

- **Overview**

Study the rapidly-expanding field of criminal psychology with this internationally-focused undergraduate programme. This ever-evolving discipline focuses on the intersection between criminology and psychology, allowing you to apply theories, methods and research to reach an understanding of some of the critical issues facing today's criminal justice system.

Created by subject experts, this programme gives you the opportunity to study alongside fellow professionals and classmates to take part in thought-provoking modules covering topics such as offender profiling, risk management and offender rehabilitation. The course emphasises the importance of evidence-based practice along with the integration of psychological theory to understand, reduce and prevent offending behaviour. You'll also study the core areas of psychology including cognitive, social and developmental psychology.

Looking to progress in your career? Or maybe you want to start a new role? Our BSc (Hons) Criminal Psychology will allow you to fit your education around your work and family commitments as you study 100% online and part-time. Graduates of the course will also have a holistic understanding of both criminology and psychology in addition to a wide range of transferable skills including critical thinking, research, self-motivation and communication.

- **Course structure**

The BSc (Hons) Criminal Psychology is made up of the following modules and, upon completion, is equal to a total of 360 credits.

- **Level 4 modules:**

Fundamentals of Effective Learning in Psychology (15 credits) *
Introduction to Social Psychology (15 credits) *
Introduction to Cognitive Psychology (15 credits) *
Introduction to Research Methods (30 credits) *
Crime & Society (15 credits) *
Introduction to Offender Profiling (15 credits) *
One optional module from the list below**

- **Level 5 modules:**

Biological Psychology (15 credits) *
Advanced Cognitive Psychology (15 credits) *
Psychological Development through the Lifespan (15 credits) *
Quantitative Psychology (15 credits) *
Individual Differences, Emotions and Behaviors (15 credits)*
Forensic Psychology (15 credits) *
Two optional modules from the list below**

- **Level 6 modules:**

Critical Social Psychology (15 credits)
Developmental Science (15 credits)
Investigative Psychology (15 credits)
Final Criminal Psychology Project (30 credits) *
Criminal Behavior and Deviance (15 credits)
Victimology and Criminal Victimization (15 credits)
One optional module from the list below**

- **Level 4 optional modules:**

Dealing with Offending Behavior (15 credits)
Personality and Intelligence (15 credits)

- **Level 5 optional modules:**

Criminology (15 credits)
Risk Assessment and Management (15 credits)
Criminal Investigation (15 credits)
Youth Crime and Justice (15 credits)
Prisons and Penology (15 credits)
Substance Misuse and Crime (15 credits)
Probation and Community Justice (15 credits)

- **Level 6 optional modules:**

Policing (15 credits)
Economics of Crime (15 credits)
Criminal Justice in the Information Age (15 credits)

- **Course Duration:** 48 Months
- **Mode:** Online

1. Academic Entry Route

In order to satisfy the Academic Entry Route requirements for our BSc (Hons) Criminal Psychology degree programme you must have the following qualifications as a minimum:

- Two A-levels, or equivalent; plus
- If English is not your first language, IELTS (Academic) 6.0 or equivalent.
- If you do not hold an IELTS or equivalent qualification, we require students to pass a free online English test.
- You don't need to prove your knowledge of English if you're a national of, or if you have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in, any of these countries.

***You are required to pass your initial assignment set during the first 21 days of the course in order to continue with your studies**

2. Work Experience Entry Route

To apply for the BSc (Hons) Criminal Psychology degree via our Work Experience Entry Route you must meet the following criteria:

- GCSE Maths and English at grade C or above, or equivalent;
- Three years' relevant work experience; plus
- If English is not your first language, IELTS (Academic) 6.0 or equivalent.
- If you do not hold an IELTS or equivalent qualification, we require students to pass a free online English test.
- Assessment

We adopt an assignment-based approach to assessment instead of exams. Criminal Psychology assignments are based on real-life work experience and assessed by tutors on an ongoing basis. You are always aware of your current provisional grade right from the start of the programme, allowing you to evaluate the success of your current study methods and clearly identify areas to improve.

We believe that this transparency gives you the information you need to make the most of your course. We achieve this by:

- showing your marks clearly in your gradebook, which can be viewed whenever you log onto the learning platform
- the rapid turnaround of work assessed to ensure that your gradebook is always up to date
- assessing your work throughout the module rather than waiting for end of year exams
- ensuring you have regular contact with your Student Adviser
- the simplicity and transparency in the design of our assessment criteria

We also have a policy of ensuring that work submitted by students is authentic. As well as the fact that all work is frequently assessed, we use a well-established electronic monitoring system to check for plagiarism.

On successful completion of your BSc (Hons) Criminal Psychology, you will be invited to attend a graduation ceremony at the University of Essex, Colchester Campus.