



## Programme Specification (Undergraduate)

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### 1. Programme title(s) and code(s):

BA Sociology with Criminology

BA Sociology with Criminology with a Year Abroad^

HE Diploma in Sociology with Criminology\*

HE Certificate in Sociology with Criminology\*

\* An award marked with an asterisk is only available as an exit award and is not available for students to register onto.

^ Students may only enter this programme by approved transfer at the end of Year 1

#### a) [HECOS Code](#)

| HECOS Code | %     |
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| 100505     | 62.5% |
| 100484     | 37.5% |

#### b) UCAS Code (where required)

L3M9

### 2. Awarding body or institution:

University of Leicester

### 3. a) Mode of study

Full-time

#### b) Type of study

Campus-based

### 4. Registration periods:

#### BA Sociology and Criminology

The normal period of registration is 3 years

The maximum period of registration 5 years

#### BA Sociology and Criminology with a Year Abroad

The normal period of registration is 4 years

The maximum period of registration 6 years

### 5. Typical entry requirements

**A/AS-levels:** BBB or equivalents

**EPQ with A-levels:** BBB + EPQ an grade B.

**GCSE:** English at Grade C (4).

**Access to HE Diploma:** Pass Diploma with 45 credits at Level 3, including 25 credits at Distinction.

**International Baccalaureate:** Pass Diploma with 28 points overall

**BTEC Nationals:** Pass Diploma with DDM.

Other national and international qualifications considered.

## **6. Accreditation of Prior Learning**

There are no specific pre-requisites here; however, the following guidelines set out by the University Policy and Procedure for the Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) (August 2015) apply in the case of requested transfers:

Decisions regarding the accreditation of prior learning are an academic judgement and departments will determine whether the prior learning is at the required level and broadly equivalent to the learning outcomes that would have been assessed during a module.

Departments will determine the currency of prior learning on a case-by-case basis within an overall requirement that, at the time of application, any prior learning that is more than five years old will not normally be considered current for this purpose.

## **7. Programme aims**

The programme aims to deliver an undergraduate degree that will provide a challenging and high quality academic grounding for graduates moving into an increasingly challenging world of work. It seeks to do this by encouraging students to develop a critical understanding of sociological and criminological issues, informed by theoretical debates and research at the forefront of the disciplines of sociology and criminology. It aims to facilitate opportunities for students to develop their conceptual understanding in order that they are able to critically evaluate research, scholarship, and different policies and practices that impact upon contemporary society, and in particular in the area of crime and deviance, and apply the knowledge gained from this to their own future practice.

The programme aims to:

- Develop an understanding of the key concepts and theoretical approaches that have been developed and are developing in relation to areas such as the relationship between:
  - individuals and groups, crime and deviance, social action and social structure, biography and history, social institutions and culture, the underpinnings of social order, social inequality and conflict, diverse cultural practices, and the causes and consequences of social change.
- Develop an understanding of the distinctively social standpoint of criminology and sociology and the explanatory value of criminological and social analysis. This necessarily includes familiarity with the analysis of a variety of forms of human interdependence, from micro to macro, their interconnections and their dynamics.
- Develop an understanding of the nature and appropriate use of research strategies and methods in relation to criminological and social issues.
- Provide a rigorous, coherent and attractive criminology and sociology curriculum that draws on the research expertise and teaching strengths of the University's Criminology and Sociology departments.
- Provide a stimulating and challenging learning experience for all students;
- Provide students with the skills required for independent learning and develop their capacity to work both with others and autonomously.
- Provide students with a range of both subject specific and transferable skills relevant to life-long learning and employment in a range of occupations;
- Prepare students for progression to Masters' courses and PhD projects.

