UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON

Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	School of Social Science, Humanities and Creative Industries		
Course Code(s):	CJ011J01UM CJ011J31UM	Full-time Part-time	3 Years 6 Years
UCAS Code:	MM92		
Course Title:	BA (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice		
Hierarchy of Awards:	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Criminology and Criminal Justice Bachelor of Arts Criminology and Criminal Justice Diploma of Higher Education Criminology and Criminal Justice Certificate of Higher Education Criminology and Criminal Justice		
Language of Study:	English		
Date of DAG approval:	14/Sep/2026		
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Course Specification valid from:			
Course Specification valid to:			

Academic Staff

Course Leader:	Dr Kate Williams
Head of Department:	Dr Stephen Gregg

Course Information

Location of Delivery:	University of Wolverhampton
Category of Partnership:	Standard Provision (Not delivered in partnership)
Teaching Institution:	University of Wolverhampton
Open / Closed Course:	This course is open to all suitably qualified candidates.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are subject to regular review. The entry requirements applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website (and externally as appropriate e.g. UCAS

Distinctive Features of the Course:

- Our BA (Hons) Criminology & Criminal Justice degree at the University of Wolverhampton provides you with a systematic, robust and scaffolded understanding of the key aspects surrounding the causes, nature, extent, responses to and management of crime.
- At level 4, our Success at University module will help you with your academic skills, and you will receive ongoing support throughout your degree.
- Our research active staff, guest speakers from the world of criminal justice, and field trips including court and prison bring the real world to your studies.
- Our assessments are authentic, innovative and varied, ranging from podcasts and reports to online discussions, posters and portfolios, which equip you with transferable skills for the workplace.
- At level 5, you will undertake a Professional Development module which includes a work placement of your choice.
- At levels 5 and 6, you choose optional modules, including the opportunity to take a specialist Probation Pathway that reduces your training time to become a Probation Officer.
- At level 6, you will complete a dissertation project on your choice of subject. This can be a specialist area that fascinates you, or something that will be directly relevant for your future career.

Educational Aims of the Course:

Intakes:

September

Major Source of Funding:

Office for Students (OFS)

Tuition Fees:

Tuition fees are reviewed on an annual basis. The fees applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website.

Year	Status	Mode	Amount
2020/1	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2020/1	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12250.00
2020/1	H	Part Time	£3050.00
2020/1	Overseas	Part Time	£6125.00
2021/2	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2021/2	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12950.00
2021/2	H	Part Time	£3100.00
2022/3	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2022/3	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£13450.00
2022/3	H	Part Time	£3120.00
2023/4	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2023/4	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£14450.00
2023/4	H	Part Time	£4625
2024/5	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2024/5	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£14950.00
2024/5	H	Part Time	£4625.00
2025/6	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9535.00
2025/6	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£15995.00
2025/6	H	Part Time	£4768.00
2026/7	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9790.00
2026/7	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£17600.00
2026/7	H	Part Time	£4895.00

PSRB:

None

Course Structure:

September (Full-time)

Full time and Sandwich Undergraduate Honours students normally study 120 credits per academic year; 60 credits semester 1 and 60 credits semester 2.

Part time students study alongside full time students. However, they do not study more than 80 credits in each academic calendar year.

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
4CJ010	Working in the Criminal Justice System	30	SEM1	Core
4GK014	Succeeding at University for the Social Sciences and Humanities	30	SEM1	Core
4CJ009	Crime, Victims & Rights	30	SEM2	Core
4SL013	Media, Culture and Society	30	SEM2	Core

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
5CJ014	Punishment	30	SEM1	Core
5CJ012	Framing the Criminological World	30	SEM1	Core

Option Group 03 | Min Value: 30 | Max Value: 30

5CJ013	Policing & Crime Prevention	30	SEM2	Core/Option	Neil Olley
5CJ015	Environmental Crime	30	SEM2	Core/Option	Prav Uppal
5GK019	Professional Development for the Social Sciences and Humanities	30	SEM2	Core	

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
6CJ019	Research Methods	30	SEM1	Core
6CJ020	Dissertation or Applied research project	30	SEM2	Core

