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# Criminology

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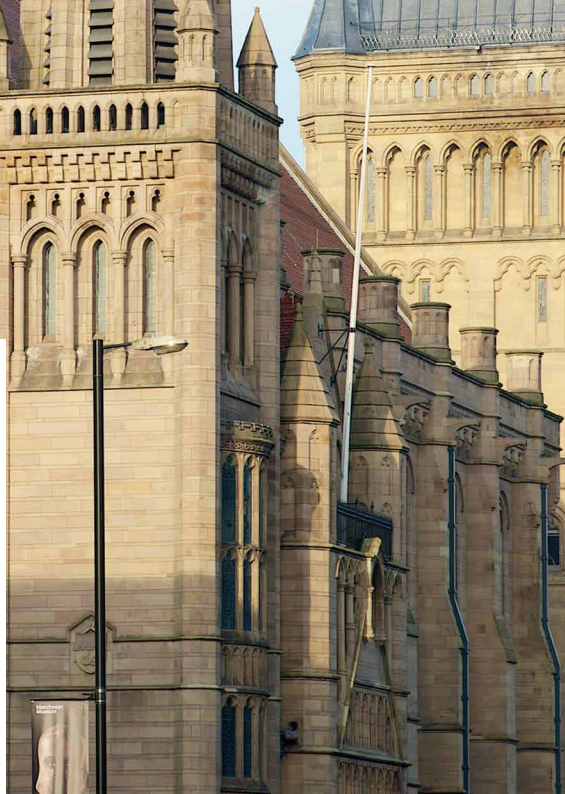


A thriving and internationally recognised hub of teaching and research in criminology and law

Extensive range of academic support services, careers advice and social opportunities

Research-led teaching, with courses delivered by world-leading criminologists, socio-legal scholars and ethicists





“ Studying criminology at Manchester was definitely the right choice for me. There’s always something going on... from guest speakers to careers sessions to prison visits.

Becky Price.  
BA Criminology student



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## Our University

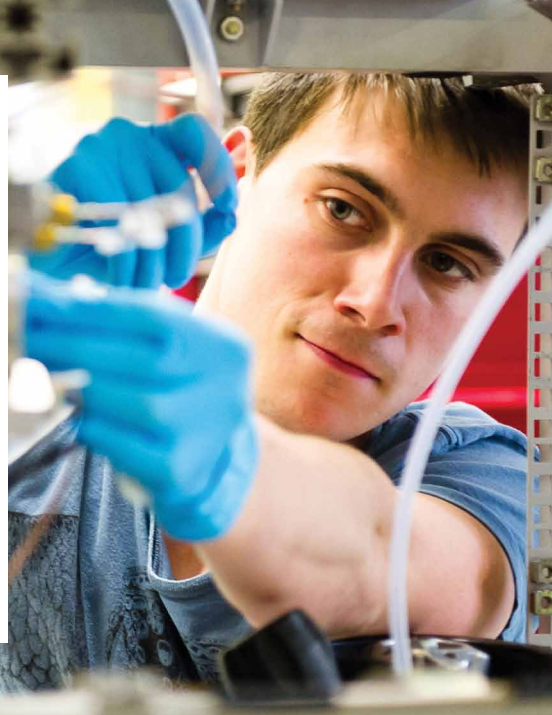
### Making things happen

Influential, forward-thinking and down-to-earth, we'll give you an amazing university experience rooted in a rich academic heritage. We turn enthusiasm into achievement and ground-breaking theory into innovative practice.

We accomplish feats of global significance, from splitting the atom, to giving the world graphene – the two-dimensional wonder material that is one atom thick, but 200 times stronger than steel.

With more Nobel laureates on our staff than any other UK university, and strong links to industry and public services, we vitalise our undergraduate courses with pioneering research.

Learn more about us:  
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## Introducing Manchester

## Our University

### Making things happen

Manchester lives on the edge of tomorrow, ever a step ahead in science, industry, media, sport and the arts. The Mancunian character – exemplified by the city's central role in the industrial revolution – strives for excellence and originality in all walks of life.

This is a city of many accents, having become a cosmopolitan magnet for students and professionals eager to experience its can-do attitude, independent spirit and cultural wealth.

