedures that forensic science personnel and laboratories must follow. You'll learn about the role of the forensic biologist and you'll also explore the key concepts of forensic biology and how they apply to case work.</p> <p>Core module for single honours students</p>	<p>sessions instead to help you to develop your understanding of the practical application of the theory.</p>
	<p>Chemistry for Forensic Investigation Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll learn about the role of the forensic chemist, the key chemistry concepts and methods that underpin forensic chemistry and how they apply to case work. You'll look at relevant mathematical methods and explore how these can be applied to forensic chemistry and other forensic disciplines to ensure the meaning of evidence is deduced. There will be practical sessions to reinforce your understanding and to develop your skills in undertaking forensic procedures and analysing forensic documentation.</p> <p>Core for single honours students</p>	<p>We plan to run practical sessions in 2020-21, where possible, will all attendees wearing masks and gloves. Should another lockdown occur preventing us from running these sessions, we would provide online sessions instead to help you to develop your understanding of the practical application of the theory.</p>
	<p>Introducing Psychology and Crime Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will explore the discipline of psychology and how psychological concepts can be used to understand crime and criminal behaviour. The module covers a range of psychological theories and encourages you to apply theory to common offences, and to critically evaluate the literature you read by examining the strengths and limitations of relevant research and literature.</p> <p>Core for single honours students</p>	<p>No change</p>
	<p>Introducing Crime Scene Investigation Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Crime scenes are sources of evidence and intelligence. In this module, you'll explore the key concepts underpinning the role of crime scene investigation (CSI), selected history and the theories which support this important subject. You'll begin by examining the role of the CSI (and some</p>	<p>We plan to run practical sessions in 2020-21, where possible, will all attendees wearing masks and gloves. Should another lockdown occur preventing us from running these sessions, we would provide online sessions instead to help you to develop your understanding of the practical application of the theory.</p>

	other scene attending personnel, such as police officers) before examining the CSI as an essential member of the local investigation team.	
Optional year 1		
Core year 2		
	<p>Volume & Serious Crime Scene Investigation Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will learn about the crime scene investigation-related activities used to investigate volume and serious crime from the viewpoint of the Basic Command Unit. You will investigate the mechanisms employed to link crimes and create crime series which, on many occasions, develop from volume series into serious crime such as sexual offences and robbery. This process is carried out by an analysis of links identified by forensic support staff, detectives and tactical meetings on volume crime, as well as using databases such as Ident1 and the NDNAD, and the more nuanced skills associated with comparing modus operandi by CSIs.</p>	No change as you do not do this module until 2021-22. Note that if Covid 19 prevents us from running practical sessions during that year, we will run online sessions instead to help you to develop your understanding of the practical application of the theory.
	<p>Accident, Disaster & Terror Scene Investigation Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll develop an understanding of the multidisciplinary nature of critical incident accident, disaster and terror-related investigations. You'll learn about different investigation models and strategic approaches. You'll also explore the specialist professionals (that do not work in core forensics roles) that may attend the scene. You'll learn about the roles and procedures of these professionals in the wider investigation, as well as the issues arising from this multidisciplinary approach. There is particular focus on the location, recovery and identification of evidence, and identification of the cause and manner in which mass disasters and critical incidents of both natural and deliberate origins occur.</p>	No change as you do not do this module until 2021-22. Note that if Covid 19 prevents us from running practical sessions during that year, we will run online sessions instead to help you to develop your understanding of the practical application of the theory.
	Biological Trace and Transfer Evidence Core module - (20 Credits)	No change as you do not do this module until 2021-22. Note that if

