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## Applied Criminology with foundation year

Year of entry 2019/20 ▾

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Are you interested in understanding crime, criminals, victims and criminal justice? Would you like to pursue a career in the criminal justice system? The foundation year of this programme allows you to gain a solid grounding in topics that underpin Applied Criminology, which enables you to access the Applied Criminology programme, where you will study crime and criminal behaviour and to prepare you for a range of exciting and remarkable career paths focussing on the fight against crime and treatment of victims and offenders. Crime is ubiquitous in today's society, it dominates national and world news reports and is a constant feature in entertainment media and this degree programme allows you to explore the true nature, extent and causes of a range of crime types and the methods used to manage crime and criminal behaviour. You will do this by exploring key criminological theories and applying them to specific types of crime, victims and offenders. The varied expertise of the teaching staff allows you to explore these themes from a range of perspectives. You will also be supported by a range of criminal justice professionals and agencies, who teach on the programme and provide volunteering and networking opportunities to help prepare you for your career.

### WHY APPLIED CRIMINOLOGY?

Are you aspiring to embark on a career that is interesting, exciting, varied and challenging? Are you interested in contributing to the fight against crime and crime prevention? Are you interested in understanding crime, criminals, victims and criminal justice? If you are, Applied Criminology with Foundation Year is the degree for you, as it provides you with an excellent grounding for a range of remarkable and sustainable criminal justice and related career pathways.

The Applied Criminology with Foundation Year programme at Christ Church is designed to provide you with a basic understanding of the key disciplines that underpin Applied Criminology, including Psychology, Sociology and Politics and to help you to become competent in the study skills required for degree study. Successful completion of the foundation year allows you to access the Applied Criminology degree programme, where you will learn the key criminological concepts in your compulsory modules, thereby providing you with a strong grounding in criminological and this knowledge is applied to specific crime types / scenarios, such as interpersonal violence, drug crime, terrorism and political violence, hate crime and youth crime in compulsory modules and a range of optional modules are offered to allow you to specialise in the types of crime that interest you most. The nature of the programme enables you to develop your research skills and to cast a critical eye over the processes of criminalisation and crime control and set these processes within wider social, economic and political contexts. We have developed close links with local, national and international criminal justice agencies to enhance our distinctive 'applied' focus to learning about crime. Through our 'insights from practice' initiative, you will experience a range of guest speakers who are professionals and practitioners working within the justice system.

### **Criminology**

Top 10 in the UK for student satisfaction with the quality of the course.

### **The Guardian University League Tables 2019**

*“I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your help and support in my endeavours to do well in Criminology. I have just received a job offer to train as a Probation Service Officer, which I have accepted.”*

**Adrian Hukin**, graduate in Applied Criminology

The scope of the programme is broad, as the compulsory modules enable you to gain a solid grounding in core areas of applied criminology, while the optional modules allow you to either choose from a range of related topics, such as policing, law, psychology and cybercrime or to choose a specific focus, such as violence, sexual crime, hate crime or mental health and crime. This variety is appreciated by our students and highly regarded by the professionals and companies who recruit criminal justice professionals. In addition to ensuring that the scope, quality and currency of the programme content meets the demands of future employers, we also embed visits or trips where possible to allow you to contextualise your knowledge and the assessment strategy is designed to help you to gain the skills that are valued by employers.

Our degree is delivered by staff who have worked as practitioners or researchers within criminology or related fields and we therefore have a wealth of knowledge and experience that brings the theory to life. We have an excellent understanding of the core knowledge and skills required for criminology and related jobs. We also have a range of visiting lecturers, who are professionals working in the criminal justice field currently, who support the core content of the course with lectures about their field of expertise. In addition, we support our students in gaining work experience in the field through volunteer work, paid work, projects with external partners and through regular exposure to criminal justice professionals through guest lectures, again increasing the chance of employment.

