LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

# Course information for applicants

This information applies to the course as it will be delivered to students starting the course in 2027/28.
Information provided here was confirmed on 20/10/2026

# General information

## Programme code
BACWP

## Target award
If you complete this course successfully you will be eligible for the award of:
BA (Hons) Criminology with Psychology

## Delivery mode
✓ On campus
☐ Distance learning

## Where you will study
The majority of teaching will be at City Campus but on occasion may be at Headingley Campus.

## Awarding body
Leeds Beckett University

## Regulator
Office for Students

## Level of qualification
Level 6 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications

## Course duration
If you are made an offer of a place on the course, your offer letter will include the start date.

This course can be studied:
3 years full-time
6 years part-time

## Part-time study
This course can be studied part-time.

If you study the course part-time, it will usually take twice as long to complete compared with the equivalent full-time course. The modules may be delivered in a different sequence than on the full-time course, but you will study the same modules at each academic level. With the agreement of the course team, you may be able to increase your pace of study to shorten the overall course duration.

## Work placement

This course includes an optional placement module(s).

a) At Level 5 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.

b) At Level 6 students can also elect to undertake the optional 'Career Cartographies': work-integrated learning in the Humanities module, which involves a work placement supported by reflective exercises. This module is designed by digital specialists to reflect the increasing digitization of work. Assessments are designed by the course team and employer partners to allow students to develop an authentic understanding of a work environment.

### Placement Length

a) Students will undertake a period of work-based learning amounting to 70 hours in total.
b) Students will undertake 80 hours work placement.

### Placement Delivery

Students are responsible for obtaining their own placement, with assistance from the University. The locations will vary, dependent on the opportunity. 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.

## Entry requirements

Admissions criteria are available on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have previous relevant qualifications or experience, you could be exempt from certain parts of your course. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) allows you to start your course at a point appropriate to the learning and skills that you may have developed in a professional, vocational or community setting.

Find out more here: https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-information/course-information/recognition-of-prior-learning
If you have questions about entry requirements and admissions, contact AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

## Course fees

Course fees and a breakdown of any additional costs is included on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have questions about fees for this course, contact Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

### Timetable

You will receive your full timetable for the year during induction week.

# What you will study

## Course aims

The aims of the programme are to:

Develop a critical appreciation of the theoretical traditions of criminology and psychology and an in-depth knowledge of contemporary criminological and psychological theories and research. The core and option modules available throughout the course will enable students to understand how criminology and psychology provide multifaceted, interdisciplinary explanations and explorations of a variety of criminological issues.

## Teaching and learning activities

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.

## Course structure

This information is correct for students progressing through the course within standard timescales. If you have to repeat study or take time out during your course, you may be taught alternative modules which meet the overall course learning outcomes.

The option modules listed may vary. Those listed here are likely to be offered in a typical year.

### Level 4

Compulsory modules

| Module title | Credits | Semester/ teaching period |
|---|---|---|
| Becoming a Criminologist | 30 | 1 and half of Semester 2 |
| Introduction to Psychology and Crime | 30 | 1 and half of Semester 2 |
| Introduction to Criminal Justice | 30 | 1 and half of Semester 2 |
| Criminology in Practice | 30 | 2 |
| Number of credits of compulsory modules | 120 | |

## Level 5

### Compulsory modules

| Module title | Credits | Semester/ teaching period |
|---|---|---|
| The Psychology of Complex Behaviour | 20 | 1 |
| Psychology and Law | 20 | 1 |
| Researching Crime and Justice | 20 | 2 |
| The Psychology of Harmful Belief Systems | 20 | 2 |
| Number of credits of compulsory modules | 80 | |

### Option modules

| Module title | Credits | Semester/ teaching period |
|---|---|---|
| Criminological Intersections | 20 | 1 |
| Gender, Crime and Justice | 20 | 1 |
| Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity | 20 | 1 |
| Punishing the Poor | 20 | 1 |
| Punishment | 20 | 1 |
| Criminalistics | 20 | 1 |
| Work Based Learning in Criminology | 20 | 2 |
| Crimes of the Powerful | 20 | 2 |
| Youth Crime and Justice | 20 | 2 |
| Green Criminology | 20 | 2 |
| Criminal Justice Policy | 20 | 2 |
| Number of credits of option modules a student should choose | 40 | |

## Level 6

### Compulsory modules

| Module title | Credits | Semester/ teaching period |
|---|---|---|
| Final Year Project | 40 | Year-long |
| Number of credits of compulsory modules | 40 | |

### Option modules

| Module title | Credits | Semester/ teaching period |
|---|---|---|
| Clinical and Forensic Psychology | 20 | 1 |
| Crime, Policy and the Sex Industry | 20 | 1 |
| Exploring Imprisonment | 20 | 1 |
| Out of Play: Sports, Power and Justice | 20 | 1 |
| Resist! Confronting State Harm | 20 | 1 |
| Career Cartographies | 20 | 1 |
| Heretics and Renegades | 20 | 1 |
| Violent and Sexual Offending | 20 | 1 |
| Prison Nation: Punishment, Power and Protest in the United States | 20 | 1 |
| Investigative and Criminal Psychology | 20 | 2 |

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| Crime Stories | 20 | 2 |
| Innovation in Desistance and Recovery | 20 | 2 |
| Domestic Violence and Criminal Justice | 20 | 2 |
| The Criminology of Tattooing | 20 | 2 |
| Sexual Offending and Sex Offenders | 20 | 2 |
| Housing, Harms and Victimisation | 20 | 2 |
| Terrorism, Policing and Security | 20 | 2 |
| Bizarre and Rare Crimes | 20 | 2 |
| Number of credits of option modules a student should choose | 80 | |

# Assessment and feedback

The balance of assessment may change depending on which option modules you choose.

### Level 4
Level 4 is assessed by coursework predominately, with some practical assessments.

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

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

# Workload

You can expect to spend a total of 100 hours learning per 10 credits.

Typically, a student on this course can expect to divide their time like this:

| Overall workload | Level 4 | Level 5 | Level 6 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Teaching, learning and assessment | 187 hours | 207 hours | 151 hours |
| Independent study | 1013 hours | 993 hours | 1049 hours |
| Placement study | 0 hours | 70 hours (optional) | 80 hours (optional) |