Never content to live on past glories, Manchester has a passion for progress. Join us at the heart of Britain's most popular student city.

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## Your experience

### Much more than a degree

With resources from the hi-tech 24/7 learning environment of our Alan Gilbert Learning Commons, to the countless personal development opportunities and specialist support services we offer, we will empower you to be your best.

Outstanding sport facilities, nearly 300 student societies, supported community volunteering, study abroad pathways, career development programmes, mentoring and much more all enable you to grow and develop outside of the lecture hall, giving you a well-rounded university experience that prepares you for life after graduation.

The only thing you won't experience is boredom.

Hear from some of our students:  
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## Your career

### On a course to success

We are consistently one of the UK's most targeted universities by employers, thanks to courses and careers services designed with your employability in mind.

Our problem-based approach to learning inspires you to think critically, creatively and independently. Volunteering, personal development programmes and interdisciplinary learning could also give you a broader perspective and shape the socially responsible leaders of tomorrow.

We have the UK's best careers service, providing a wealth of advice and skills-development opportunities, and connecting you with employers to put you on a path to career success.

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# Criminology at Manchester

**Criminology teaching at Manchester has a distinguished history, with courses in crime, policing and criminal justice being offered since the 1970s. The tradition of Manchester Criminology has always included rigorous and critical analysis, empirical research and an engagement with 'real world' problems.**

If you choose to study with us you will be taught by some of the UK's leading experts in criminological research in the Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCCJ), based in Manchester University's Law School. The Centre is a thriving and internationally recognised hub of teaching and research and is home to 15 dedicated criminologists using a range of social science methods in studying many aspects of crime and criminal justice. Our teaching is inspired by our

## Typical offer

**BA Criminology**  
A-level **ABB**  
IB **33 655 at HL**

GCSE – good profile with grade A in English Language and B in Maths.

For detailed entry requirements to specific courses, visit:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/law/undergraduate/courses](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/law/undergraduate/courses)

For information on overseas qualifications and foundation course entry requirements, visit:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/law/undergraduate/international](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/law/undergraduate/international)

research, ensuring that our students engage in the most current debates in this constantly developing discipline. In recent years CCCJ staff have been at the forefront of research on a diverse range of subjects including drug use and policy, hate crime and other forms of violence, policing and security gangs, criminal law and justice, comparative criminal justice, migration and people trafficking, and gender and crime.

The University of Manchester, the Law School and the Centre work together to provide a welcoming and stimulating academic environment in which to study. The range of academic support, social opportunities and dedicated careers advice on offer makes Criminology at The University of Manchester a highly sought after choice.



## Criminology BA (Hons) 3yrs

UCAS Code M901

Our Criminology course will give you a broad understanding of crime as a dominant social problem and allow you to explore explanations for criminal behaviour and society's responses to it, including preventative efforts involving the public, politicians, the police and the criminal justice system.

The core course units in your first year provide a thorough grounding in the key criminological and criminal justice debates and enable you to develop research and study skills. Year 2 builds upon knowledge from Year 1 enhancing critical, analytical and research skills and providing focused study on one chosen module from a range of options. The extensive choice of modules offered in Year 3 provides an opportunity to specialise in more complex areas of the discipline, allowing expertise to be built up through in-depth study.

These are some of the questions you'll discuss on the course:

- What is 'crime', what are its causes and how does society respond to it?
- What part does the media play in fuelling fear of crime, creating moral panics and perpetuating prejudice?
- How should we deal with young people who offend?
- How can we explain an increase in the use of recreational drugs amongst young people?
- How are serious crimes, like human trafficking, organised?
- Why do people feel afraid when overall recorded crime rates have fallen consistently over the last decade?
- How can the police prevent crime?
- Does prison 'work'?
- Is there any evidence for the effectiveness of sentences delivered by our magistrates' and judges?
- What problems do we face in trying to research crime?