Finally, we view our students as partners in learning, as you know the career that you wish to embark on and we understand the knowledge, skills and personal qualities required to achieve that career. We know that self-awareness is very important in criminal justice careers and we therefore invest significant resources in helping you to understand yourself as a professional and provide you with opportunities to develop your personal and professional skills, such as problem solving skills, the ability to critical evaluate, communication skills, presentation skills and the ability to work alone and in teams. We also support you in developing the personal qualities that may impact your chances of attaining employment, such as confidence, resilience and curiosity. This holistic approach is appreciated by our students and has been noted as excellent and innovative practice by professionals working in the field and members of the criminology team have been repeatedly nominated by our students for Golden Apple Awards which are internal teaching excellence awards, illustrating our dedication to our students.

### **Criminology**

Our single honours degree in Applied Criminology has an 89% overall student satisfaction rating for access to learning resources.

### **National Student Survey, 2017**

*“Studying at Canterbury Christ Church University has opened my eyes to a whole new field of learning. Not only are the modules well-structured and thought out, they also simulate the working conditions for everyday life as a CSI. The lecturers themselves are approachable and kind mannered, which makes the whole experience enjoyable and rewarding.”*

**Luke Spencer**, graduate in Applied Criminology and Forensic Investigation

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The BSc Applied Criminology course provides a thorough grounding in core criminological themes, concepts, debates and perspectives through a range of compulsory modules (shown below) and applies these theories to a range of crime problems, allowing you to see their relation to real life problems or scenarios. A range of optional modules are then offered to allow you to study in specialised topics related to criminology, such as drug crime, interpersonal violence, terrorism and political violence, mental health, media, prisons and penalty, policing and hate crime, which allows you to specialise in specific areas of interest. Sessions that focus on study skills and employability are also included as a core part of the programme, to ensure your success in study and gaining a career after graduation.

You can study **French, German, Italian, Mandarin Chinese** and **Spanish** as part of, or alongside, your course.

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Applied Criminology can also be studied in combination with another degree programme, with many students combining with Forensic Investigation, Psychology or Sociology. Students who combine with another subject study the core criminology modules and the flexibility is offered through the option to study two subjects and optional modules.

Where possible, trips or visits are offered to provide additional insight into the workings of the justice system and you will be guided in attaining relevant volunteering activities and part time work within the university and externally to improve your employability, including in prisons, the probation service, the police, victim support, and in a variety of charities. Employability is also enhanced through exposure to guest lecturers, who are experts and professionals in the field who contribute to the applied nature of the course and offer advice in gaining employment.

## Work experience

We promote volunteering to our students and provide support and advice in identifying and applying for volunteering posts and work experience. We also provide some opportunities for students to work in the university as lab demonstrators and often invite our graduates back to deliver sessions on the course. These activities can be recorded with the University and can lead to an extracurricular award.

When an opportunity for a visit arises, we make it available for students. For example, students have attended mock crime scene exercises within police forces, post-mortem examinations, shooting range trip and court trips in the past.

A 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 overcome issues that might impact their success.

## **Other information**

As access to criminal justice facilities is very restricted due to security issues, we hire a range of guest lecturers to come to the University and provide lectures or practical sessions on their area of expertise. These lecturers are professionals who are currently working in the field and they often go beyond their lecturing remit to support students in accessing information, gaining work experience or giving careers advice.

### MODULE INFORMATION

**These are the 2018-19 modules and these are under review for 2019-20.**

## **Foundation Year**

### **Contemporary Issues in Psychology**

This module introduces you to some key areas and concepts in psychology and also begins to explore how psychology may be applied to addressing practical real-world problems and contemporary issues.

### **Contemporary Issues in Sociology**

This discursive issue-focused module enables you to gain an entry level understanding of key critical issues in the study of sociology – including race, class and gender. The module uses the ‘sociological imagination’ to interrogate these issues in an engaging, innovative and informative fashion.

### **Contemporary Issues in Applied Criminology**

This module introduces you to key concepts in criminology through the analysis of contemporary issues associated with crime and the criminal justice system and this is achieved through engaging and exciting conversations where you will apply criminological theory to current issues associated with crime and criminal justice today.

### **Contemporary Issues in Politics**

This module explores key issues and questions in the study of politics – including how political systems function, how political change occurs, and who holds political power. The module takes an exciting and innovative problem focused approach, enabling you to engage in lively and topical debate on the big issues of the day.

