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Course Specification

BA (Hons) Criminology

Course Code: CRIME

2024/25

BA (Hons) Criminology (CRIME)

Applicant Facing Course Specification for 2024/25 Undergraduate Entrants

Confirmed at DEC/2023

General Information

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| Award | Bachelor of Arts (with Honours) Criminology |
| Contained Awards | Bachelor of Arts Criminology Diploma of Higher Education Criminology Certificate of Higher Education Criminology |
| Awarding Body | Leeds Beckett University |
| Level of Qualification and Credits | Level 6 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications, with 120 credit points at each of Levels 4, 5 and 6 of the UK Credit Framework for Higher Education (360 credits in total). |
| Course Lengths and Standard Timescales | Start dates will be notified to students via their offer letter. The length and mode of delivery of the course is confirmed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 years (full-time, campus based)• 6 years (part-time, campus based) |
| Part Time Study | PT students will be supported by the course team to determine an appropriate selection of modules from the level for each year of study. PT delivery is usually at half the intensity of the FT equivalent course, although there may be flexibility to increase your pace of study to shorten the overall course duration. Some modules may be delivered in a different sequence to that defined within this information set but the modules offered within each level are consistent. Please note that the work placement option is not generally available to PT students. |
| Location(s) of Delivery | The majority of teaching will be at City campus but on occasion may be at Headingley campus. |
| Entry Requirements | Admissions criteria are confirmed in your offer letter. Details of how the University recognises prior learning and supports credit transfer are located here: https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-information/course-information/recognition-of-prior-learning/ |

Admissions enquiries may be directed to:
AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

Course Fees

Course fees and any additional course costs are confirmed in your offer letter. Fees enquiries may be directed to
Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

Timetable Information

Timetables for Semester 1 will be made available to students during induction week via:

- i) The Student Portal (MyBeckett)
- ii) The Leeds Beckett app

Any difficulties relating to timetabled sessions may be discussed with your Course Administrator.

Policies, Standards and Regulations (<https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/our-university/public-information/academic-regulations/>)

There are no additional or non-standard regulations which relate to your course.

Key Contacts

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| Your Course Director | Dr Linda Asquith |
| Your Academic Advisor | An academic advisor will be allocated to you at induction |
| Your Course Administrator | The name of your Course Administrator/s will be confirmed during induction. Their contact details are: crimeadmin@leedsbeckett.ac.uk |

Sandwich or Other 'In Year' Work Placement Information

Summary

At Level 6 students can elect to undertake the optional *Work-Based Learning in Criminology* module. This module provides students with an opportunity to engage with the practice of Criminology in a 'real world' context through a period of work-based learning and, in doing so, gain practical experience of a professional work area related to their course of study.

Length

Students will undertake a period of work-based learning amounting to 70 hours in total.

Location

The nature, format and location of the work-based learning will be determined on a year-by-year basis through negotiation with the module leader.

Professional Accreditation or Recognition Associated with the Course

Professional Body

N/A

Accreditation/ Recognition Summary

N/A

Course Overview

Aims

The aims of the programme are to:

Develop an in-depth knowledge of Criminology and its sub-disciplines by providing a guided orientation to important themes and issues. Through the varying core and elective modules, the course aims to provide an explanation, at increasing depths as students work through the degree, of key questions in the field and aims to develop an understanding of the conceptual construction of criminological perspectives.

Course Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

Knowledge and Understanding

1. Examine critically a broad range of criminological theories, concepts and problems, noting their historical and social context.
2. Apply their criminological knowledge to real world issues, recognising the ways in which social interests, positions and values may impact upon policy and practice in criminal justice and law-making.
3. Utilise appropriate research strategies for data collection and problem solving.

Professional Skills

4. Communicate information about crime and criminalisation accurately and effectively to a variety of audiences.
5. Demonstrate skills of independent learning.
6. Demonstrate an ability to work with others to achieve joint outcomes.

7. Recognise and respect the views of others.
8. Reflect on their own knowledge and practice.
9. Identify and work towards personal and professional goals.

Teaching and Learning Activities

Summary

The course uses a range of teaching and assessment methods to support active learning and student engagement, recognising the diverse learning needs of students. Formal teaching takes place via a range of methods, which may include formal lectures, seminars, practical sessions, and workshops. Lectures and seminars for core modules will be delivered in person. On some occasions sessions involving guest speakers may be delivered online. Some elective modules may be delivered via blended learning. Additional learning resources will also be provided online via our Virtual Learning Environment.