In addition, for the 'with a Year abroad' variants

The 'Year Abroad' variant of this programme is offered in accordance with the University's standard specification for the experiential year abroad variant

## 8. Reference points used to inform the programme specification

- [QAA Benchmarking Statement](#)
- [Framework for Higher Education Qualifications \(FHEQ\)](#)
- [UK Quality Code for Higher Education](#)
- [University Education Strategy](#)
- [University Assessment Strategy](#) [Login required]
- University of Leicester Periodic Developmental Review Report
- External Examiners' reports (annual)
- United Nations Education for Sustainable Development Goals
- Student Destinations Data

## 9. Programme Outcomes

Unless otherwise stated, programme outcomes apply to all awards specified in 1. Programme title(s).

### a) Discipline specific knowledge and competencies

#### i) Competence in an appropriate body of knowledge

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Teaching and Learning Methods                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p><b>Students should have:</b><br/>Assimilated the relevant sociological theory and knowledge to be able to examine deviant and criminal behaviour.</p> <p><b>Students should have:</b><br/>Assimilated the relevant criminological theory and knowledge to examine delinquent and criminal behaviour.</p> | <p><b>Teaching methods:</b><br/>Interactive lectures, seminars, problem-solving workshops, staff supervisions.</p> <p><b>Learning methods:</b><br/>Consultations with staff, practice-based learning and fieldwork, independent study (preparation for lectures, seminars, practice, assessments).</p> | <p><b>Assessments:</b><br/>Essays, examinations, critical analysis of images and texts, critical examination of case studies, field notebooks and reflective diaries, oral and video presentations, concept mapping, research projects.</p> <p><b>In sessions:</b><br/>Interactive lectures, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, group discussion of case studies.</p> |

#### ii) Understanding and application of key concepts and techniques

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                           | Teaching and Learning Methods                                                                                                      | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p><b>Students should be able to:</b><br/>Apply key concepts used in sociological and criminological analysis and the nature of social evidence.</p> | <p>Lectures, seminars, computer practical classes, team problem-solving exercises, consultations with staff, and private study</p> | <p>Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework</p> |

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Teaching and Learning Methods                                                                   | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Undertake the practice of sociology and criminology through their observations and fieldwork as part of a process of gathering, retrieving and synthesising both qualitative and quantitative data. | Lectures, seminars, workshops, field trips, work placements and private study.                  | Through the production of field notebooks, reports, case studies, a dissertation.                                                                          |
| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Apply the main research methods used in criminological and sociological investigation                                                                                                               | Seminars, computer practical classes, team problems solving-exercises, consultations with staff | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework |

iii) Critical analysis of key issues

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Teaching and Learning Methods                                                                  | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Analyse key theoretical issues in criminology and sociology                                                                                                                           | Lectures, seminars, directed reading, team problem-solving exercises, consultations with staff | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework |
| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Reflect critically on their everyday experiences, drawing on their sociological and criminological imaginations to reinterpret common sense meanings about the world, sociologically. | Lecture, seminars, workshops, field trips, work placements, consultations with staff.          | Through the production of field notebooks, reports, case studies, a dissertation.                                                                          |
| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Analyse key substantive issues in the study of crime and deviance, and societies, their development and processes of social change                                                    | Lectures, seminars, directed reading, team problem-solving exercises, consultations with staff | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework |

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                         | Teaching and Learning Methods                                                                  | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Analyse key issues in the use of criminological and sociological methods     | Lectures, seminars, directed reading, team problem-solving exercises, consultations with staff | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework |
| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Reflect critically on the nature of criminology and sociology as disciplines | Lectures, seminars, directed reading, team problem-solving exercises, consultations with staff | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework |

iv) Clear and concise presentation of material

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                                | Teaching and Learning Methods                                                                               | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Present criminological and sociological knowledge and arguments in a clear and concise way in a variety of written and oral formats | Feedback on oral and written contributions to seminars, problem-solving exercises, consultations with staff | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework |
| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br><br>Present qualitative and quantitative data analysis in a clear and concise manner.                                               | Lectures, seminars, workshops, fieldtrips, work placements.                                                 | The production of field notebooks, essays, reports, case studies, presentations and research dissertations.                                                |

v) Critical appraisal of evidence with appropriate insight

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                                       | Teaching and Learning Methods                               | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Assess the appropriateness of the evidence and the methods used in sociological studies and criminology, their value and their limitations | Seminars, directed reading, team problem-solving exercises, | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework |

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                        | Teaching and Learning Methods                                                                                                      | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Apply their sociological and criminological imaginations to analyse data and evidence, using a theory-practice orientation. | Lectures, seminars, workshops, fieldtrips, work placements, directed reading, problem-solving exercises, consultations with staff. | The production of field notebooks, essays, reports, case studies, exams, presentations and research dissertations.                                         |
| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Read, analyse and reflect critically and contextually upon sociological and criminological texts                            | Seminars, directed reading, team problem-solving exercises,                                                                        | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework |

vi) Other discipline specific competencies

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                | Teaching and Learning Methods                                                                                                | How Demonstrated?                                                                                           |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Design, research and present a sustained and independently conceived piece of sociological and criminological work. | Supervised independent research                                                                                              | Research Project                                                                                            |
| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Gather, retrieve and synthesise information, and develop it into coherent sociological work.                        | Lectures, seminars, workshops, fieldtrips, work placements, directed reading, problem-solving exercises, a research project. | The production of field notebooks, essays, reports, case studies, presentations and research dissertations. |

**b) Transferable skills**

vii) Oral communication

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                         | Teaching and Learning Methods             | How Demonstrated?                                                    |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Express sociological and criminological ideas with clarity, fluency and coherence in discussion groups and other oral forms. | Seminars, team problem- solving exercises | Single and group seminar presentations, contributions to discussions |
| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Participate effectively as criminologists and sociologists in group discussions                                              | Seminars, team problem- solving exercises | Single and group seminar presentations, contributions to discussions |

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                | Teaching and Learning Methods                                                                              | How Demonstrated?                                                             |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Turn everyday questions into sociological questions and vice versa. | Lectures, seminars, workshops, fieldtrips, work placements, problem-solving exercises, a research project. | Seminar discussions, a research project, presentations, essays, case studies. |

viii) Written communication

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                         | Teaching and Learning Methods                                                                              | How Demonstrated?                                                             |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Express sociological and criminological ideas with clarity, fluency and coherence in discussion groups and other oral forms. | Seminars, team problem-solving exercises                                                                   | Single and group seminar presentations, contributions to discussions          |
| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Participate effectively as criminologists and sociologists in group discussions                                              | Seminars, team problem-solving exercises                                                                   | Single and group seminar presentations, contributions to discussions          |
| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Turn everyday questions into sociological questions and vice versa.                                                          | Lectures, seminars, workshops, fieldtrips, work placements, problem-solving exercises, a research project. | Seminar discussions, a research project, presentations, essays, case studies. |

ix) Information technology

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Teaching and Learning Methods                                        | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Use IT to support effectively their sociological and criminological studies; use IT in word processing; use the internet; use data bases, spreadsheets, specialist packages for data analysis, and presentation | Class task programme, computer practical classes, lectures, seminars | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework |

x) Numeracy

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                    | Teaching and Learning Methods                                        | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Analyse interpret, and present relevant data using statistical and graphical techniques | Class task programme, computer practical classes, lectures, seminars | Computer practical classes, computer- based exercises, problem - based exercises, examinations, essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework |

xi) Team working

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                     | Teaching and Learning Methods            | How Demonstrated?                                          |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Form teams and work collaboratively in groups to explore sociological and criminological problems and recognize the value of working closely with others | Seminars, team problem solving exercises | Problem - based exercises, group presentations in seminars |

xii) Problem solving

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                                     | Teaching and Learning Methods            | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Address and analyse theoretical, methodological, and empirical problems posed by sociological and criminological literature and practice | Seminars, team problem solving exercises | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework |

