

CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology is one of the most diverse and fluid academic subjects, and our uniquely creative approach to learning means our students develop a critical, independent approach, suited to this challenging and exciting field. You explore definitions of 'crime', how criminal law is made and enforced, and how understandings of crime and justice vary by class, race or gender of offenders and victims. A distinctive feature of our course is considering these issues from a criminological psychological perspective. We encourage you to broaden your thinking to include ideas about global economic, political and social issues that affect us all, and frame these within core concepts of freedom, justice and human rights. Criminology students are based at 309 Regent Street, placing you in the heart of the UK's policing and criminal justice systems with access to an unrivalled range of resources, and the chance to be part of a thriving, diverse and exciting capital.

Teaching and learning

Our dedicated criminology lecturers have many years' experience of teaching highly regarded courses, and have varied backgrounds in academia such as sociology, law, social anthropology, cultural studies, social policy, psychology, international relations and politics, in policy work, and in the voluntary sector. Our range of imaginative teaching and assessment methods are designed to bring out the strengths in each student, and you will be encouraged to become a producer as well as a consumer of meaningful knowledge. You will consider classic theoretical frameworks, as well as emergent real-world case studies that apply to modern life and its challenges. You will also benefit from high-quality training in research methods which you will apply to your own research project in your final year.

Employability

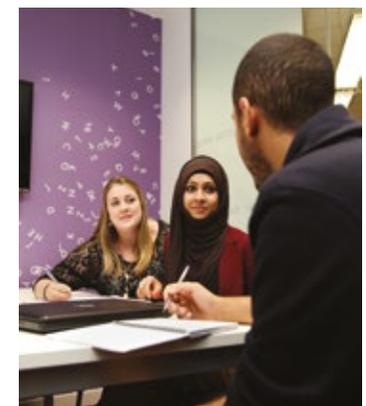
Our strong links with criminal justice practitioners mean that you will be able to gain valuable work experience which is respected by employers in many sectors of the economy. As a criminology graduate you will have highly regarded research, analytical, evaluative and communication skills which will appeal to employers in the fields of social policy, the criminal justice system, education, the Civil Service, the media, and campaigning groups, as well as the police and other organisations linked to law and its enforcement.

See also: History p110 • Politics, International Relations & Development p154 • Sociology p168



95%
of our
Criminology
students say
they're satisfied
with the course

Data from Nss, 2015



Social and study spaces at Regent Campus

Length of course: Three years full-time; five years part-time

UCAS code: M211

Campus: Regent (See p26)

Typical offer for September 2016: A Levels – BBC; International Baccalaureate – 28 points; Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma – DDM (an additional A Level Grade B in a humanities-related subject may be required, depending on the BTEC subject)/Diploma DD with A Level Grade B in a humanities-related subject. See also entry requirements on p197.



With crime frequently in the news and always an important issue, criminology has never been more relevant. Our Criminology BA Honours aims to enthuse, inspire and equip you with the skills you need for a successful career, as well as making you a thoughtful and enquiring person who looks beyond the headlines.

Westminster's criminologists are concerned with who commits crimes and how offenders should be punished, but at the heart of criminology are fundamental questions about how 'crime' is defined, how criminal law is made and enforced, and how definitions of crime and justice vary historically and cross-culturally. The subject engages with globalisation and culture throughout, and draws on up-to-date theoretical, qualitative and empirical approaches. Overall, it is one of the most relevant and dynamic subjects, and one which by its very nature attracts a diverse and creative group of students.

For module information and further details, please visit: westminster.ac.uk/criminology

"I thought the course might be very administrative and focus on issues like forensics, because that's the general impression of criminology. But once I started the course here I realised it was so much more than that – it's not the typical, often one-sided view of what criminology is about, you get a very broad overview."

Vardan Petrosian
Criminal Justice BA Honours,
graduated 2014