## BA (Hons) Criminology Programme Outline

Year One: Range of Discipline Course Units to include: Crime and Society. Criminological Research Methods, Foundations of Criminal Justice. Psychology, Crime and Criminal Justice I. Enhanced Study Skills for Criminology

*Year One provides core theoretical frameworks across a range of disciplines and develops students, research and study skills. Assessment: Coursework and examination*

Development of Transferable Skills: Academic Writing, Critical Thinking

Transferable Skill Development: Teamwork, Communication, Reasoned Argument

Year Two: Compulsory Discipline Course Units: Explaining Crime and Deviance. Accessing and Understanding Data for Criminologists. Data Analysis for Criminologists. Understanding Punishment. Policing and the Police PLUS one optional Course Unit for example Criminology and Criminal Justice in Action.

*Year Two provides students with the opportunity to enhance their critical and analytic skills and to develop their research skills in both qualitative and quantitative research. Assessment: Coursework, presentations, examination*

Year Three: A Compulsory Dissertation (Short or Long). 100 optional credits, for example Crime Prevention, Organising Crime, Youth Justice, Victims of Crime, Drugs and Society, Managing Offenders in the Community, Crimes of Mass Violence. Counter Terrorism Year Three provides the student with opportunities to engage with the more complex areas of the discipline and study areas that are of particular interest to them.

*Assessment: Coursework including essays, portfolios, wikis, presentations and examination*

Transferable Skills Development: Verbal Presentation, Varied academic writing styles – Essay, Portfolio, Report – Presentational skills and Critical Reasoning.



## Law with Criminology LLB (Hons) 3yrs

UCAS Code M1M9

Building on the many links between the related disciplines of law and criminology, this Joint Honours course provides an integrated course that encourages students to approach topics from the viewpoint of both disciplines. Situated in The School of Law, students can take advantage of a unique joint honours programme delivered in one interdisciplinary School. Many of our staff take a socio-legal approach to their research and teaching which is well suited to this course. This integrated approach allows us to provide a unique course taught by research active lawyers and criminologists. As a qualifying law degree, this course prepares you for a professional career in law, criminology and community justice.

### Careers and postgraduate study

The course has an employability thread running throughout the three years, combining academic learning with the development of essential work related skills to assist you on your career trajectory. Through our links to relevant professions we provide you with opportunities to gain a real, practical insight into a range of different careers, preparing you for graduate employment. You will find this degree of particular value if you plan to work in the criminal justice system, local government, public services, social welfare, or the voluntary sector. All our graduates benefit from excellent training in transferable skills, strong research methods and data analytic skills. Skills development is embedded throughout our courses in order to prepare students for entry into a wide range of professions, within and outside the criminal justice system.

For those wishing to pursue their studies in criminology at a higher level we offer two internationally renowned postgraduate taught programmes which permit specialism in comparative criminology, security, organised crime, research methods, law and ethics.

### Teaching and learning

The Criminology courses we offer are taught by research active staff, using interactive lectures, workshops and small-group seminar teaching. Students are supported in developing presentation, writing and debating skills through a diverse range of assessments. Each course unit is comprised of 30 taught hours over the semester and fully supported by Blackboard 9, our online teaching and learning interface. This provides a range of online learning resources and multimedia, discussion groups, quizzes, and electronic reading lists, as well as access to teaching materials and presentations. All lecturers and academic advisors have weekly feedback/drop-in hours, which provide students with the opportunity to meet on a one-to-one basis with specialist teaching staff to discuss their courses. Additional weekly in-session classes are offered to help students with their English language, research and essay-writing skills.

### Extra-curricular activities

The student societies hosted by the school, together with the common rooms facilities, provide opportunities for vocational work from the School's Legal Advice Centre. International student exchange programmes equip our students well with the skills, support and connections they need to enter a range of professions upon graduation.



## **MUCS (Manchester University Criminology Society)**

Newly established in 2011, MUCS is a dedicated society for Criminology students aimed at providing our students with social events and sporting opportunities. Additional annual events include a field trip to Manchester Prison. MUCS works very closely with MULS (see below) and, indeed, organises many activities jointly. MUCS is a Society run by students for students. It adds to students' experiences of university life and helps create a vibrant community of students spanning the different intakes and year groups.

