

University of Plymouth

Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Business

School of Law, Criminology & Government

Programme Specification

BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice **SINGLE HONOURS**

BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice (Policing and Security Management pathway) **SINGLE HONOURS**

BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice **MAJOR** pathway
For combination with a Minor pathway in: International Relations, Psychology and Sociology

BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice **MINOR** pathway
For combination with a Major pathway in: Psychology and Law.

September 2020

1. **BSc Criminology and Criminal Justice**

Final award title BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice
BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice (Policing and Security Management)

UCAS code: M213

HECOS code: 100484/Criminology

Level 4 (or above) Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)

Level 5 (or above) Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)

Level 5 (or above) Ordinary Degree

For combined programmes (MAJOR):

Final Award title: BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice with International Relations

UCAS code: M9L9

HECoS code: 100484 / 100490

Final award title: BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice with Psychology

UCAS code: M9CV

HECoS code: 100484 / 100497

Final award title: BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice with Sociology

UCAS code: M9LH

HECoS code: 100484 / 100505

2. **Awarding Institution:** University of Plymouth

Teaching institution(s): University of Plymouth

3. **Accrediting body(ies):** N/A

4. Distinctive Features of the Programme and the Student Experience

The key features of the CCJ programme at Plymouth are:

- **Teaching Excellence:** Having created one of the first undergraduate CCJ programmes in the UK, teaching at Plymouth has a long pedigree stretching back into the 1980s. The excellence of the teaching provision is informed by that considerable experience of design and delivery and has been enriched by innovative teaching methods and use of contemporary technology.
- **Research-led Teaching:** As leading scholars in their fields of research, the CCJ teaching team have strong national and international research profiles. The team believes in the importance of linking their research with their teaching and therefore the staff research specialisms are reflected in the broad and exciting range of modules offered to students.
- **Contemporary Focus:** The research-led teaching in CCJ means that the CCJ programme identifies and focuses on emergent issues in criminology and criminal justice throughout all stages of study. The programme learns from the past, considers the present and looks to the future of criminological enquiry.
- **Critical Criminology:** The CCJ programme encourages students to interrogate the boundaries of criminological ideas and criminal justice interventions through harm-based approaches and critical criminological theory.
- **Real-world Engagement:** Students in CCJ learn from an applied perspective throughout each stage of their programme. Research-led teaching means that CCJ students benefit from the close ties CCJ staff have with criminal justice agencies. These ties provide students with excellent research opportunities and an embedded approach to employability within their modules, as well as an optional placement year.
- **Global Perspective:** The CCJ team carry out research that impacts local, regional and global audiences. This then permeates modules that consider crime, deviance and harm, and responses to them, in multiple jurisdictions across time and space.
- **Collaborative Learning:** The CCJ programme places the student experience at its core, with personal tutelage delivered within and through teaching delivery. The teaching team has a commitment to inclusivity and accessibility that ensures students have multiple opportunities to flourish through a diverse curriculum delivered within a comprehensive teaching and learning strategy.

5. Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Group(s)

Criminology - information can be seen on Subject Benchmarks at the following website:

https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/subject-benchmark-statement-criminology.pdf?sfvrsn=8f2c881_4

6. Programme Structure

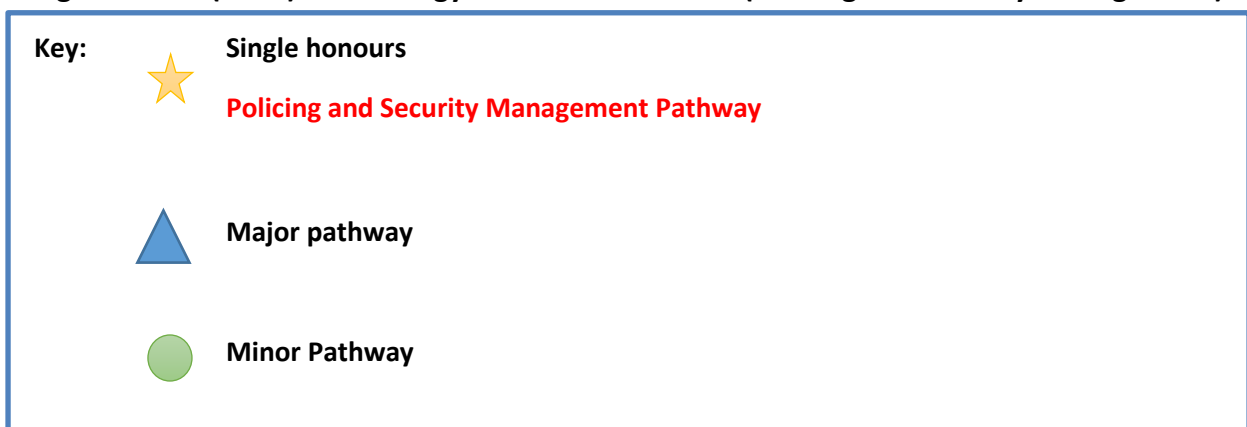
Criminology & Criminal Justice can be read at the University of Plymouth in four ways:

- through a Single Honours route;
- through a named pathway route incorporating modules in Policing and Security Management;
- as a Major subject*;
- as a Minor subject in combination with another programme of study.







