

- **Overview**

This fascinating and widely recognised undergraduate law degree with the optionality of studying criminology lends itself to prospective students who wish to obtain a Qualifying Law Degree (QLD), whilst developing knowledge of criminal behaviour and its origins.

The course covers a wide range of challenging and thought-provoking legal topics, including Contract Law, Law of Tort, Land Law, Equity and Trusts and a number of substantive and optional law modules. The addition of modules in criminology makes this programme truly unique, offering the opportunity to develop social science skills and knowledge. Topics such as crime and society, justice and punishment and criminal investigation will introduce sociological, legal and economic theories that will complement the legal knowledge you gain.

Studying both law and criminology will allow for a combined understanding of these two challenging disciplines, broadening your knowledge and also the range of transferable skills you will develop. Developed and taught by subject experts in both disciplines, this course provides an excellent opportunity to enhance your career development and improve your employability. You'll be prepared for employment in a wide variety of fields as you will acquire a solid grounding in both legal and criminological principles while embracing all the subject-specific abilities, intellectual skills, practical professional skills and general transferable skills outlined by the QAA subject benchmarks.

- **Course structure**

The LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology is made up of the following modules and, upon completion, is equal to a total of 360 credits.

- **Level 4 modules:**

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| Fundamentals of Effective Learning (15 credits) *    |
| Criminal Law (30 credits) *                          |
| English Legal System (15 credits) *                  |
| Introduction to Criminology (15 credits) *           |
| Constitutional and Administrative Law (30 credits) * |
| <i>One optional module from the list below</i>       |

- **Level 5 modules:**

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| Contract Law (30 credits) *                    |
| Law of Tort (30 credits) *                     |
| Land Law (30 credits) *                        |
| Criminology (15 credits) *                     |
| <i>One optional module from the list below</i> |

- **Level 6 modules:**

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| European Union Law (15 credits) *                       |
| Equity and Trusts (30 credits) *                        |
| Criminal Behavior and Deviance (15 credits) *           |
| Research Methods (15 credits) *                         |
| Final Year Research Project (30 credits) *              |
| <a href="#">One optional module from the list below</a> |

- **Optional modules:**

- **Level 4 optional modules:**

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| Crime and Society (15 credits)               |
| Dealing with Offending Behavior (15 credits) |
| Justice and Punishment (15 credits)          |

- **Level 5 optional modules:**

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| Forensic and Criminal Psychology (15 credits) |
| Criminal Investigation (15 credits)           |
| Youth Crime and Justice (15 credits)          |
| Prisons and Penology (15 credits)             |
| Probation and Community Justice (15 credits)  |

- **Level 6 optional modules:**

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| Victimology and Criminal Victimization (15 credits)                            |
| Criminal Justice in the Information Age: Cyber Crime and Security (15 credits) |
| The Economics of Crime (15 credits)  |
| Policing (15 credits)  |

- **Course Duration:** 48 Months

- **Mode:** Online

- **Entry requirements**

### **1. Academic Entry Route**

In order to satisfy the Academic Entry Route requirements for the LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology degree 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 LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology 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. LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology 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 LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology degree, you will be invited to attend a graduation ceremony at the University of Essex, Colchester Campus.