

- **Overview**

This short online Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) in Criminology and Criminal Justice programme is broad-based and aims to develop your understanding of the rapidly changing criminal justice environment and operations of the current criminal justice system. It focuses on national, international and transnational legal and policy issues facing policy-makers and criminal justice practitioners. You will explore broad criminological issues such as theory, research, crime prevention, punishment and rehabilitation. You will also have an opportunity to apply your subject knowledge to develop innovative solutions to increasingly complex problems in the criminology field.

The course also equips you with an understanding of crime and social and personal factors enabling you to develop critical thinking and become confident in considering and reflecting upon sociological, legal and criminological theories. You also gain skills in research, time management and written communication, which are readily transferable to the world of work.

Our CertHE Criminology and Criminal Justice course can be achieved as a stand-alone qualification or used as a stepping stone towards a full BA (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice.

* 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 Criminology and Criminal Justice 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 (15 credits) *
Introduction to Offender Profiling (15 credits) *
The Legal System (15 credits) *
Crime and Society (15 credits) *
Dealing with Offending Behavior (15 credits) *
Introduction to Criminology (15 credits) *
Introduction to Psychology (15 credits) *
Justice and Punishment (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 Criminology and Criminal Justice course.

You will be allowed to start the Criminology and Criminal Justice 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. CertHE Criminology and Criminal Justice 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.