

Welcome to BA (Hons) Criminology

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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The Criminology team are ably supported by a number of Associate Lecturers: Bethany Davies, Jessica James, Haley Read and Helen Trinder.

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 |
|---|---|--|
| CRI1002 Crime and Society | CRI2001 Crime and Justice | CRI4003 Criminology Dissertation |
| CRI1003 Youth, Crime and the Media | CRI2003 Doing Social Research in Criminology | CRI3001 Crime and Punishment |
| 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 |
| CRI1006 True Crimes and other Fictions | CRI2007 Policing and Crime Control | CRI3004 Addiction: Crime and Criminalisation |
| CRI1007 The Science of Crime and Criminals | PSY2014 Personality Psychology | CRI3006 Beyond Justice (prison based module) |
| | PSY2016 Social Psychology | CRI3007 Critiquing Criminalistics |
| | | Additional designated modules from other subjects can be seen on the award map: https://tinyurl.com/SH-Award-Map |

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 |
|---|---|---|
| CRI1002 Crime and Society | CRI2001 Crime and Justice | CRI4001/2/3 Criminology Dissertation* |
| CRI1006 True Crimes and other Fictions | CRI2004 Research Methods in Criminology* | CRI3001 Crime and Punishment |
| CRI1007 The Science of Crime and Criminals | CRI2002 Outsiders | CRI3002 Crime: Perspectives of Gender and Race |
| | CRI2005 Youth, Victims and Restorative Justice | CRI3003 Violence: from Domestic to Institutional |
| | CRI2007 Policing and Crime Control | CRI3004 Addiction: Crime and Criminalisation |
| | | CRI3006 Beyond Justice (prison based module)* |
| | | CRI3007 Critiquing Criminalistics |
| | | Additional designated modules from other subjects can be seen on the award map: https://tinyurl.com/JH-Award-Map |

* 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

During 'Welcome Week'

- 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:

- Everyone should begin to attend classes. If you are unable to attend for any reason you should contact the relevant Module or Programme Leader.

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, (2018), *Criminological Skills and Research for Beginners: A Student's Guide*, 2nd edition, (Abingdon: Routledge)

Finch, Emily and Fafinski, Emily, (2016), *Criminology Skills*, 2nd edition, (Oxford: OUP)

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

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

Newburn, Tim, (2017), *Criminology*, 3rd 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 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

Do the following activity:

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

a) What is the definition of crime?

- _____

b) What source did you use to look up the definition?

- _____
- c) What was the number of total crimes committed in the UK in the year 2017?
 - _____
- d) What source did you use to find this figure?
 - _____
- e) What is the composition of the Supreme Court? (number of judges; age, gender and race)
 - _____
- f) What is the age of criminal responsibility in England and Wales?
 - _____

2018 Welcome Week Timetable - BA Criminology

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

| Time | Monday 24 th September | Tuesday 25 th September | Wednesday 26 th September | Thursday 27 th September | Friday 28 th September |
|------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 9am | | | | Subject orientation Group 1 – 9am – 12pm Senate (SN) 303 Manos Daskalou Group 2 – 9am – 12pm Senate (SN) 301 Susie Atherton Group 3 – 9am – 12pm Senate (SN) 306 Michelle Jolley | 9am – 12pm Meet your Personal Tutor (PT) You will be advised by email your specific time allocation |
| 10am | | | | | |
| 11am | | | | | |
| 12am | | | | | |
| 1pm | Expectations of University Life Senate (SN) 208 Group 1 - 1.30 - 2pm Student academic support & Manos Daskalou Group 3 - 1.30 - 2pm Student academic support & Michelle Jolley | | | Are you ready? Senate (SN) 101 Group 1 – 1.30 – 2pm Manos Daskalou Group 3 – 1.30 – 2pm Michelle Jolley | Induction, Social belonging, Team building Group 1 – 1pm – 4pm Senate (SN) 301 Manos Daskalou Group 2 – 1pm – 4pm Senate (SN) 201 Susie Atherton |
| | Expectations of University Life | | | Are you ready? | |

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| 2pm | <p>Group 2 – 2pm – 2.30pm Senate (SN) 208 Student academic support & Susie Atherton</p> | | | <p>Group 2 – 2pm – 2.30pm Senate (SN) 101 Susie Atherton</p> | <p>Group 3 – 1pm – 4pm Senate (SN) 306 Michelle Jolley</p> | |
| 3pm | | <p>Learning Library Services, Changemaker team: Academic, digital and employability skills:</p> <p>Group 1 - 3pm – 6pm Senate (SN) 108 Manos Daskalou</p> <p>Group 2 - 3pm – 6pm Learning Hub (LH) 113 Susie Atherton</p> <p>Group 3 - 3pm – 6pm Senate (SN) 105 Michelle Jolley</p> | | | | |
| 4pm | | | | <p>4pm – 6pm</p> <p>Meet your Personal Tutor (PT)</p> <p>You will be advised by email your specific time allocation</p> | | |
| 5pm | | | | | | |
| 6pm | | | | | | |