	<p>This module will begin by defining the principles and concepts on which forensic science investigations are based, and the procedures involved in evidence recovery from forensic exhibits. You will investigate the collection, analysis and interpretation of a range of biological materials in a forensic context, using case studies to illustrate key points. Critical scrutiny of these techniques will be a key aspect of the module, as will compulsory practical sessions based on biological exhibits.</p> <p>Core module for single honours students</p>	<p>Covid 19 prevents us from running practical sessions during that year, we will run online sessions instead to help you to develop your understanding of the practical application of the theory.</p>
	<p>Chemical Trace and Transfer Evidence Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module will build on the biological trace evidence module by reinforcing the principles and concepts on which forensic science investigations are based, and the procedures involved in evidence recovery from forensic exhibits. You will investigate the collection, analysis and interpretation of a range of chemical materials in a forensic context, using case studies to illustrate key points. Critical scrutiny of these techniques will be a key aspect of the module, as will compulsory practical sessions based on biological exhibits.</p> <p>Core for single honours students</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2021-22. Note that if Covid 19 prevents us from running practical sessions during that year, we will run online sessions instead to help you to develop your understanding of the practical application of the theory.</p>
<p>Optional year 2</p>		
	<p>Marks, Impressions and Pattern Evidence Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will learn about the collection, analysis and interpretation of a number of evidence types including shoe print impressions, tyre tracks, tool marks, finger marks and handwriting marks. There will be practical sessions where you will practice applying the principles learnt in lectures to mock exhibits. This module includes extensive practical work, developing competency in laboratory work and completion of forensic documentation.</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2021-22. Note that if Covid 19 prevents us from running practical sessions during that year, we will run online sessions instead to help you to develop your understanding of the practical application of the theory.</p>
	<p>Sexual and Domestic Abuse Optional module - (20 Credits)</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2021-22.</p>

	<p>You will learn about the psychology of offences of sexual and domestic abuse and the unique complexities they cause in the criminal justice system (CJS), including why it is often not possible to get a conviction in these cases. The impact, scope and issues of sexual and domestic abuse will be explored, highlighting the difficulties of investigating these complex crimes, the problem of consent in sexual violence and of witnesses in domestic abuse. Discussion will be made of the need for specialist conditions for individuals who choose to report these serious offences, and the role and value of psychology to help them do this. There will also be discussions about how psychology has changed procedures in the CJS, impacted on practice across the CJS, and given a better understanding of sexual and domestic abuse with a focus on conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder. This module also covers perpetrators and treatment programmes for domestic and sexual abuse.</p>	
	<p>Reconstructing Crime Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll develop an understanding of the processes used to reconstruct events of a crime and critical incidences such as fires, explosions, road traffic collisions and accidents/disasters in order to determine how they occurred and the actions of those who were involved. You will explore modelling methods and apply them to mock and real-life examples.</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2021-22. Note that if Covid 19 prevents us from running practical sessions during that year, we will run online sessions instead to help you to develop your understanding of the practical application of the theory.</p>
	<p>Researching Forensic Investigation Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will learn about a range of methodologies that can be used to generate and analyse information in a forensic investigation context. The module aims to provide you with a clear overview of the purpose, nature and procedures that must be followed in forensic research settings.</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2021-22.</p>
	<p>Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Investigation Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll learn about digital crime and the increasingly important</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2021-22.</p>

	<p>requirement for global business and modern society to protect digital assets and activities in cyberspace. You will explore: the threats faced by individuals and organisations; the extent of cybercriminal activities and the techniques and skills required to meet the challenge of digital crime.</p>	
	<p>Psychology and the Criminal Justice System Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll develop an understanding of forensic psychology and its impact on the criminal justice system. You will explore how psychology has changed criminal justice procedures, impacted on police practice and given a better understanding of people involved in the criminal justice system such as: perpetrators, victims and witnesses. Special attention will be paid to vulnerable people and there will be lectures on addiction and mental health. You will also explore the psychology of the court process and the prison system to understand trial proceedings, the impact of psychological processes on sentencing and the application of psychology to the treatment of offenders.</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2021-22.</p>
Core year 3		
	<p>Biological Identification Techniques Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will develop your understanding of a range of identification methods. You will explore how each method can be used in the identification of human remains and/or the identification of the donor of biological materials left at a crime scene. This will help you to understand how these are used to provide investigative links. As well as developing your understanding of key analytical instruments through taught theory, you'll also build your practical skills through analysis of biological materials, where possible.</p> <p>Core for single honours students</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2022-23. Note that if Covid 19 prevents us from running practical sessions during that year, we will run online sessions instead to help you to develop your understanding of the practical application of the theory.</p>
	<p>Chemical Identification Techniques Core module - (20 Credits)</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2022-23. Note that if</p>