The programme has been designed to provide Level 4 students with an effective mechanism for transition to higher education through the delivery of 'immersive' modules at the beginning of Semester 1 and Semester 2 which run over a four week period. These are followed by two concurrent modules, that each run for eight weeks. At Levels 5 and 6, students complete three modules concurrently in each semester.

Figure 1 below sets out the programme structures for all modes of study.




Figure 1: BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice (Policing and Security Management)






Level 4

SEMESTER 1	 CCJ401 Being a Criminologist <i>20 credits</i>		ASSESSMENT: Group Podcast
	 CCJ402 Introduction to Criminological Theory <i>20 credits</i>	 CCJ403 21st Century Crime Problems <i>20 credits</i>	ASSESSMENT: <i>Crim Theory:</i> Test and Essay <i>21st Problems:</i> Essay and Presentation
SEMESTER 2	 CCJ404 Crime in Context <i>20 credits</i>		ASSESSMENT: Portfolio
	 CCJ405 Responses to Crime: A Comparative Introduction <i>20 credits</i>	 CCJ406 Forensic Criminology 1: Police Investigations <i>20 credits</i>	ASSESSMENT: <i>Responses to Crime:</i> Portfolio and Test <i>Forensics:</i> Essay and Test






Level 5

SEMESTER 1	 CCJ501 Critical Issues in Criminal Justice <i>20 credits</i>	 CCJ502 Theorising Crime and Harm <i>20 credits</i>	 CCJ503 Forensic Criminology 2: Social Investigations / CCJ507A Inside Knowledge <i>20 credits</i>	ASSESSMENT: <i>Critical issues:</i> Report <i>Theorising Harm:</i> Essay <i>Forensics:</i> Essay and Test <i>Inside:</i> Reflect Presentation

SEMESTER 2	 CCJ504 Researching Crime and Criminal Justice <i>20 credits</i>	 CCJ505 Criminal Justice in Action: Structure, Policy and Practice <i>20 credits</i>	 CCJ506 Harm in the 21st Century / CCJ507B Inside Knowledge / CCJ508 Security and Policing Today <i>20 credits</i>	ASSESSMENT: <i>Method: Test and Proposal</i> <i>CJ Action: Report and presentation</i> <i>Harm in 21st century: Essay and Presentation</i> <i>Inside: Reflect presentation</i>
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Also: CCJ509 **Employability Plus** (non-credit bearing, runs all year)

Level 6

SEMESTER 1	 CCJ601 DISSERTATION <i>40 credits</i>	 Option 1 <i>20 credits</i>	 CCJ602 Futures Criminology / CCJ604 Security Management <i>20 credits</i>	ASSESSMENT: <i>Dissertation: 10,000 words</i> <i>Optional modules: Essays, presentations and reports</i> <i>Futures: Essay</i>
SEMESTER 2		 Option 2 <i>20 credits</i>	 CCJ603 Working for Justice / CCJ605 Policing Management <i>20 credits</i>	ASSESSMENT: <i>Dissertation: 10,000 words</i> <i>Optional modules: Essays, presentations and reports</i> <i>Justice: Report</i>

Policing and Security Management Pathway:

All students who opt to follow the Policing and Security Management pathway are required to complete CCJ508 Security and Policing Today: Debates and Issues, CCJ604 Security Management and CCJ605 Policing Management. *These modules are not available to other programmes of study.*

Level 5 CCJ Optional Modules:

CCJ507A/B Inside Knowledge: Crime and Justice in the 21st Century is a module delivered in partnership with Exeter Prison. *Only BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice Single Honours and Policing and Security Management pathway students will be able to apply to study this module.* Places on this module are limited

due to the requirements of the prison estate. In Semesters 1 and 2 CCJ students who do not do this module will automatically do CCJ503 Forensic Criminology 2: Social Investigations and CCJ506 Harm in the 21st Century respectively. The students on the Policing and Security Management pathway only have the option of doing the 'Inside Knowledge' module in semester 1 as in semester 2 they will be doing CCJ508.