xiii) Information handling

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                                        | Teaching and Learning Methods                                                                                                     | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Identify, comprehend, analyse and handle sociological and criminological information, including empirical evidence gathered from fieldwork. | Lectures, seminars, team problem-solving exercises, directed reading, computer practical classes, team problems solving exercises | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework |

xiv) Skills for lifelong learning

| Intended Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Teaching and Learning Methods                                                                                                                                                                                           | How Demonstrated?                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Apply intellectual independence in the setting of research tasks and the analysing of criminological and sociological questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Fostering independent learning and self-evaluation through consultations and feedback sessions                                                                                                                          | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework                               |
| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Manage their time and organise themselves effectively                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Fostering independent learning and self-evaluation through consultations and feedback sessions                                                                                                                          | Essays, examinations, portfolios, seminar presentations, contribution to discussions, problem-solving exercises, research projects and assessed coursework                               |
| <b>On completion of the year abroad students can be expected to:</b><br><br>1. Reflect on skills learned and knowledge gained and explain how these may contribute to future academic development.<br><br>2. Demonstrate improved professional communication, presentation and interpersonal skills, networking skills and, if relevant, skills in another language.<br><br>3. Demonstrate a range of self-management and life-long learning skills including time management, adaptability, confidence, independence and enterprise. | Global Success toolkit (including written guidance and workshops to be delivered in partnership with CDS).<br><br>Experience of living and studying overseas.<br><br>Experience of studying in an overseas institution. | Updated Curriculum Vitae (not formally assessed).<br><br>Seminar presentations and contributions to tutorials during final year of study at UoL.<br><br>Assessments undertaken overseas. |
| <b>Students should:</b><br>Develop their sociological imaginations for life-long learning to enable them to better understand the social processes they are a part of and contribute to a clearer, reality-orientated understanding of what is an opaque social world.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Lectures, seminars, workshops, fieldtrips, work placements, directed reading, problem-solving exercises, a research project.                                                                                            | The production of field notebooks, essays, reports, case studies, exams, presentations and research dissertations.                                                                       |

## Global Citizen Study Abroad (GCSA)

For the aims, learning outcomes and application criteria for the Global Citizen Study Abroad (GCSA) please see <https://le.ac.uk/study/undergraduates/courses/abroad>

### 10. Progression points

This programme follows the standard Scheme of Progression set out in [Senate Regulations](#) – see the version of Senate Regulation 5 governing undergraduate programmes relevant to the year of entry.

In cases where a student has failed to meet a requirement to progress he or she will be required to withdraw from the course

Course transfers

There are no specific pre-requisites here; however, the following guidelines set out by the University Policy and Procedure for the Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) (August 2015) apply in the case of requested transfers:

3.9 Decisions regarding the accreditation of prior learning are an academic judgement and departments will determine whether the prior learning is at the required level and broadly equivalent to the learning outcomes which would have been assessed during a module.

3.10 Departments will determine the currency of prior learning on a case by case basis within an overall requirement that, at the time of application, any prior learning which is more than five years old will not normally be considered current for this purpose.

### 11. Criteria for award and classification

This programme follows the standard scheme of undergraduate award and classification set out in [Senate Regulations](#) – see the version of *Senate Regulation 5 governing undergraduate programmes* relevant to the year of entry.

### 12. Special features

#### 12a. Research-inspired Education

**Students on this programme will advance through the four quadrants of the University of Leicester Research-inspired Education Framework as follows:**

