

Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title		BA (Hons) Criminology, Policing and Investigation
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US0655 ML9K
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>Want to start a career in criminal investigation? Our Criminology, Policing and Investigation University course has close ties to the West Midlands Police Force.</p> <p>Our degree offers an in-depth study of policing and criminal investigation, helping you develop your understanding of criminological thought, as well as historical, political and practical applications. This course offers a varied yet focused choice of subjects through which you will be able to develop your interests within the specialised field of criminology.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>Within this course, students will explore who, what, where, why and when of criminology. That is the understanding of who and why people commit crime, where crime takes place motivations for different crime types. This is done through a range of exciting and engaging modules which are taught by expert lecturers who are well published in the field. In this programme we explore the concept of policing and how different countries have chosen to manage crime. We use a variety of trips, guest speakers and specialist workshops to give students a wide range of understanding of policing.</p> <p>Specialist facilities include realistic, simulated environments such as the crime scene room and interviewing suite, allows students to simulate police interviewing environments for both suspects and witnesses, with access to tape recording and video playback analysis.</p> <p>You will benefit from well-established links with a variety of external bodies, including police forces, charities, pressure groups, criminal justice agencies, criminal rehabilitation probation service and prisons.</p>

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Criminology, Policing and Investigation	6	360
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Criminology, Policing and Investigation	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Criminology, Policing and Investigation	5	240
	Bachelor of Arts Criminology, Policing and Investigation	6	300

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	Not applicable

9	Delivery Patterns		
	Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study
	Full Time	City Centre	3 years
	Part Time	City Centre	5 years*
	Sandwich	City Centre	4 years
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			US0655
			US0659
			US0655S

* If you study this course part-time, you will study modules alongside full-time students in daytime hours (not evenings or weekends). The duration of the course will depend on how many modules you take per year, and will be agreed before you commence your studies. To qualify as a PT student you cannot undertake more than 90 credits in any one year.

10	Entry Requirements
	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 .

11	Course Learning Outcomes
	Knowledge and Understanding
1.	The multidisciplinary underpinnings of the discipline of Criminology and recognise how these underpinnings change across the core curriculum topic areas; how the central tenets of Criminology can assist in explaining how a variety of factors can result in criminal behaviour and actions at a micro, meso, and macro context
2.	How the core and the specialised content in Criminology and Policing contribute to the understanding of contemporary issues, and those matters that are at the forefront of the discipline; and specifically, how these relate to policing, social control and law enforcement
3.	How to conduct a wide-range of practice-based research including quantitative and qualitative research methods, data collection, and data analysis.

4.	How the main areas of Policing have developed, integrated and contributed to the growth of specialised areas, such as policing and investigation and security studies.
5.	Policing-related career prospects that are available for graduates who would like to pursue a career in the field of criminal justice with a more theoretical and practical understanding of the multiplicity of roles that are available in policing and law enforcement.
Intellectual Skills	
6.	Provide reasoning and analytical skills in order to understand the role of evidence and make critical judgements about arguments in Policing and Criminology;
7.	Adopt and integrate multiple perspectives and systematically analyse the relationships between them in relation to Policing issues.
8.	Detect patterns in criminal behaviour and experiences to evaluate their significance in light of various criminological perspectives.
9.	Show application of the main perspectives and schools of thought in Criminology to the explanation of the causes of crime and criminal behaviour.
10.	Ability to pose, formulate, and critique research/investigative questions.
11.	Demonstrate competence in research skills through practical activities.
12.	Generate and explore research questions related to Criminological and Policing areas of study.
13.	Integrate and apply the main perspectives and schools of thought pertaining to Criminology and Policing to the understanding of contemporary issues and problems.
14.	Demonstrate key writing and presenting skills.
15.	Develop the ability to review and critically evaluate quantitative and qualitative evidence using a range of techniques.
16.	Acquire the ability to plan, execute, and present an independent project under supervision.
17.	Demonstrate the ability to formulate and apply appropriate ethical judgments when carrying out research.
18.	Show application of Policing and Criminology concepts, ideas, and theoretical paradigms.
Practical, Research and Independent Learning Skills	
19.	Employ appropriate quantitative and qualitative methods when undertaking criminological research.
20.	Initiate, design, conduct and report on a quantitative and qualitative based research project under appropriate supervision, recognise its theoretical, practical, and methodological implications and limitations.
21.	Show the application of ethical considerations to data collection.
22.	Demonstrate the reflection on perspectives in Policing and Criminology and their application to one's own life and behaviour and experiences of others.
23.	Make use of scholarly reviews and primacy source material and gather information that is logical and appropriate which contribute to the formulation of balanced arguments.
24.	Handle primary sources critically and ethically.
25.	Apply problem-solving skills, and be aware that knowledge may require different approaches to problem solving.
26.	Become independent and pragmatic as learners.
Transferable Skills/Key Skills	
27.	Communicate effectively in a variety of modes
28.	Select, apply and evaluate appropriate methods for complex tasks, and interpret data effectively,
29.	Be computer literate, and use software applications, which are generic and discipline based.
30.	Retrieve and organise information effectively.
31.	Engage in effective teamwork.
32.	Problem solve and critically analyse.
33.	Be sensitive to contextual and interpersonal factors.