### **Academic Skills 1**

This module provides you with the necessary skills base for engaging with subject specific modules in Semester 1 and helps you to identify and develop a range of transferable skills in preparation for studying at degree level. The module aims to develop a reflective approach by helping you to identify their own strengths and weaknesses, and plan for their personal, educational and career development.

### **Academic Skills 2**

This module consolidates and extend skills learned in Academic Skills 1, and helps you to develop the necessary skills base for engaging with concurrent modules in Semester 2. As with Academic Skills 1, an overarching aim is to help you to identify and develop a range of transferable skills in preparation for studying at degree level, to identify and reflect upon your own strengths and weaknesses, and thereby plan for your personal, educational and career development.

## **Year 1**

### **Crime in Context (20 Credits)**

**(CORE FOR BOTH SINGLE HONOURS AND COMBINED HONOURS STUDENTS)**

This module develops your ability to analyse and comment upon various issues relevant to an understanding of crime and crime control. The module includes exploration of how crime is experienced through a number of social factors, such as gender, ethnicity, social class and age, together with wider structural issues. The extent to which crime is socially constructed is explored through analysis of crime statistics and the influence of the media.

### **Crimes, Punishments and Societies (20 Credits)**

**(CORE FOR SINGLE HONOURS)**

This module is an opportunity for you to explore some of the contextual issues that arise when exploring academic areas of criminology, criminal justice and policing. In particular, this module is concerned with the different societal, historical, cultural, geographical and political contexts in which crime and justice occur.

### **Introduction to Criminological Thinking (20 Credits)**

**(CORE FOR BOTH SINGLE HONOURS AND COMBINED HONOURS STUDENTS)**

This module introduces you to the ways in which notions of crime and criminality are constructed, explained and understood. You will be introduced to the historical, social and cultural contexts of the development of criminology and the key shifts in criminological thinking about crime and the justice system. The approach is to break down theories into manageable units but also to recognise that theories overlap, develop over time and contradict one another. The focus is on a critical approach to the application of theories which have an impact on criminal justice policy and practice.

### **Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (20 Credits)**

#### **(CORE FOR SINGLE HONOURS)**

This module is designed to provide you with a grounding in the wider role and function of the Criminal Justice System (CJS) in the UK. This will act as a foundation for your further undergraduate study, providing context and background knowledge to your subject areas. The main aim of the module is to introduce you to the various stages of the justice process and the agencies that manage them. You will also develop an understanding of the interactions of the various professionals at all stages of the criminal process, from initial reporting to the reintegration of offenders. Through the use of case studies and alternative theories you will develop a critical understanding that the way things are is not the way they necessarily need to be and that change (both future and historic changes) can be beneficial as well as damaging to the functioning of the CJS.

### **Law and Criminal Justice (20 credits)**

#### **(CORE FOR SINGLE HONOURS)**

This module aims to introduce you to the criminal law and the criminal justice system in the UK. It will explore some of the basic legal principles necessary for understanding how the criminal law and criminal justice system operate. This module also aims to enable you to think critically about laws and legal processes. This will be achieved by exploring how social and political factors can influence the interpretation and enforcement of law.

## **Year 2**

### **Crime and Social Control (20 Credits)**

#### **(CORE FOR BOTH SINGLE HONOURS AND COMBINED HONOURS)**

This module builds on the theoretical knowledge of the year one module, Introduction to Criminological Thinking. The primary aim of this module is to provide a comprehensive understanding of formal and informal means of control in the historical and social context of crime and responses to crime. An important component of this is studying how the main institutions of the criminal justice system – the police service, the prison service, and the probation service – emerged and have developed over time.

### **Crime Offenders and Society (20 Credits)**

#### **(CORE FOR BOTH SINGLE HONOURS AND COMBINED HONOURS)**

This module builds on the issues introduced in Crime in Context in year one, and aims to develop your critical understanding of the nature of crime and the characteristics of specific types of crime. The complexity of crime as a problem is a central theme including addressing relatively under-researched issues such as the criminalisation of certain groups, crimes committed by the state, organised crime and white collar crime.

### **Research Methods (20 Credits)**

**(CORE FOR SINGLE HONOURS)**

This module addresses the purpose of research and highlights the ethical considerations important to high quality research. This is followed by a critical assessment of some of the key methods used, both quantitative and qualitative, for research design, as well as for generating and analysing criminological data.