Your Modules

This information is correct for students progressing through the programme within standard timescales. Part time students will be supported by the course team to determine an appropriate selection of modules from the level for each year of study. Option modules listed are indicative of a typical year. There may be some variance in the availability of option modules. Students who are required to undertake repeat study may be taught alternate modules which meet the overall course learning outcomes. Details of module delivery will be provided in your timetable.

| Level 4 | |
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| Semesters 1 & 2 | Core (Y/N) |
| Becoming a Criminologist (40 credits) | Y |
| Criminological Theory (40 credits) | Y |
| Introduction to Criminal Justice (40 credits) | Y |

| Level 5 | |
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| Semesters 1 & 2 | Core (Y/N) |
| Criminological Intersections (40 credits) | Y |
| Critical Issues in Criminal Justice (40 credits) | Y |
| Research and Employability Skills (40 credits) | Y |

| Level 6 | | | |
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| Semester 1 | Core (Y/N) | Semester 2 | Core (Y/N) |
| Dissertation (40 credits) <i>Students must choose either Dissertation or Extended Essay</i> | N | Dissertation (40 credits) <i>Students must choose either Dissertation or Extended Essay</i> | N |
| Extended Essay (20 credits) <i>Students must choose either Dissertation or Extended Essay</i> | N | | |
| Criminological Futures (20 credits) | Y | | |
| <p><i>All students will undertake one elective module in semester 1</i></p> <p>Options from (all 20 credits):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Imprisonment • Gender, Crime and Justice • Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity • Risk and Vulnerabilities • Race, Crime and Social Exclusion • Terrorism, Policing and Security • Violent and Sexual Offending | N | <p><i>Students who undertake the Extended Essay must do three elective modules in semester 2.</i></p> <p><i>Students who undertake the Dissertation must do two elective modules in semester 2.</i></p> <p>Options from (all 20 credits):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime, Policy and the Sex Industry • Crimes of the Powerful • Criminal Justice Policy • Domestic Violence and Criminal Justice • Heretics and Renegades • Innovation in Desistance and Recovery • Punishing the Poor • Sexual Offending and Sex Offenders • The Criminology of Tattooing • Work-Based Learning in Criminology • Youth Crime and Justice | N |

Assessment Balance and Scheduled Learning and Teaching Activities by Level

The assessment balance and overall workload associated with this course are calculated from core modules and typical option module choices undertaken by students on the course. They have been reviewed and confirmed as representative by the Course Director but applicants should note that the specific option choices students make may influence both assessment and workload balance.

A standard 20 credit module equates to 200 notional learning hours, which may be comprised of teaching, learning and assessment, any embedded placement activities and independent study. Modules may have more than one component of assessment.

Assessment

Level 4 is assessed by coursework predominantly, with some examinations and practical assessments.

Level 5 is assessed by coursework predominantly, with some practical assessments.

Level 6 is assessed by coursework predominantly, with some practical assessments.

Workload

| Overall Workload | Level 4 | Level 5 | Level 6 |
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| Teaching, Learning and Assessment | 204 hours | 216 hours | 152 hours |
| Independent Study | 996 hours | 984 hours | 1048 hours |
| Placement | 0 hours | 0 hours | 70 hours (optional) |

Learning Support

If you have a question or a problem relating to your course, your Course Administrator is there to help you. Course Administrators work closely with academic staff and can make referrals to teaching staff or to specialist professional services as appropriate. They can give you a confirmation of attendance letter, and a transcript. You may also like to contact your Course Rep or the Students' Union Advice team for additional support with course-related questions.

Student Services

If you have any questions about life at University, call into our Student Services Centre at either campus or contact Student Advice directly. This team, consisting of trained officers and advisers are available to support you throughout your time here. They will make sure you have access to and are aware of the support, specialist services, and opportunities our University provides. They also work on a wide range of projects throughout the year all designed to enhance your student experience and ensure you make the most of your time with us. Student Advice are located in the Student Services Centre in the Leslie Silver Building at City Campus and on the ground floor of the Priestley Building at Headingley Campus. The team

can also be contacted via email at studentadvice@leedsbeckett.ac.uk, telephone on 0113 812 3000, or by accessing our online chat link, available on the student homepage.

Support and Opportunities

Within MyBeckett you will see two tabs (Support and Opportunities) where you can find online information and resources for yourselves. The Support tab gives you access to details of services available to give you academic and personal support. These include Library Services, the Students' Union, Money advice, Disability advice and support, Wellbeing, International Student Services and Accommodation. There is also an A-Z of Support Services, and access to online appointments/registration.

The Opportunities tab is the place to explore the options you have for jobs, work placements, volunteering, and a wide range of other opportunities. For example, you can find out here how to get help with your CV, prepare for an interview, get a part-time job or voluntary role, take part in an international project, or join societies closer to home.