	<p>You will explore a range of chemical methods and techniques which can be used to analyse evidence found at a crime scene. This module aims to develop your understanding of chemical properties and characteristics of materials and how they can be used to provide investigative links. You'll learn about key analytical instruments through taught theory, while also developing skills in the practical analysis and interpretation of data from a range of evidence types.</p> <p>Core for single honours students</p>	<p>Covid 19 prevents us from running practical sessions during that year, we will run online sessions instead to help you to develop your understanding of the practical application of the theory.</p>
	<p>Fire & Explosion Scene Investigation Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will learn how typical scene procedures must be adapted when the scene is damaged or destroyed by fire or an explosion. The module aims to develop your theoretical understanding of the chemistry and physics of fires and explosions. You'll look at the methods employed in order to investigate such scenes, particularly those that are of unknown cause. This includes an understanding of the motives for setting explosives or committing arson, an understanding of the causes of accidental fires, and knowledge of the origin of fires caused by biological, mechanical and chemical reactions.</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2022-23. Note that if Covid 19 prevents us from running practical sessions during that year, we will run online sessions instead to help you to develop your understanding of the practical application of the theory.</p>
	<p>Expert and Professional Witnesses Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will learn about the English legal system and the law, structure and processes that an investigator/scientist is must adhere to when presenting their evidence in court. You will explore in detail the roles, responsibilities and scope of both professional witnesses and expert witnesses. You will take part in moot court exercises that will build your confidence and practical experience.</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2022-23.</p>
	<p>Forensic Individual Study Core module - (40 Credits)</p> <p>You will carry out research on a topic that you chose according to your own interests and career aspirations. You can select</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2022-23. Note that if Covid 19 prevents us from running practical sessions during that year, we will support you in doing a lit based dissertation or virtual research.</p>

	<p>whether to do a literature-based project or a practical project, and you'll work alongside an academic supervisor who will guide you through the process. Forensic employers consider an independent research project to be desirable experience for potential employees, as successful completion of such a project indicates independent thinking, problem solving, research abilities, resilience, and communication skills.</p> <p>Core module for single honours and optional for combined honours students</p>	
Optional year 3		
	<p>Major and Critical Incident Scene Investigation Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module builds on the knowledge and understanding from the earlier module Volume and Serious Crime Scene Investigation. There is focus on the the senior crime scene investigator (CSI) as a strategist whose role it is to meet the investigative needs of the senior investigating officer and forensic management team. The module continues the theme that crime scenes and people are sources of forensic evidence and intelligence but provides more in-depth experience of the management of personnel and scientific resources in support of major crime enquiries. This will include the employment of strategic plans to identify the resources required to meet investigative problems and gaps in knowledge as described, for instance, by the Murder Investigation Manual and other sources of literature.</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2022-23. Note that if Covid 19 prevents us from running practical sessions during that year, we will support you in doing a lit based dissertation or virtual research.</p>
	<p>Strategic Approaches to Major Crime Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will learn about the interdisciplinary nature of forensic investigations by exploring how crime scene investigators and forensic scientists work together to determine the events of a crime. You will look at the collection, analysis, interpretation and prioritisation of a wide</p>	<p>No change as you do not do this module until 2022-23. Note that if Covid 19 prevents us from running practical sessions during that year, we will support you in doing a lit based dissertation or virtual research.</p>

	range of evidence from different disciplines by undertaking practical exercises and analysing case studies.	
	<p>Investigating Sexual and Domestic Abuse Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will examine the police investigation of rape (as well as other serious sexual assaults), and domestic abuse in order to enhance your knowledge of criminal investigation. You will develop your ability to critically analyse all aspects of the police response to rape and domestic abuse. You will also analyse to what extent the police have improved, and you'll discuss how the police conduct their modern investigations in the wider criminal justice setting, and in partnership with other agencies. Criminal justice practitioners will be invited to speak in order to add a practical element to the module.</p>	No change as you do not do this module until 2022-23.
	<p>Psychology of Serious & Prolific Offending Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will explore specialist areas of research within criminal and forensic psychology, particularly in relation to serious and prolific offending behaviours and ways to address them. You will critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of the featured research and literature.</p>	No change as you do not do this module until 2022-23.
	<p>Criminal Justice in Practice Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will have the opportunity to apply the theory you have learned by undertaking a work placement in criminal justice or a related field.</p>	No change as you do not do this module until 2022-23. Note that the running of this module is dependent on access to volunteering placements and therefore until coronavirus restrictions are fully lifted, it will not run.
	<p>Cybercrime: Ethical, Professional and Legal Issues Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will explore the ethical considerations surrounding technology, the roles of professional bodies in the development of careers in public service, industry and commerce, and the ethical obligations of a professional.</p>	No change as you do not do this module until 2022-23.