| RiE Quadrant                                                                    | Narrative                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Research-briefed</b><br>Bringing staff research content into the curriculum. | <p>Our programme provides students with a thorough understanding of society through a variety of different lenses. It draws upon a range of theoretical concepts which can then be applied to numerous situations in order to better understand the world in which we live.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research-briefed<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Our students will be exposed to challenging learning, which is inspired and informed by our cutting-edge research. All of our teaching staff on the programme are engaged in research, allowing them to use their experiences and findings in their teaching.</li></ul></li></ul> |
| <b>Research-based</b><br>Framed enquiry for exploring                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research-based<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Our students take part in a variety of activities which are based on real world issues. They will learn to apply their knowledge of theoretical</li></ul></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| existing knowledge.                                                                                   | concepts and ideas to a range of different sociological and criminological contexts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Research-oriented</b><br>Students critique published research content and process.                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research-oriented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Our students will be challenged to critically appraise a range of research articles that have been published in a range of formats. They will learn to recognise the limitations of various methodological approaches the requirements for ethical practice.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>        |
| <b>Research-apprenticed</b><br>Experiencing the research process and methods; building new knowledge. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research-apprenticed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Our students will be guided through the research process by an experienced researcher. Training will be provided on both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, providing an excellent foundation on which to undertake their own ethical research</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

**As part of studying at a research-intensive university, students on this programme have the following extra or co-curricular opportunities available to them to gain exposure to research culture:**

Our well-renowned Scarman and Neustadt lectures take place each year and students at every level across our School are invited to attend. The topics of these important lectures change each time in order to ensure that our students are exposed to a range of cutting-edge contemporary issues, presented by leading figures in their fields.

Our School also holds a monthly research seminar series, whereby staff showcase their latest collaborative research projects to staff and students alike. This provides another opportunity for our students to hear about our interdisciplinary research outside of the traditional classroom.

**Teaching on this programme will be research-informed (it draws consciously on systematic inquiry into the teaching and learning process itself) in the following way:**

The School supports all staff involved in teaching to gain an accredited Higher Education teaching qualification, in which they demonstrate their use of teaching theory to support their own practice and reflect on their current teaching and continuing professional development.

All programme module convenors attend an annual education away day, which supports teaching activities across the School. Our monthly 'Learning over Lunch' programme provides more frequent opportunities for staff to share ideas regarding engaging teaching approaches. This programme of events supports staff to deliver educational best practice through the sharing of

ideas from teaching conferences, talks from external educational speakers, and a platform for staff to share evaluations of their own teaching practice.

### **12b. Work-related learning**

The workload of all students on this programme includes the opportunity to engage with *at least* 100 hours of employer informed, work-related learning activity. Further information regarding work-related learning is available [online](#).

### **13. Indications of programme quality**

University Academic Review reports  
External Examiners' reports

### **14. Degree Results and Career Destination statistics. External Examiner(s) reports**

The details of the External Examiner(s) for this programme and the most recent External Examiners' reports for this programme can be found at [exampapers@Leicester](mailto:exampapers@Leicester) [log-in required]

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### Appendix 1: Programme structure (programme regulations)

The University regularly reviews its programmes and modules to ensure that they reflect the current status of the discipline and offer the best learning experience to students. On occasion, it may be necessary to alter particular aspects of a course or module.

BA Sociology and Criminology

### Updates to the programme

| Academic year affected | Module                                        | Update                         |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2026/27                | SY1025 Race, Ethnicity and Racisms in Britain | New core module                |
| 2026/27                | SY1008 Interpreting Key Texts                 | Module removed                 |
| 2026/27                | SY1026 Gender and Society                     | New core module                |
| 2026/27                | SY1005 Sociology in Practice                  | Was 30 credits, now 15 credits |
| 2027/28                | CR2001 Policing                               | New core module                |
| 2027/28                | CR2008 Punishment and Rehabilitation          | Was 30 credits, now 15 credits |

### Level 4/Year 1 2027/28

Credit breakdown

| Status   | Year long  | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Core     | 60 credits | 30 credits | 30 credits |
| Optional | n/a        | n/a        | n/a        |

120 credits in total

#### Core modules

| Delivery period | Code   | Title                                  | Credits    |
|-----------------|--------|----------------------------------------|------------|
| Year long       | CR1004 | Introduction to Criminology            | 30 credits |
| Sem 1           | SY1005 | Sociology in Practice                  | 15 credits |
| Sem 1           | SY1025 | Race, Ethnicity and Racisms in Britain | 15 credits |
| Year long       | CR1001 | Theories of Crime and Criminality      | 30 credits |
| Sem 2           | SY1013 | Ways of Researching                    | 15 credits |
| Sem 2           | SY1026 | Gender and Society                     | 15 credits |

#### Notes

n/a

#### Notes

This is an indicative list of option modules and not definitive of what will be available. Option module choice is also subject to availability, timetabling, student number restrictions and, where appropriate, students having taken appropriate pre-requisite modules.