## **MULS (Manchester University Law Society)**

MULS, sponsored by City and regional law firms, organises social and sporting events in conjunction with MUCS. Typical events include the Spring Ball, pub quizzes, a Halloween party and inter-School sports tournaments in football, rugby and netball. The Law School sports teams compete with other universities and frequently dominate the University League tables. Criminology students also get involved in the Debating Society, Streetlaw Society and other groups run by MULS.

## **Legal Advice Centre**

Criminology students are offered the opportunity to work in the Law School's own Legal Advice Centre, providing supported advice to members of the public under the supervision of law practitioners and academics from the school.

## **Study abroad and internships**

Criminology students have the opportunity to apply for a 'study-abroad' semester in the second-year of the BA Criminology program (currently Melbourne University in Australia, and in the USA at Arizona State University and Rutgers University, New Jersey). Details of the scheme are available here:

**[www.law.manchester.ac.uk/criminology/undergraduate/study-abroad](http://www.law.manchester.ac.uk/criminology/undergraduate/study-abroad)**

Spending a semester abroad broadens your horizons and is a great way to meet and study with people in other countries who share your passions and interests. The experience of studying and living abroad develops your academic and personal skills, which increases your employability while also enabling you to travel and make new friends from all over the world. Law with Criminology students have the opportunity to apply for summer internships in Malaysia and Singapore, carrying out pro-bono work and gaining experience in a growing economy.

Features of our courses:

- Taught by a research-active, interdisciplinary team with foundations in sociology, psychology, psychoanalysis, law, social work and probation practice
- Excellent student satisfaction rate in the most recent National Student Survey, reflecting the dedication of our teaching staff and the enthusiasm of our students for their course
- Recent high-profile cases used to illustrate the topical issues we teach from youth justice and policing, terrorism and organised crime to drug use and victims
- A wide range of options in Year 3 allows you to specialise
- Impressive range of external speakers from criminal justice professions, academia, policy and voluntary organisations
- Focus on transferable skills, employability and careers advice to guide you through a wide variety of criminal justice and related careers
- An extensive programme of careers talks, workshops and panel sessions
- Opportunities to volunteer with criminal justice agencies, voluntary organisations and the Legal Advice Centre
- Field trips to relevant criminal justice and related locations including The Manchester Prison, Manchester Crown Court and MediaCityUK
- Active Criminology and Law Societies and regular meetings of the Criminology Film Club
- Opportunity to study abroad in one of our partner institutions or undertake summer internships

# Find out more online



## Accommodation

Discover your new home:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation)

## Admissions and applications

Everything you need to apply:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/howtoapply](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/howtoapply)

## Alan Gilbert Learning Commons

Our hi-tech 24/7 independent learning space:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/library/learningcommons](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/library/learningcommons)

## Careers

Take control of your career:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/careers](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careers)

## Childcare

Balancing learning and caring:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/childcare](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/childcare)

## Disability support

Talk to us about any support you need:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/dso](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/dso)

## Funding and finance

Fees, loans, scholarships and more:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance)

## International students

Prepare for life at Manchester, UK:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/international](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/international)

## IT Services

Online learning, computer access, IT support:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices)

## Library

One of the UK's largest and best-resourced:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/library](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/library)

## Maps

Campus, city and accommodation:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/travel/maps](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/travel/maps)

## Prospectus

Download or order a copy:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/prospectus](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/prospectus)



## Sport

Get active with clubs, classes, leagues and facilities:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/sport](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/sport)

## Support

Help with academic, personal, financial and administrative issues:

[my.manchester.ac.uk/guest](http://my.manchester.ac.uk/guest)

## Students' Union

The UK's largest student hub:

[www.manchesterstudentsunion.com](http://www.manchesterstudentsunion.com)

## Videos

Our University on YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/user/universitymanchester](http://www.youtube.com/user/universitymanchester)





# Contact details



## Disclaimer

This brochure is prepared well in advance of the academic year to which it relates. Consequently, details of courses may vary with staff changes. The University therefore reserves the right to make such alterations to courses as are found to be necessary. If the University makes an offer of a place, it is essential that you are aware of the current terms on which the offer is based. If you are in any doubt, please feel free to ask for confirmation of the precise position for the year in question, before you accept the offer.

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