



CRIMINOLOGY

BA (Hons)
Combined Degree



ARE YOU STIRLING?



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.

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.

1ST IN SCOTLAND AND TOP 10 IN THE UK FOR CRIMINOLOGY

The Guardian University Guide, 2019

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 are involved in various fields of research, for example: police practice; surveillance; children affected by parental substance use; desistance from crime; human trafficking, and corporate and white collar crime. You will also have the opportunity to develop practical research skills yourself through two intensive core courses on qualitative and quantitative research skills and then through undertaking your own research dissertation, which will provide you with highly valued transferable skills.

Examples of recent dissertation topics include: Understanding Binge Drinking; the Criminalisation of Muslims in Britain; Social Media Use by Human Rights groups during the Arab Spring; Anti-social Behaviour Orders; Young Female Bullying and Violence; Police misconduct and race.

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.

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:

Bs in graded units

Advanced entry: Please visit:

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: stir.ac.uk/av

**PART TIME, ADVANCED ENTRY
AND STUDY ABROAD
OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

TYPICAL TIMETABLE

Year	Modules
1 (Autumn)	Social differentiation
	Any two optional modules from across the University
1 (Spring)	Social problems
	Any two optional modules from across the University
2 (Autumn)	Understanding social policy
	Two optional modules from combined degree course
2 (Spring)	Crime and Criminal Justice
	The Development of Social Theory
	One optional module from combined degree course
3 (Autumn)	Research Process 1
	Two optional modules from combined degree course
3 (Spring)	Research Process 2
	Two optional modules from combined degree course
4 (Autumn)	One optional module from combined degree course
4 (Spring)	One optional module from combined degree course
4 (Autumn/Spring)	Dissertation
	Honours seminar (Criminology, Sociology and Social Policy combined degree students only)

YEAR 1 AND 2 OPTIONAL MODULES CURRENTLY

Students in years 1 and 2 are able to choose 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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