## **Year 3**

### **Applications of Criminology (20 Credits)**

**(CORE FOR BOTH SINGLE HONOURS AND COMBINED HONOURS)**

This module draws together knowledge and conceptual understanding from years one and two. It consists of a series of research-informed lectures designed to demonstrate the application of theory and research to our understanding of contemporary crime issues. It aims to enable you to apply a range of criminological theories, methods and perspectives to in-depth examples of crime and criminal activity. It also explores the strengths and limitations of criminological research.

### **Youth Crime and Justice (20 Credits)**

**(CORE FOR BOTH SINGLE HONOURS AND COMBINED HONOURS)**

This module explores the changing concepts and discourses used to address the notion of youth, youth crime and justice. You will investigate contrasting media representations of youth crime and deviance, and explore research into the area of youth offending. You will also explore the link between youth justice policy and legislation and the tension between different ideas about how youth crime should be approached and dealt with.

### **Individual Study (40 Credits)**

**(CORE FOR SINGLE HONOURS)**

This module is core if you are a Single Honours student and optional if you are a Combined Honours student taking 80 credits in Applied Criminology. This module provides you with the opportunity to engage in an in-depth study on a topic of your choice, which is supervised by a member of the criminology team. It also provides an opportunity to apply your developing research skills and develop a critical appreciation of scholarship and methods of enquiry. There may also be an opportunity for you to undertake an empirical study (subject to achieving 60% plus in the second year Research Methods module).

## **Optional Modules**

**These are the 2018-19 modules and these are under review for 2019-20.**

### **Year 1**

#### **Crimes, Punishments and Societies (20 Credits)**

**(OPTIONAL FOR COMBINED HONOURS)**

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## **Police Practice, Policy and Procedures 1 (20 Credits)**

### ***(Optional for Single Honours)***

The aim of this module is to provide you with the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of basic police practice, policies and procedures in England and Wales. It is the first of three modules that embed the components enabling you to attain the Certificate in Knowledge of Policing. The CKP is a nationally recognised qualification located within the Qualifications Curriculum Framework (QCF) and accredits learning for pre-service for the purposes of supporting flexible entry into the police service. The module will focus on legislation and aspects of law such as the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE 1984) and more generally legal reasoning and procedure. The module also considers classification of offences, evidence gathering, search, arrest and detention.

## **Psychology and Crime (20 Credits)**

### ***(Optional for Single & Combined Honours)***

The module aims to introduce you to the discipline of psychology and its applications to the study of crime and offending behaviour. It explores the contribution of psychology to the development of explanations of various types of crime and antisocial behaviour. The module also encourages you to critically evaluate the literature you read, by examining the strengths and limitations of relevant research and literature.

## **Year 2**

### **Crime and Popular Culture (20 Credits)**

#### ***(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)***

The module aims to give you the opportunity to examine theories and issues in criminology through the lens of popular culture. The module will explore the key role of popular culture in reflecting and shaping public views on crime and criminal justice. Through close engagement with a wide range of crime-related popular culture products

(films, TV shows, music, novels, comic books, video games etc.), you will acquire an in-depth understanding of the cultural processes through which crime is constructed as a social problem.

### **Criminal Investigation (20 Credits)**

*(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)*

The main aims of this module are to develop your knowledge and understanding of police investigations in the UK and the law underpinning these investigations. Key concepts will include 'discretion', 'consent' and legitimacy'. The module requires you to become acquainted with the structure and function of UK police forces and the concepts and procedures underpinning police investigations of volume, series and major crimes. In addition, you will acquire a knowledge and understanding of the current police law that is utilised to determine whether a crime has been committed and develop your investigative skills.

### **Criminology for a Just Society (20 Credits)**

*(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)*

This module aims to develop a broad and nuanced understanding of sustainability and criminology's potential to further it. It will also enable you to synthesise and consolidate prior learning in criminology and related disciplines and to apply that to address contemporary problems of environmental, social, cultural and economic justice. The module aims to encourage creativity, reflection, initiative and personal responsibility, and provide an opportunity for practical uses of subject-specific and transferrable knowledge and skills. In so doing it aims to enhance your employability.

