

# Welcome to Criminal and Corporate Investigation BA (Hons)

The lecturing team wishes to welcome students embarking on the BA (Hons) Criminal and Corporate Investigation programme, within the Faculty of Health & Society, The University of Northampton. You will find as you settle down that the course team is very approachable, we are there to help.

Since your course is a vocationally based qualification there will be an element of added responsibility and increased expectations placed upon you, to which students on other courses are not subjected. You will on occasions throughout your course, be in contact with, and undertake role play exercises with other students who are undertaking our other course 'BA Policing'. When we carry out the role play exercises we often use assessors who are experienced investigators to help us. Our students generally perform very well in these exercises and they enjoy the interaction.

During the first term you will be introduced to the criminal justice system and will then begin to learn some of the laws that you will become familiar with how to use a pocket note book before moving onto recording evidence in statement format. You will learn how to conduct a basic investigation followed by the interview process, you will then demonstrate this in an assessed role play exercise. In other modules you learn about initial crime scene preservation, how equality and diversity issues impact on an investigation, the national decision model and how to apply it. You will learn about investigative methods and how to recognize a crime scene, how to protect it and how to collect exhibits. You will learn about rules of evidence and how they are applied and how the police use research to inform best practice.

As this is a degree programme you will be taught the university requirements in terms of essay writing and you will learn about research methods. It is essential that you pay attention to what is being taught in this module because if you don't comply with these requirements your grades will be seriously affected. Throughout the programme there will be a commitment to the integration of research, evidence based academic skills development. For all assessments it is absolutely essential that you read your feedback as it is there to help you develop and obtain good grades.

The programme requires individuals to learn through a variety of techniques and procedures. As the modules are professionally orientated they include significant components of directed learning. This is a university course and at university the onus is on you to read around the subject matter, it is not acceptable to simply turn up at lectures without having conducted prior reading. We expect you to

actively participate in lectures once again it is unacceptable to just sit at the back and say nothing. You will not be spoon fed.

As you progress through year 1 you will take part in several role play exercises including, crime scene management, interviewing witnesses, suspects and victims. As your confidence develops, the role play exercises become more testing and you will be required to control and determine what exactly is going on and what powers (if any) are available.

In year 2 you will learn about further laws such as homicide offences and sexual offences, defences to law, conducting major crime investigation, serious and organised crime; an optional module is covert investigations during which you will conduct a surveillance exercise. There is a further research module that you will undertake.

In year 3 there is more choice regarding module options and you can select those that are most appealing to yourself. Cybercrime is a compulsory module; There is an independent study module that requires you to research your own chosen topic and prepare a 10,000 word dissertation. Once you have completed this you will graduate.

We try to keep any changes to a minimum, although sometimes such changes are necessary. Keep an eye on (NILE) (our electronic learning system) for course information and supplementary module learning materials and for communicating with you. It is important that you check this regularly. You will be guided on the use of information technology as part of induction and also in the early teaching that introduces you to study skills. Please don't buy books in advance as most are available in the university library either as hard copy or electronically. There are some books that are however essential reading and we have a successful arrangement with Oxford University Press who offer a significant discount on our course materials.

Thank you for choosing Northampton, the course team is looking forward to meeting you in September and guiding you through the next three years.

**John Fox (course leader BA Criminal and Corporate Investigation )**

## 2018 Welcome Week Timetable - BA Criminal & Corporate Investigation

You will be advised when your 10 minute 1:1 tutorial will be during welcome week by your Personal Tutor (PT)

Time	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	
9am				<b>Induction, Social belonging, Team building</b>  9am – 12pm <b>Learning Hub (LH) 321</b> John Fox0		
10am	<b>Expectations of University Life</b>  10.30 – 11.00 <b>Senate (SN) 208</b> Student academic support & John Fox					
11am						
12am		<b>Academic, digital and employability skills</b>  12 – 3pm <b>Learning Hub (LH) 127</b> Learning Library Services, Changemaker team & John Fox	<b>Subject orientation</b>  12pm – 3pm <b>Senate (SN) 215</b> John Fox			
1pm					<b>Are you ready?</b>  1pm - 1.30pm Learning Hub (LH) 228 John Fox	
2pm						
3pm						
4pm						