#### Level 5/Year 2      2028/29

#### Credit breakdown

| Status   | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Core     | n/a       | 60 credits | 45 credits |
| Optional | n/a       | n/a        | 15 credits |

120 credits in total

#### Core modules

| Delivery period | Code   | Title          | Credits    |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|------------|
| Sem 1           | CR2001 | Policing       | 15 credits |
| Sem 1           | SY2091 | Live Sociology | 15 credits |

| Delivery period | Code   | Title                            | Credits    |
|-----------------|--------|----------------------------------|------------|
| Sem 1           | SY2093 | Doing Qualitative Research       | 30 credits |
| Sem 2           | CR2008 | Punishment and Rehabilitation    | 15 credits |
| Sem 2           | SY2008 | Using Numbers in Social Research | 30 credits |

#### Notes

n/a

Option modules

| Delivery period | Code   | Title                             | Credits    |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Semester 2      | CR2025 | Terrorism                         | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | CR2003 | Sex and Violence                  | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | CR2004 | Global Alternative Justice        | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | SY2001 | Media, Culture and the Lifecourse | 15 credits |

#### Notes

This is an indicative list of option modules and not definitive of what will be available. Option module choice is also subject to availability, timetabling, student number restrictions and, where appropriate, students having taken appropriate pre-requisite modules.

#### Level 6/Year 3      2029/30

Credit breakdown

| Status   | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Core     | n/a       | 30 credits | 30 credits |
| Optional | n/a       | 30 credits | 30 credits |

120 credits in total

Core modules

| <b>Delivery period</b> | <b>Code</b> | <b>Title</b>                              | <b>Credits</b> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Semester 1             | SY3103      | Research, Reflection and Future Direction | 30 credits     |
| Semester 2             | SY3104      | Doing Social Research                     | 30 credits     |

**Notes**

n/a

Option modules

| <b>Delivery period</b> | <b>Code</b> | <b>Title</b>                                                   | <b>Credits</b> |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Semester 1             | CR3019      | Criminal Justice and Mental Disorder                           | 15 credits     |
| Semester 1             | CR3025      | Violence                                                       | 15 credits     |
| Semester 1             | CR3028      | Hate Crime                                                     | 15 credits     |
| Semester 1             | SY3065      | Body and Society                                               | 15 credits     |
| Semester 1             | SY3091      | Education and Social Justice                                   | 15 credits     |
| Semester 1             | SY3100      | Social Psychology                                              | 15 credits     |
| Semester 2             | CR3002      | Understanding Extremism: Causes, Actions and Solutions         | 15 credits     |
| Semester 2             | CR3007      | Green Criminology                                              | 15 credits     |
| Semester 2             | CR3013      | Forensic Science                                               | 15 credits     |
| Semester 2             | SY3057      | Football & Society: Social Divisions, Violence and Consumption | 15 credits     |
| Semester 2             | SY3095      | Sociology of Health and Illness                                | 15 credits     |
| Semester 2             | SY3097      | International Migration                                        | 15 credits     |

**Notes**

This is an indicative list of option modules and not definitive of what will be available. Option module choice is also subject to availability, timetabling, student number restrictions and, where appropriate, students having taken appropriate pre-requisite modules.

At Level 6/Year 3 students will be required to choose one Sociology option and one Criminology option in each of semesters 1 and 2.

**Appendix 2: Module specifications**

See undergraduate [module specification database](#) [Login required] (Note - modules are organized by year of delivery).