### **Hate Crime (20 Credits)**

*(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)*

This module introduces you to the concept of hate crime in its various forms, including racial, religious, homophobic and disability hate crimes. The module examines the issues involved in hate crime and aims to develop your ability to identify relevant academic literature and to engage with the core issues in the area. There is particular reference to hate crime victimisation, legislation, and the policing of hate crimes.

### **Media and Crime (20 Credits)**

*(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)*

This module explores the relationship between media, crime and criminal justice. You will explore criminological theories related to media and develop an understanding of the significance of pop cultural representations of crime and criminal justice within the public, political and cultural spheres.

### **Mental Health and Violence (20 Credits)**

*(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)*

This module gives you the opportunity to explore the relationship between mental health and violent crime, and how this is responded to by the criminal justice system and other institutions. You will learn about criminological and psychiatric research into the relationship between mental disorder and violent offending and the ideologies and practices that are central to the management and treatment of mentally disordered and violent offenders.

## **Police Practice Policy and Procedures 2 (20 Credits)**

***(Optional for Single Honours)***

This module will focus on legislation and relevant policing practices and policies related to Volume Crime Investigation, providing an initial response to policing incidents and public protection. The module includes an introduction to the principles of the college of policing professionalism investigation programme (PIP) and further exploration of the police and criminal evidence act 1984(PACE) and Human Rights legislation.

## **Psychology and the Criminal Justice System (20 Credits)**

***(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)***

This is an optional module only available to students who passed the module Psychology and Crime in Year One, or who are Applied Criminology/Psychology Combined Honours students. This module aims to give you an introductory understanding of forensic psychology and its impact on the criminal justice system. It 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 with lectures on addiction and mental health. Additionally, this module will explore the psychology of the court process and the prison system utilising psychology to understand trial proceedings, the impact of psychological processes on sentencing and the application of psychology to the treatment of offenders.

## **Year 3**

### **Prisons and Penalty (20 Credits)**

***(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)***

This module examines the nature of prisons and their role in society. It focuses on the aims and objectives of the prison service set within a historical context. It looks at current debates about security, justice and control as well as the privatisation of prisons and prison performance. Central to these issues are questions about what prison is for and whether prison works.

### **Victims and Victimology (20 Credits)**

***(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)***

This module examines sources of information about victims such as national and local victim surveys, and also important issues within victimology, such as repeat victimisation and vulnerability. It covers theoretical perspectives including positivist, radical, critical and feminist approaches. It also looks at the place of the victim within the criminal justice system and how this has changed over time. It considers victim support initiatives and alternative forms of justice for victims, such as Restorative Justice.

### **Police Cultures and Societies (20 Credits)**

***(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)***

This module explores the challenging notion of police culture and its effectiveness as a means of examining what police officers believe and how they act. It will look at how police culture has evolved through a number of stages and seek to explain the types of behaviour seen within the police, the politicised dimensions of research into this

area of study, and the effectiveness of strategies used to transform occupational cultures within law enforcement agencies.

### **Crime in a Global Context (20 Credits)**

*(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)*

The aim of this module is to provide the opportunity to explore global criminological issues. You will be encouraged to consider the implications of globalisation on changing crime patterns. Topics covered in this module include terrorism, war crimes, state crime, organised crime and human trafficking.

### **Psychology of Serious and Prolific Offending (20 Credits)**

*(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)*

The module is open to students who successfully passed Psychology and Crime, or the first year of their Applied Criminology and Psychology course. It aims to explore specialist areas of research and application within criminal and forensic psychology, particularly in relation to serious and prolific offending behaviours and ways to address them. The module will critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of the featured research and literature and in doing so facilitate your development of both subject specific and transferable skills appropriate to the level of study.

### **Police Practice Policy and Procedures 3 (20 Credits)**

*(Optional for Single Honours)*

The aim of this module is to provide you with the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of police practices, policies and procedures in England and Wales. Embedded in this module are components that will enable you to attain the certificate in knowledge of policing (CKP). The CKP is a nationally recognised qualification which supports flexible entry routes into the police service.