Option Group 01 | Min Value: 30 | Max Value: 30

If following the Probation Pathway, students must choose Rehabilitation & Desistance

6CJ023	The Rehabilitation & Desistance of Offenders	30	SEM1	Core/Option	Kyros Hadjisergis
6CJ021	Youth Crime & Justice	30	SEM1	Core/Option	Yasmin Devi-McGleish

6CJ024	Contemporary Issues in Criminology	30	SEM2	Core

Please note: Optional modules might not run every year, the course team will decide on an annual basis which options will be running, based on student demand and academic factors, to create the best learning experience.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Regulations Exemption:

Reference Points:

Transitional Support:

- You are provided with your own personal tutor throughout your degree to support you to settle into university and adapt to academic life.
- Student Transitional Teachers provide an extra level of support at levels 3 and 4.
- You are also offered extra academic support throughout your degree in every module, from lecturers and seminar tutors.
- Academic skills staff are also there to support your training needs.
- Feedback and collaboration from students is used to shape your course experience throughout.

Student Support:

The University provides a wide range of academic and pastoral support to help students succeed in their studies and personal development. This includes access to the Library and Skills for Learning service, academic coaching for Level 3 and 4 students, and tailored advice from the Careers and Enterprise teams. Students also benefit from 24/7 wellbeing support through WLV Student Life Connect, pastoral care via the Multi-faith Chaplaincy, and assistance from the Mental Health and Wellbeing team. Those living in university accommodation have additional access to Residential Life support, and all students can engage with the Students' Union for advocacy, societies, and further peer-led services.

Overview of Assessment:

As part of the course approval process, the course learning outcomes were mapped to each of the modules forming the diet of the programme of study. This process confirmed that all course learning outcomes can be met through successful completion of the modules. This mapping applies to the final award as well as to all of the intermediate awards.

Learning Outcomes	Modules

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CERTHE01 Demonstrate knowledge of the underlying concepts, theories and principles associated with your area(s) of study. (Knowing)	
CERTHE02 Evaluate, interpret and apply data, to develop ideas and discussion in your subject(s) of study. (Knowing)	
CERTHE03 Use different approaches to solving problems related to your area(s) of study (Doing)	
CERTHE04 Communicate the results of your study/work accurately and reliably, and with structured and coherent arguments (Doing)	
CERTHE05 Identify and undertake further training and develop new skills to support your learning (Being)	
CERTHE06 Identify personal qualities and transferable skills necessary for further study and/or employment (Being)	
DIPHE01 Demonstrate knowledge and application of the concepts and principles of your area(s) of study. (Knowing)	
DIPHE02 Demonstrate the application of those principles in an employability and/or professional practice context. (Knowing)	
DIPHE03 Identify and use methods of enquiry in the subject(s) and evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems in study. (Doing)	
DIPHE04 Use a range of new and established techniques to explore and critique data and sources of information, to solve problems within your subject (Doing)	
DIPHE05 Effectively communicate information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms to specialist and non-specialist audiences. (Being)	
DIPHE06 Show personal responsibility and decision-making to developing existing skills and acquire new competences that will enable you to reach your employability goals. (Being)	
BHONSN01 Synthesise knowledge and systematic understanding of the key aspects at the forefront of Criminology and Criminal Justice (Knowing)	
BHONSN02 Critically appraise key criminological issues surrounding the causes, nature, extent, responses to and management/control of crime (Knowing)	
BHONSN03 Apply the methods and techniques that you have learned to consolidate and extend your knowledge and conceptual understanding, including conducting independent study and projects (Doing)	
BHONSN04 Evaluate evidence, arguments and assumptions to reach sound judgements and to communicate them effectively to both specialist and non-specialist audiences (Doing)	
BHONSN05 Employ a reflective, inclusive approach and social, political and cultural awareness within a Criminology and Criminal Justice (Being)	

