

# Welcome to Criminology BA (Hons)

Congratulations on being offered a place to study Criminology at the University of Northampton!

We hope that you will find studying Criminology an interesting and valuable experience.

Here is a welcome pack to explore before you join us in September.



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## Your course

If you study **BA Criminology single honours**, here are the module choices for your cohort; in bold are your compulsory modules:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<b>CRI1002 Crime and Society</b>	<b>CRI2001 Crime and Justice</b>	<b>CRI4003 Criminology Dissertation</b>
CRI1003 Youth, Crime and the Media	<b>CRI2003 Doing Social Research in Criminology</b>	<b>CRI3001 Crime and Punishment</b>
<b>CRI1004 Applied Criminological Research</b>	CRI2002 Outsiders	CRI3002 Crime: Perspectives of Gender and Race
<b>CRI1005 The Psychology of Crime and Criminal Behaviour</b>	CRI2005 Youth, Victims and Restorative Justice	CRI3003 Violence: from Domestic to Institutional
CRI1006 True Crimes and other Fictions	CRI2006 Critiquing Criminalistics	CRI3004 Addiction: Crime and Criminalisation
<b>CRI1007 The Science of Crime and Criminals</b>	HIS2010 Crime, Policing and Punishment in England 1700-1900	CRI3005 Policing and Crime Control
LAW1002 Law and Society	LAW2013 Human Rights in the United Kingdom	CRI3006 Beyond Justice (prison based module)
CJS1005 Equality and Diversity in the CJS	PSY2014 Personality Psychology & PSY2016 Social Psychology	PSY3016 Forensic Psychology

If you are study **BA Criminology joint honours** here are the module choices for your cohort; in bold are your compulsory modules

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<b>CRI1002 Crime and Society</b>	<b>CRI2001 Crime and Justice</b>	<b>CRI4003 Criminology Dissertation*</b>
CRI1003 Youth, Crime and the Media	<b>CRI2004 Research Methods in Criminology*</b>	<b>CRI3001 Crime and Punishment</b>
CRI1004 Applied Criminological Research	CRI2002 Outsiders	CRI3002 Crime: Perspectives of Gender and Race

CRI1005 The Psychology of Crime and Criminal Behaviour	CRI2005 Youth, Victims and Restorative Justice	CRI3003 Violence: from Domestic to Institutional
<b>CRI1006 True Crimes and other Fictions</b>	CRI2006 Critiquing Criminalistics	CRI3004 Addiction: Crime and Criminalisation
<b>CRI1007 The Science of Crime and Criminals</b>	HIS2010 Crime, Policing and Punishment in England 1700-1900	CRI3005 Policing and Crime Control
LAW1002 Law and Society		CRI3006 Beyond Justice (prison based module)*
CJS1005 Equality and Diversity in the CJS		HIS3019 Crime and Popular Culture in late Victorian Britain

\* if you major/joint in Criminology

### **The course philosophy of Criminology at the University of Northampton**

- To exemplify criminological perspectives through an exploration of diverse social structures, institutions and processes, thus enabling students to appreciate the distinctive contribution criminologists make to an understanding and exploration of social phenomena;
- To appreciate and demonstrate Criminology's intellectual relationship with other disciplines;
- To develop a critical understanding of, and an ability to apply a range of theoretical approaches and methodologies, and thus enable students to recognize the essentially contested nature of the conclusions which are reached;
- To provide a coherent framework within which flexibility and specialisation is facilitated;
- To encourage students to develop a criminological approach which is progressively more critical and analytic;
- To encourage an awareness of the possible policy implications of criminological knowledge
- To appreciate the significance of cultural diversity for an understanding of social issues

## The First Four Weeks

During 'Welcome Week' (week beginning 25 September 2017)

- You will have access to your timetable showing your class times and venues
- You will have the opportunity to become familiar with the Library and IT facilities.
- You will also have opportunity to meet some of the Criminology staff and other students studying Criminology.

During the first week of term:

- Classes will begin on Monday 2 October 2017. **Everyone should begin to attend classes.** If you are unable to attend for any reason you **MUST** contact the relevant Module or Course Leader.

During the next couple of weeks

- Lists will be posted on NILE giving details of who your Personal Tutor is and where and when the first meeting will take place.
- You will meet with your personal tutor sometime during Week 3.

## Checklist of Key Dates

### Term Dates

Welcome Week	Begins Monday 25 September
Term 1	Monday 2 October to Friday 15 December
Term 2	Monday 8 January to Friday 29 March
Main Examination Period	23 April to 30 June

## Things to do before you come:

### Reading Preparation BA Criminology (Single and Joint Honours)

These texts are worth purchasing for your studies:

Caulfield, Laura and Hill, Jane, (2014), *Criminological Research for Beginners: A Student's Guide*, (Abingdon: Routledge)

Finch, Emily and Fafinski, Emily, (2012), *Criminology Skills*, (Oxford: OUP)

Liebling, Alison, Maruna, Shadd, and McAra, Lesley, (Eds.), (2017), *The Oxford Handbook of Criminology*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, (Oxford: OUP)

McLaughlin, Eugene and Muncie, John, (eds.) (2013), *The Sage Dictionary of Criminology*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, (London: Sage)

Newburn, Tim, (2017), *Criminology*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, (London: Routledge) **NB This text is useful for year 1 only**

### **Use blackboard: an online resource for your Criminology course**

It is a software from an educational company that allows course material to be accessible to all of our students. It has also a lot of information about the course. If you are to go

to [https://nile.northampton.ac.uk/webapps/portal/execute/tabs/tabAction?tab\\_tab\\_group\\_id= 1\\_1](https://nile.northampton.ac.uk/webapps/portal/execute/tabs/tabAction?tab_tab_group_id= 1_1) you should be able to access our welcome site under Sites available to guests (in the bottom left of the screen welcome sites for new students folder). This should take you to the "Welcome to Criminology site". Although it is not one that you will be using during your studies it is a great place to go before you come to the course as it is packed with a lot of useful information. [https://nile.northampton.ac.uk/webapps/blackboard/content/listContent.jsp?course\\_id= 8535\\_1&content\\_id= 343007\\_1](https://nile.northampton.ac.uk/webapps/blackboard/content/listContent.jsp?course_id= 8535_1&content_id= 343007_1)

### **Do the following activity:**

Before you come try to look up the following facts and figures:

- a) What was the number of total crimes committed in the UK in the year 2016?
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- b) What source did you use to find this figure?
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- c) What is the composite of the Supreme Court? (number of judges; age, gender and race)
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- d) What is the age of criminal responsibility in England and Wales?
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- e) What is a suspended prison sentence and how does it work?
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