### **International Justice and Human Rights (20 Credits)**

*(Optional for Single and Combined Honours)*

This module aims to provide a critical understanding of both well-established and emerging principles of International human rights, focusing on their reality, impacts and effects on state practice. The module considers the interplay of law and power in international law and in-depth issues of international human rights such as the evolution of practices and regulating global business and environmental protection.

### **WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?**

You will have the potential to enter a range of careers in crime, criminal justice and related fields on completion of this programme, as the design of the Applied Criminology course at Chryst Church gives you the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills that are core to criminal justice careers and transferable to other related careers.

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. Further postgraduate study is also an option for Applied Criminology 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.

*“Just thought I'd say thanks! I can distinctly remember being an undergrad criminology student at Christ Church and thinking 'I want to publish something in the British Journal of Criminology someday' and now my first journal article is about to be published. I'll always be grateful for the wonderful teaching and enthusiasm, it really set me on my way.”*

**Thomas Rayman**, graduate in Applied Criminology

## FEES AND ADDITIONAL COSTS

### Fees

The 2019/20 annual tuition fees for this course are:

	UK / EU	Overseas
<b>Full-time - Foundation Year 0</b>	£6,575	£8,500
<b>Full-time - years 1-3 *</b>	£9,250	£11,900

Tuition fees for all courses are payable on an annual basis, except where stated.

\* The tuition fee of £9,250 relates to 2019/20 only. Please read the 2019/20 Tuition Fee Statement for further information regarding 2019/20 tuition fees and mid-course year on year fee increases.

- 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 [finance@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:finance@canterbury.ac.uk)
- For specific fee queries, please contact [fees@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:fees@canterbury.ac.uk)

### Additional course costs

Although we aim to minimise any additional costs to students over and above the course tuition fee, there will be some additional costs which students are expected to meet.

## Costs applicable to all students

Category	Description
Text books	Own purchase text books
Travel to other sites	Where travel to other sites is required, this will be payable by the student
Library Fees and Fines	Where students fail to return loaned items within the required time they will be responsible for the cost of any Library Fees and Fines applicable
Printing & Photocopying	The cost of printing and photocopying undertaken by students to support their individual learning are payable by the student
Graduation ceremonies	It is free for the student to attend the ceremony itself. Guest tickets and robe hire / photography are additional costs payable by the student

## General principle policy

The University's general principles policy for additional course fees are set out here

Category	Included in the tuition fee	Additional cost to student
Field trips (including trips abroad and trips to museums, theatres, workshops etc)	No, if the trip contributes to the course as an optional module.	Yes if the trip is optional.
Travel and accommodation costs for placements	No	Travel and accommodation costs for professional placements within the Education and Health & Wellbeing Faculties.  Travel and accommodation costs for other work placements.
Text books	No	Own purchase text books.
DBS / Health checks	No	Yes
Professional Body registration	No	Yes
Travel to other sites (e.g. travel to swimming pool for lessons)	No	Yes

<b>Category</b>	<b>Included in the tuition fee</b>	<b>Additional cost to student</b>
Clothing / Kit	Yes, where the clothing / kit is essential for Health & Safety reasons.	Yes, where the clothing is kept by the student and not essential for health and safety reasons.
Learning materials	Essential learning materials (excluding text books) in connection with the course.	Additional materials beyond the standard provision essential for the course or where the costs are determined by the student's area of interest and the outputs are retained by the student.
Library fees and fines	No	Yes
Printing and photocopying	No	Yes
Social events	No, unless the event forms an essential part of the course.	Yes, unless the event forms an essential part of the course.
Graduation ceremonies	It is free for the student to attend the ceremony itself.	Guest tickets and robe hire/ photography are additional costs payable by the student.

## LEARNING AND TEACHING

### Teaching

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.

Lectures are used to provide information and these are supported by small group seminars to enable discussion, practical sessions to allow you to apply your theory to a practical situation and workshops to support you with key skills development. Tutorials are available to provide one to one support. The team is dedicated to developing the whole person and therefore provide many sessions to help you develop your personal skills, as well as your academic skills.

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.

You will have the opportunity to attend visits and trips and we support you in getting work experience.

All programmes are informed by the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy 2015-2020.