34.	Effective presentation skills.
35.	Consolidate information effectively.
36.	Construct written reports.
37.	<p>1. Key competencies and skills which are relevant to the study of the QAA benchmarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflective practice • Consolidate skills and knowledge in the preparation for graduate destinations • Accumulate e-technology skills attained from virtual learning platforms • Consolidate skills attained from working experiences where possible <p>Consolidate skills attained from student engagement with staff led research projects where possible.</p>

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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
CRI6096	The Ethics of Investigation	20
CRI6088	Dissertation / Live Project / Placement	40
CRI6095	Policing Priorities	20
CRI6099	Lie to Me: Essential Criminal Justice Interviewing Techniques	20

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

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
CRI6089	Britain and Terrorism	20
CRI6090	Everyday Surveillance	20
CRI6087	Dark Leisure	20
CRI6064	Transnational Organised and Corporate Crime	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.

Full Time Course Structure

BA (Hons) Criminology, Policing and Investigation: Course Structure				
Level 4	Level 4 HE Learner Programme (e.g. Two weeks)			
	Semester 1	On Crimes and Punishment: An Introduction to Criminological Theory Core Module (20 credits)	Doing Criminological Research Core Module (20 credits)	Crime in its Political and Historical Context Core Module (20 credits)
	Semester 2	Policing, Investigation and Society Core Module (20 credits)	Security Studies: The Essentials Core Module (20 credits)	Social Construction of Crime and Deviance Core Module (20 credits)
Level 5	Level 5 Transition Programme			
	Semester 1	History of the Police in England and Wales Core Module (20 credits)	Beyond the Statistics: Researching Criminological Experiences Core Module (20 credits)	Optional Module (20 credits)
		Optional International Exchange		
	Semester 2	Applied Investigative Techniques Core Module (20 credits)	Contemporary Issues in Policing Core Module (20 credits)	Optional Module (20 credits)
		Optional International Exchange		
Work Placement (e.g. 12 months)				
Level 6	Level 6 Transition Programme			
	Semester 1	The Ethics of Investigation Core Module (20 credits)	Dissertation/Live Project/Placement Core Module (40 credits)	Optional Module (20 credits)
	Semester 2	Lie to Me: Essential Criminal Justice Interviewing Techniques Core Module (20 credits)		Policing Priorities (20 credits)

Part Time Course Structure

Year 1	Semester 1	L4 On Crimes and Punishment: An Introduction to Criminological Theory (20 credits)	L4 Doing Criminological Research (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L4 Policing, Investigation and Society (20 credits)	L4 Security Studies: The Essentials (20 credits)
Year 2	Semester 1	L4 Crime in its Political and Historical Context (20 credits)	L5 History of the Police in England and Wales (20 Credits)
	Semester 2	L4 Social Construction of Crime and Deviance (20 credits)	L5 Applied Investigative Techniques (20 credits)
Year 3	Semester 1	L5 Beyond the Statistics: Researching Criminological Experiences (20 credits)	L5 Optional Module (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L5 Contemporary Issues in Policing (20 credits)	L5 Optional Module (20 credits)
Year 4	Semester 1	L6 The Ethics of Investigation (20 credits)	L6 Optional Module (20 credits)
	Semester 2	Lie to Me: Essential Criminal Justice Interviewing Techniques (20 credits)	L6 Optional Module (20 credits)
Year 5	Semester 1	L6 Dissertation/Live Project/Placement (40 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 4

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	206
Directed Learning	252
Private Study	742
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	80%
Exam	0
In-Person	20%

Level 5

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	206
Directed Learning	784
Private Study	710
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	47%
Exam	17%
In-Person	36%

Level 6

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	134
Directed Learning	354
Private Study	712
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	68%

Exam	10%
In-Person	22%