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
CRIME

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

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* 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.

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.

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.

Whilst students source their own placements, they will need to meet requirements which will be outlined in the relevant module information.

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 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.

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
Criminological Theory	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
Criminological Intersections	20	1
Researching Crime and Justice	20	2
Number of credits of compulsory modules	40	

Option modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Criminalistics	20	1
Gender, Crime and Justice	20	1
Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity	20	1
Punishing the Poor	20	1
Punishment	20	1
Mental Health, Crime and Criminal Justice	20	1
Work Based Learning	20	2
Crimes of the Powerful	20	2
Youth Crime and Justice	20	2
Green Criminology: Social and Environmental Harms and Crimes	20	2
Criminal Justice Policy	20	2
Number of credits of option modules a student should choose	80	

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
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
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
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Level 6
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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	205 hours	150 hours
Independent study	1013 hours	995 hours	1050 hours
Placement study	0 hours	70 hours (optional)	80 hours (optional)