How you'll learn

<p>Teaching</p>	<p>You will be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops and practical sessions and you will typically have around 14 class contact hours per week, supported by additional online materials. Your actual contact hours depend on the optional modules you select.</p> <p>Lectures are used to provide information and these are supported by small group seminars to enable discussion. Practical sessions allow you to apply your theory to a practical situation and workshops will support you with key skills development. Tutorials are available to provide one to one support.</p> <p>The team is dedicated to your professional development and they provide many sessions to help you develop personal, as well as academic skills.</p> <p>The teaching sessions are interactive, allowing you to engage with the material on a deeper level and all practical sessions are designed to enable you to apply theory to context. You will have the opportunity to use a range of specialist methods and equipment relevant to the modules you study and we have a dedicated forensic suite, including a workshop and a range of crime scenes.</p> <p>You will have the opportunity to gain extensive practical experience and the practical sessions are designed according to real life scenarios. You will also have lectures from professionals working in the field, allowing you to have regular contact with people working in the forensic industry.</p> <p>We support you with getting work experience and, where possible, we arrange field trips that are designed to consolidate your knowledge (i.e. fire dynamics demonstrations, ballistics / shooting trip etc.)</p> <p>All courses are informed by the University's</p>	<p><i>All programmes will be designed to accommodate blended learning approaches ensuring the learning design purposefully, thoughtfully and effectively integrates on-site face-to-face and digital learning opportunities, informed and driven by student needs.</i></p> <p><i>All lectures will be delivered digitally, (small) interactive lectures may be accommodated on campus (subject to availability).</i></p> <p><i>Contact hours are defined as hours in which a student interacts through thoughtfully structured activity to include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>· On-site face-to-face teaching</i> <i>· Synchronous live digital teaching</i> <i>· Asynchronous digital activities as part of structured learning (for example, running a discussion activity regarding an aspect of the current topic through Blackboard Collaborate, Padlet or Blackboard Discussion Boards). A pre-recorded lecture presentation provided via ReCap can also be included in this definition provided it is part of a broader structured activity.</i> <p>You will be taught through a combination of interactive online lectures and seminars, face to face teaching sessions where possible and appropriate given Covid 19 restrictions and you will typically have live contact time of around 6 - 8 hours per week, supported by around 3 hours of additional online materials. Your actual contact hours depend on the optional modules you select.</p>
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	<p>Learning and Teaching Strategy 2015-2022.</p>	<p>Key knowledge is provided through interactive lectures and seminars, guided reading and online materials, and this is supported by activities and discussion during the interactive sessions, which help you to apply theory to real life scenarios and problems. Some teaching is also delivered through workshops which blend knowledge delivery with discussions or activities, as well as helping with key skills development. Teaching sessions are interactive, allowing you to engage with material on a deeper level. Tutorials are available online, by phone or face to face where appropriate to provide one to one and group support. Note that during 2020-21 it is unlikely that we will be able to run field trips and it is unlikely that you will be able to get work experience / volunteering work, but we would provide this support and these activities as soon as permissible given the Covid19 pandemic. All courses are informed by the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy 2015-2022 and the university's Blended Learning Guidance.</p>
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<p>Independent study</p>	<p>When not attending lectures, seminars, workshops or other timetabled sessions you will have access to a range of resources we provide to continue learning through self-study. This typically involves reading journal articles and books, undertaking research in the library, working on projects, and preparing for coursework assignments/examinations, workshops and seminars.</p> <p>Your lecturers will direct you towards specific readings and/or activities where appropriate to complete before/after class and provide tutorials where necessary to support your learning.</p> <p>We also recommend that you set up student study groups and support each other with your studies, as research shows that we learn much better in communities.</p> <p>A range of study skills and employability workshops are available within the University and we encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities.</p>	<p>No Change</p>
<p>Overall workload</p>	<p>Each 20 credit module requires approximately 200 hours of learning, of which approximately 50 hours of this is taught class contact time with the remaining being independent study.</p> <p>You will study six modules per year and this is typically 1200 hours of study per year (37.5 hours per week).</p>	<p>Each 20 credit module requires approximately 200 hours of learning, of which approximately 50 hours of this is teaching sessions, Directed learning, group tutorials and one to one, tutorials with the remaining being independent study.</p>
<p>Academic input</p>	<p>The teaching team consists of highly qualified and experienced forensic practitioners and academic researchers, who have a range of expertise and experiences. This experience is injected into teaching sessions and assessments to make your experience as realistic as possible.</p> <p>The core team is supported by other teams in the University, such as the law, policing and forensic investigation teams, and a range of professionals currently working in the field who provide guest lectures.</p>	<p>The type and degree of student involvement in research will depend on restrictions brought about by Covid for the foreseeable future, but staff will still provide opportunities for students to get involved with research.</p>
<p>How you'll be assessed</p>		
	<p>Assessments are a core part of the course and each module has 1-3 assessments that</p>	<p>No Change</p>

