

- **Overview**

This short online Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) in Criminal Psychology course is the perfect introduction to the fascinating and challenging worlds of criminology and psychology.

Throughout the programme, you'll develop your own knowledge of the scientific and theoretical underpinnings of psychology, including its historical origins, progression and limitations. You'll also develop an awareness of the variability and diversity of functioning and its significance in criminal psychology, specifically in relation to offender profiling. And finally, you'll also recognise a range of influences on psychological functioning and how these are conceptualised across the two core discipline areas of social psychology and cognitive psychology.

In addition to gaining the subject-specific knowledge, you will also develop a wide range of transferable, career-related skills including the ability to evaluate evidence, identify patterns of behaviour and how to confidently communicate and discuss issues in a professional environment. With an indicative study duration of just 16 months, this programme can be completed as a stand-alone qualification or used as a stepping stone towards our full BSc (Hons) Criminal Psychology degree.

Please note: This course is not accredited with the British Psychological Society (BPS).

\* The start date and details of this course are still subject to University approval. In the event that approval is not granted by your course start date, an alternative date will be offered or a full refund given. If we need to make changes to this programme as part of the University of Essex validation process, we will communicate these to you at the earliest possible date.

- **Course structure**

The CertHE Criminal Psychology is made up of the following modules and, upon completion, is equal to a total of 120 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 Offender Profiling (15 credits) *
Introduction to Research Methods (30 credits) *
Crime & Society (15 credits) *
<b>One optional module from the list below:</b> Dealing with Offending Behaviour (15 credits) Personality and Intelligence (15 credits)

Upon completion of your CertHE Business and Management, we offer the opportunity for you to progress on to study for a full Bachelors degree (360 credits).

**\* These modules are core and must be passed in order to achieve the award**

- **Course Duration:** 16 Months

- **Mode:** Online

- **Entry requirements**

We believe that education should be accessible for everyone, so we offer an Open Entry Route that means you do not need any previous academic qualifications to start our CertHE Criminal Psychology course.

You will be allowed to start the CertHE Criminal Psychology course and make an assessment of whether it is right for you during the first three weeks. You must pass your first assignment set during this time in order to continue with your studies.

If English is not your first language, your English ability should be equivalent to an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0.

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.

- **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.