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BHONSN06 Demonstrate and assess your qualities and transferable skills necessary for graduate employment, specifically within the criminal justice system and related areas (Being)	
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BHONS04 Evaluate evidence, arguments and assumptions to reach sound judgements and to communicate them effectively to both specialist and non-specialist audiences (Doing)	
BHONS05 Employ a reflective, inclusive approach and social, political and cultural awareness within a Criminology and Criminal Justice (Being)	
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Teaching, Learning & Assessment Strategy/(Learning and Teaching):

- Your course is scaffolded to provide you with a basis of core and interdisciplinary knowledge of Criminology & Criminal Justice at level 4, progressing onto more cutting edge, specialist areas at levels 5 and 6.
- You will be taught in a variety of ways to support a flexible, inclusive and engaging learning experience. These include a blended format of lectures, seminars, workshops, collaborative work in groups or pairs, individual independent learning, placements, presentations, guest speakers, trips, online discussions, online activities, documentaries and research activities.
- Your course promotes digital fluency throughout, including the ethical use of digital tools, AI, and data. You will be supported by academic and skills staff throughout, including your level 4 Success at University module which contains specialist sessions.

Assessment Methods/Assessments:

- Your assessments are designed authentically to build your range of transferable skills for the workplace.
- You will not have any exams – instead, you will be engaging in employability focussed innovative assessments including posters, podcasts, reports and portfolios of work. Many of your modules even allow you to choose how you are assessed!
- Every module gives you the opportunity to submit formative work for your assessment, so that you can practise and receive meaningful feedback beforehand.
- All our assessments are designed to be inclusive and accessible, with varied formats, clear expectations, and support for different learning needs. Every module includes assessment unpacking videos, an assignment brief, individual support, and specialist sessions.
- Your assessments will develop your intellectual skills including critical thinking, problem-solving, and evidence-based argument. You will learn how to evaluate evidence, arguments and assumptions to reach sound judgements and communicate them effectively to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.

Further Information for Student:

Currency:

- All your lecturers are active with research and scholarship within their specialist criminological areas, which keeps your course up to date and relevant with the latest critical issues and debates.
- Real-world criminological research is central to all our modules, enabling you to develop your conceptual understanding and critical skills with social, political and cultural awareness.

- The University’s Graduate Attributes (Global Citizen, Knowledgeable, Professional, Digitally Fluent) are embedded throughout your Criminology & Criminal Justice curriculum to support your development as a future-ready graduate.

Personalisation Opportunities:

- Your course provides you with the opportunity to choose modules at levels 5 and 6 that are relevant to your interests or your career aspirations, including our Probation Pathway.
- Your level 6 dissertation project can be on an area of your choice, enabling you to explore a specialist area or conduct research for your future career.
- Throughout your degree, your strengths and interests are supported and celebrated by providing you with a choice of how you are assessed.
- You are supported throughout to make informed choices about modules, topics and assessment to reflect your ambitions, interests and lived experiences by your lecturers, tutors and skills staff.
- Your course integrates diverse perspectives and student identities to make learning more relevant, inclusive, and meaningful. You are encouraged to reflect on your learning journey and lifelong learning by using academic guidance to shape your personal development.

Employability in the Curriculum/Employability and Professional Development:

- From your first level 4 module, Working in the Criminal Justice System, you will have the opportunity to meet professionals from relevant organisations. Throughout your degree, we bring in guest speakers and host events and trips to enable you to explore different careers.
- At level 5, your Professional Development module will provide you with the opportunity to undertake a micro placement of your choice. You will be supported throughout by your lecturers, gain further transferable skills for the workplace, and receive feedback from employers.
- At level 6, you have the chance to take our specialist Probation Pathway module, Rehabilitation & Desistance, which will reduce the length of time it takes to train to become a Probation Officer.
- At level 6, your project can be based directly on your chosen career or area of specialism, and you are supported throughout by your personal dissertation supervisor.
- Our assessments are authentic and employability focussed, building your communication skills ready for the workplace.
- Our careers team work closely with you and your modules throughout your degree to provide ongoing support with your career ambitions and professional development. This careers support is available for you to access for the rest of your career.
- Your team of lecturers, tutors and academic skills staff are there to guide you to make informed choices about modules that align with your interests and help you achieve your best results.