	<p>contribute to the 4000 word assessment quota. The course is designed to ensure that each assessment is well supported by written guides, study skills sessions and staff guidance and the course provides you with a range of assessment types to allow you to develop skills that are required in forensic professions and opportunities to repeat each assessment type in each year of study so that you can hone your skills. We also provide opportunities for you to gain formative feedback informally before you complete the formal assessments that count towards your final mark by providing developmental practice assessments or opportunities to gain feedback on assessment plans.</p> <p>There are formal or 'summative' assessments during each of the modules and assessment methods include written examinations and a range of coursework assessments such as essays, reports, forensic paperwork, forensic statements, portfolios, oral presentations and your final year dissertation. The grades from formal assessments count towards your module mark and feedback is provided to ensure that you can improve future assessments.</p>	
Fees		
UK/EU	<p>Tuition Fees for some 2020/21 have not yet been finalised. These course web pages will be updated with Tuition Fee information once they have been agreed.</p> <p>Read advice about funding your degree See information about the financial support available for undergraduate studies If you would like information about paying your fees, please contact accounts.receivable@canterbury.ac.uk For specific fee queries, please contact fees@canterbury.ac.uk</p>	No Change

Course specific costs		
Other important information		
	<p>Your future career</p> <p>You will have the potential to enter a range of careers in crime, criminal justice and related fields on completion of this course, as the design of the Forensic Investigation with Criminal Investigation course at CCCU gives you the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills that are core to criminal justice careers and transferable to other related careers.</p> <p>Graduates of the course typically secure posts within the police, the prison service, the probation service, youth work, private companies working in security, and third sector organisations working in crime control and victim support.</p> <p>Further opportunities exist as investigators for: National Crime Agency, the Military, Independent Office for Police Conduct, Criminal Cases Review Commission, Security Services, HM Courts and Tribunals Service, and so on. Postgraduate study is also an option for Applied Criminology with Criminal Investigation graduates and you will be encouraged to make the most of the volunteering and networking opportunities available throughout your degree course in addition to your studies in order to enhance your employability.</p>	No Change
Professional Accreditation	The Forensic Investigation course adheres to and is guided by the QAA Benchmark Statements for Forensic Science, which define expectations as part of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education.	No Change
Specialist Facilities	The forensic facilities include a range of crime scenes, including cars, crime scene rooms, fire scenes and outside scenes and a forensic workshop and range of science laboratories. A wide range of forensic	Access to specialist CCCU facilities will be ongoing during the year, but students and staff will be expected to wear masks while using the facilities. In the case of further lockdown, the facilities will not be

	<p>equipment is housed within these areas and the facilities and equipment used depends on whether you study Forensic Investigation as a single or combined honours degree.</p> <p>We have a dedicated crime scene facility containing eight internal rooms and two outdoor scenes, a forensic workshop, five science laboratories, an incident room, a Hydra simulation centre and facilities to simulate courtroom scenarios, all with relevant equipment attached. One of our teaching rooms is an old courtroom, attached to the former Canterbury Prison.</p> <p>We use our practical experience to generate realistic and complex scenarios to challenge your mind, your skills and the common misconceptions about crime.</p>	<p>accessible for the period of the lockdown for your safety and in this case virtual scenarios will be delivered virtually.</p>
<p>Industry Links</p>	<p>We have a range of external professionals involved in the delivery of the course and these professionals also act as advisors to the core lecturing team. They advise us on changes in legislation, procedure and trends, and aid the core team in course development, thereby ensuring that our degree is current, accurate and relevant to forensic employers.</p> <p>We actively consult and collaborate with a range of forensic and related organisations and these change on a yearly basis, in response to changing operational commitments of these organisations and trends in forensic investigation. Collaborations include Kent Police, Kent Fire Brigade, Prometheus Fire Investigation, Metropolitan Police and a range of independent laboratories and professionals.</p>	<p>The involvement of external professionals in the programme this year will be dependent on the Covid restrictions, but where possible externals will attend the university to lecture or provide online lecturing.</p>
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