CRIMINOLOGY
BA (Hons)
Combined Degree

ARE YOU STIRLING?
WHY STUDY CRIMINOLOGY?

How does society work? How are crime and other social problems situated in society, and how do different cultures understand these problems? What can we learn from the success of social policies in other countries?

This course provides an international and comparative approach to help you understand a wide range of social issues including crime and criminal justice, inequality and welfare, race, immigration, disability, addictions, youth and ageing.

You will attain a strong training in criminology and the theory and methods of applied social science. If you are considering a career in the police, prison service or human rights agencies, it will provide a strong academic base.

COURSE DETAILS

Criminology is based in the Faculty of Social Sciences and can be studied as a combined degree only. It can be combined with: Law; Philosophy; Politics; Social Policy or Sociology.

There is a very strong practical/applied focus at Stirling with strong links between our research and research centres and with our teaching. Our lecturers involved in various fields of applied social science work on, for example: police practice; dementia; children affected by parental substance use; desistance from crime; development and economic cooperation and draw on this research in their teaching.

DELIVERY AND ASSESSMENT

Teaching for this course typically consists of two lectures plus one workshop per module, per week. Assessment in each course is normally based on a combination of coursework and examinations for example, one essay (30 percent) and an examination (70 percent). The final-year dissertation counts for two modules and will provide you with an opportunity to put research methods studied into practice whilst focusing on an area of particular interest.

REASONS TO CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1. OUR EXPERTISE
Our modules are taught by acknowledged experts in their various academic fields and all teaching is closely informed by the latest developments in social research.

2. OUR LOCATION
You will benefit from on campus, Faculty based research centres such as the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research, The Salvation Army Centre for Addiction Services and Research, The Centre for Child Wellbeing and Protection and the Dementia Services Development Centre.

3. OUR FLEXIBILITY
The Stirling degree structure is very flexible in the first two years allowing you to experiment with new subjects.
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Criminology provides a strong academic base if you are considering careers in the police, the prison service, probation, social work, community care and law, regulatory fields such as the factory and tax inspectorates, human rights agencies, charitable foundations and lobby groups.

Stirling Criminology, Sociology and Social Policy graduates have a higher-than-average (in the UK) employment rate in degree relevant careers.

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES
You will learn how to identify and recognise the inherent importance and value of a discipline from an economic, social and cultural perspective, and making links between the discipline and professional opportunities. You will also learn how to become a critical thinker with analytical and problem-solving abilities, able to reshape and transform knowledge to generate new understandings, which you can then apply creatively in different contexts.

As well as specific subject-based knowledge, you will graduate with a wide range of experience and skills; in particular, communication skills, self-management skills and interpersonal skills providing you with a necessary competitive edge with employers across the private, public and voluntary sectors.

“My favourite part about the course has been the variety of topics covered, I have taken modules ranging from criminal law to social stratification and I’ve been able to get a taste of the many different career paths that can be pursued with this degree”
Megan McCulloch, BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

YEAR 1 ENTRY – FOUR-YEAR HONOURS
SQA Highers:
ABBB – one sitting
AABB – two sittings
GCE A-levels:
BBB
IB Diploma:
32
BTEC (Level 3):
DDM

YEAR 2 ENTRY – THREE-YEAR HONOURS
SQA Adv Highers:
ABB
GCE A-levels:
ABB
IB Diploma:
35

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
Scottish HNC/HND:
Minimum entry:
B3 in graded units
Advanced entry: Please visit: http://stir.ac.uk/ay
Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed.
Essential subjects:
As listed above or equivalent

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
General entry requirements apply. Please visit: http://stir.ac.uk/av

PART TIME, ADVANCED ENTRY AND STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS AVAILABLE
## TYPICAL TIMETABLE

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## YEAR 1 AND 2 OPTIONAL MODULES CURRENTLY

Students in years 1 and 2 are able to chose from a range of modules available from other subjects across the University.

Modules include: Crime, Risk and Modernity; Crimes of the Powerful; Punishment and Society; Criminological Theories in Context; Gender, Crime and Justice; Drugs, Crime and Society; Global Markets and Crime; Urban Society; Honours Seminar: Doing Social Research.

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