## Independent learning

When not attending lectures, seminars, workshops or other timetabled sessions you have access to a range of resources we provide to continue learning through self-study and 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. 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. We also recommend that you set up student study groups and support each other with your university work, as research shows that we learn much better in communities. A range of study skills and employability workshops are available within the university and you are advised to take advantage of these opportunities.

## Overall workload

Each 20 credit module requires approximately 200 hours of learning, and approximately 50 hours of this is taught class contact time. You will study 6 modules per year and this is 1200 hours of study per year, which works out as 37.5 hours per week, or approx. 12.5 hours study per module per week. Many students choose to use holiday periods as intensive study periods, which decreases the amount of work you would do in a week.

## Academic input

The Applied Criminology team have academic expertise across a range of criminological issues, including mental health, the media and crime, the history of crime, migration and crime, sexual and domestic violence, and the prison, police and probation services. They are also involved in research activities in these and other areas, and they bring this research expertise into their teaching. Many have also published in these areas, and have practical experience in them too.

*The core team is supported by other teams in the university, such as the law, policing and criminology teams and a range of professionals who are currently working in the field who attend the university to provide guest lectures.*

*"My degree gave me an advantage due to the knowledge I had accumulated, but I felt that the added advantage was the experience I had gained whilst volunteering that helped secure me the role. My work has offered me experiences that would otherwise not have arisen. An example of this is when I was given the opportunity to appear on BBC Question Time."*

**Charlotte Sherratt**, graduate in Applied Criminology

## Assessments

Assessments are a core part of the programme and each module has 1-3 assessments that 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 criminal justice 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.

Criminology was ranked in the top 5 in the UK for Feedback.

### **The Guardian 2018 League Table**

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.

## Feedback

The programme is designed so that each assessment informs a later assessment and the team is dedicated to providing high quality feedback on all assessments to enable you to understand what action you need to take to improve your work / marks. Tutorials also enable you to discuss your work. We aim to provide you with feedback within 15 working days of hand-in for all assessments and use a range of feedback methods to meet the needs of our students.

*“I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your help and support in my endeavours to do well in Criminology. I have just received a job offer to train as a Probation Service Officer, which I have accepted.”*

**Adrian Hukin**, graduate in Applied Criminology

## SURPRISING TERMS

Some of our year two and year three modules have prerequisite modules, which you must have studied in a previous year. You will be advised of these when choosing options each year to ensure you make informed choices.

## PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Applied Criminology course adheres to and is guided by the Criminology Benchmark Statements, which define expectations as part of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education.

## SPECIALIST FACILITIES

The Criminology team have access to the Canterbury Prison site as this is part of the University estate and our students are able to get involved in research and work in this area. In addition, the staff arrange visits and trips to allow students to experience a range of criminal justice settings where operationally possible.

## INDUSTRY LINKS

We have a range of external criminal justice 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.

We actively consult and collaborate with a range of criminal justice and related organisations and these change on a yearly basis, in response to changing operational commitments of these organisations and trends in criminal justice. Collaborations include Police forces, the prison service and a range of independent laboratories and professionals.

## AVAILABLE IN COMBINATION WITH

<b>Course</b>	<b>UCAS Code</b>
American Studies	MT97
Business Studies	MN91
English Literature	MQ93
Film, Radio and Television	MP9H
Forensic Investigation	MF94
Geography	MF98
Health Studies	MB99
Psychology	MC98
Religion, Philosophy and Ethics	MV96

<b>Course</b>	<b>UCAS Code</b>
Sociology	ML93
Sport and Exercise Psychology	CM89
Sport and Exercise Science	MC96

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### UCAS course code

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**M90F** Applied Criminology with Foundation Year

### UCAS institution code

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C10

### Length

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4 years full-time

7 years part-time

Professional placement option available

### Starts

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September 2019

### Entry requirements

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Applicants do not require formal qualifications but should have English language skills to the equivalent of GCSE Grade C. More entry requirement details.

### Location

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Canterbury

### School

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Law, Criminal Justice and Computing

[Our Staff](#)

### More about

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## ***Criminology***

*No 1 in the UK for student satisfaction with the quality of feedback.*

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