

Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title		BA (Hons) Sociology and Criminology with Foundation Year
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US0867F LM3F
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City University
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)		
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)		

6	Course Description
	<p>Looking for a foundation course in sociology or criminology in Birmingham? Our BA (Hons) Sociology and Criminology with a Foundation Year degree has lower entry requirements and can lead to a full undergraduate qualification.</p> <p>This course has been specifically designed to allow home and EU students, who do not initially meet the Birmingham City University entry requirements for our standard Sociology or Criminology degrees, to undertake additional level 3 study designed to ensure they are successful on their chosen degree course.</p> <p>The foundation year itself will equip you with the required knowledge and skills to proceed on to any of our undergraduate Sociology or Criminology degree courses offered within the School of Social Sciences.</p> <p>Why study a degree with a foundation year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you want the flexibility of a year's study on a more general course to find out the best degree choice for you. • If you have changed your mind about your career since you chose your A-levels or BTECs and need to improve your skills in a different subject area. • If you would like extra time and support to help you build your knowledge, skills and confidence before starting a full degree. • If you don't quite meet our entry requirements but know you have the potential to succeed at university. <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>This course will enable you to develop an understanding of society and social factors and how this affects crime and criminals, giving you a solid human understanding that will put you in a good position for range of careers or further study.</p> <p>Combining sociology with the study of criminology gives you a chance to benefit from the cutting-edge thinking of the University's Centre for Applied Criminology, a research Centre of Excellence. The recently launched Centre for Critical Social Research also brings sociological concerns to the fore.</p>

	<p>The course introduces you to sociological theories and contexts allowing you to situate and to inform your studies in criminology with a focus on crime, criminals and the operation of criminal justice agencies.</p> <p>You'll develop communication and research skills through our wide range of assessments, as well as a clear understanding of social policy and criminology.</p>
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7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Sociology and Criminology	6	480
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Foundation Certificate Sociology and Criminology	3	120
	Certificate of Higher Education Sociology and Criminology	4	240
	Diploma of Higher Education Sociology and Criminology	5	360
	Bachelor of Arts Sociology and Criminology	6	420

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	Not applicable

9	Delivery Patterns		
	Mode(s) of Study	Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study
	Full-time	City Centre Campus	4 Years
	Full-time with Sandwich Year	City Centre Campus	5 Years

10	Entry Requirements
	<p>The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/, or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.</p>

11	Course Learning Outcomes
1	An in-depth knowledge of sociological and criminological perspectives and methods, and their application to contemporary social issues, to social identities and institutions, crime and deviance, and to social change.
2	An understanding of the disciplines of sociology and criminology – through the course’s core themes of applied social and criminological theory and research, cultural sociology, and policy, activism and politics - as being theoretically informed, evidence-based, relevant, professionally focussed and applied.
3	An alertness to the inherently interdisciplinary nature of sociology and criminology as disciplines and to demonstrate their proficiency with theories, methods, themes and perspectives unique to sociology and criminology: but also, to demonstrate their working knowledge of the relevant political, economic, historical, and cultural factors and perspectives to be drawn on by sociologists and criminologists when venturing to adequately understand crime and society as a whole.
4	A capacity for students to show that they can make sense of a wide range of social institutions, crime and deviance, social changes and important social issues – such as poverty, class, racism, sexism and other forms of inequalities and discrimination.
5	Critical reflection on the experience of work and interactions with sociological and criminological thought where students select to undertake a work-experience placement
6	Proficiency in relevant transferable and employability-related skills to include: disciplined oral and written communication, the production of well-structured written work and presentations, the use of software packages and other technology, and the collection, comprehension and analysis of a wide range of research and data.
7	The development and application of broader social and cognitive skills involving social collaboration and understanding, independence of judgement and argument, problem solving and personal commitment and responsibility.
8	Understanding of crime and society recognising the importance of political, economic and cultural interconnectedness at local, national, and international levels.

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Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
SOC5058	Sociology Placement	20
SOC5041	Sociology of the Media	20
SOC5059	Race, Racism and Ethnicity	20
CRI5068	Crime, Media and Culture: Representation, Consumption and Production	20
CRI5051	Intelligence and Security Since 1945	20
CRI5071	Issues in Criminal Investigation: Forensic Science	20

Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 100 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
SOC6040	Globalisation, People and Society	20
CRI6064	Transnational Organised and Corporate Crime	20
SOC6041	Integrated Research Project	40
CRI6068	Gender and Crime	20

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
SOC6032	Music and Society	20
SOC6037	Activism, Social Movements and Social Change	20
SOC6038	Black Arts Movement	20
CRI6086	Cyber Crime	20
CRI6092	Hate Crime	20
CRI6093	Human Rights: Theory and Practice	20

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Level 3	Level 3 HE Learner Course			
	Semester 1	Developing Academic Skills (20 Credits)	Developing Interpersonal Skills (20 Credits)	Introduction to Sociology and Criminology (20 Credits)
	Semester 2	Foundation Practice Project (20 Credits)	Sociology and Criminology in Practice (20 Credits)	Criminality, Crime Control and Society (20 Credits)
Level 4	Level 4 HE Learner Course (e.g. Two weeks)			
	Semester 1	Understanding Society (20 Credits)	Researching Social Life (20 Credits)	State & Society (20 Credits)
	Semester 2	Sociological Imagination (20 Credits)	Social Construction of Crime and Deviance (20 Credits)	City, Community & Culture (20 Credits)
Level 5	Level 5 Transition Course			
	Semester 1	Classical Social Theory (20 credits)	Exploring Popular Culture (20 credits)	Beyond the Statistics: Researching Criminological Experiences (20 credits)
		Optional International Exchange		
	Semester 2	Contemporary Social Theory (20 credits)	Prisons and Punishment (20 credits)	Optional module (20 credits)
		Optional International Exchange		
Work Placement (e.g. 12 months)				
Level 6	Level 6 Transition Course			
	Semester 1	Globalisation, People & Society (20 credits)	Integrative Project (3 choices: dissertation, community development project, social entrepreneurship project) – 40 credits	Transnational Organised and Corporate Crime (20 credits)
	Semester 2	Optional module (20 credits)		Gender and Crime (20 credits)

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 3

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	288
Directed Learning	252
Private Study	660
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	56%
Exam	0%
In-Person	44%

Level 4

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	214
Directed Learning	250
Private Study	736
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	63%
Exam	0
In-Person	37%

Level 5

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	211
Directed Learning	267
Private Study	722
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	33%
In-Person	17%

Level 6

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	150
Directed Learning	300
Private Study	750
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	100%
Exam	0
In-Person	0