Semester 1
CCJ507A – Inside Knowledge
Semester 2
CCJ507B – Inside Knowledge

Placement Year: CCJ613 – Work Placement Year

Level 6 CCJ Optional Modules:

Semester 1
CCJ606 Systemic Violence CCJ607 Global (In)security and the State CCJ608 Social Change and Justice
Semester 1 & 2
CCJ612 – Criminology and Criminal Justice: Work Based Learning
Semester 2
CCJ609 Crime, Control, Regulation and the Social CCJ610 Green Criminology CCJ611 Leisure, Consumerism and Harm

All modules are available for all students on Single Honours, Major and Minor programmes, except CCJ612 which is not available to Minor students.

The CCJ programme offers all our CCJ Single Honours and major students the opportunity to study a year abroad at level 5, as part of our exchange programme in one of our partner institutions in the United States of America or Europe. Students can arrange this via the Erasmus and ISEP programmes or via a specific bi-lateral arrangement with Northern Arizona University in the USA and Griffith University in Australia. Students are also able to take a placement year at completion of stage 2. In order to do so student have to complete the non-credit bearing module CCJ509 Employability Plus at stage two.

7. Programme Aims

The Criminology & Criminal Justice programme aims to:




1. provide students with a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of criminological theories, methods and paradigms applicable to the study of harm, deviance and crime, and the policy, politics and practice of criminal justice.
2. develop student knowledge and analytical skills through applied teaching that reflects and integrates scholarly research activity.
3. provide students with an integral and cohesive understanding of the discipline of criminology and the capacity to interrogate, contest and expand its boundaries.
4. develop a range of personal and employability skills that equip students as reflective employees and life-long learners.
5. provide students with an appreciation of global harms and notions of justice that facilitates them to pursue their interests in multiple and various jurisdictions.
5. produce individuals who are able to critically view the world and interrogate it through robust methodological approaches.

8. Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

Programme learning outcomes for the Single honours programmes and Major and Minor pathways are identified using the same key as in Figure 1 above.









8.1. Knowledge and understanding

On successful completion graduates will be able to:

<p>1) Demonstrate knowledge of crime, deviance and harm and societal response to them, including criminal justice approaches, in terms of changing values and relationships between individuals, groups, and public and private agencies in different locations at national, international and global levels.</p>	
<p>2) Show understanding of the criminological theories and perspectives that are used to examine, analyse and evaluate complex criminological problems, policy and practice.</p>	
<p>3) Discuss criminological topics with an appreciation of criminological theory, of evidence, and of the relevance to current debates, and present the conclusions in a variety of appropriate academic formats, specifically looking to the future of criminological enquiry.</p>	









8.2. Cognitive and intellectual skills

On successful completion graduates should be able to:

1) Use a range of research strategies and methods, assess the appropriateness of their use, and identify an appropriate strategy for specific research problems within criminology.	 
2) Appraise critically political and social processes of victimisation and criminalisation in light of criminological theories.	  
3) Synthesise complex criminological theory with applied knowledge to provide an analytical account of social diversity and inequality and their effects in relation to crime, victimisation and responses to crime, deviance and social harm.	  




8.3. Key and transferable skills





On successful completion graduates should have developed the ability to:

1) Demonstrate good communication skills in both written and oral contexts, individually and within group settings.	  
2) Utilise and manage information effectively from a range of sources to solve problems.	  
1) Work autonomously to produce set tasks and to develop new ideas using robust methodological approaches.	 

8.4. Employment related skills







On successful completion graduates should be able to:

1) Show career awareness that will enable lifelong learning.	  
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2) Reflect on own practice and development to inform personal and professional development within a harm-minimisation framework.	 
3) Prepare an effective CV and application and give a good account of themselves at interview.	 

8.5. Practical skills

On successful completion graduates should be able to:

1) Use a range of criminological research strategies and methods, assess the appropriateness of their use, and identify an appropriate strategy for specific research problems.	 
2) Summarise and analyse quantitative and qualitative empirical data about crime, deviance and harm and responses to them, in order to evaluate competing criminological theories.	 
3) Recognise the ethical implications of research into criminological questions and identify appropriate solutions.	 

9. Admissions Criteria, including APCL, APEL and Disability Service arrangements

All applicants must have GCSE (or equivalent) Maths and English at Grade 4 or above.

Entry Requirements for BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice	
A-level/AS-level	Normal minimum entry requirements are A level/AS level/Vocational A level: 88-120 points
BTEC National Diploma/QCF Extended Diploma	Grade Pass MMM - DMM in any subject
Access to Higher Education at level 3	Candidates can be interviewed before an offer is made. Pass an Access to HE Diploma in any subjects, including GCSE English and Maths grade 4 or above or equivalent with at least 33 credits at Merit/Dist.
Welsh Baccalaureate	Accept as add on points; in addition to 2 A Levels

Scottish Qualifications Authority	88-120 points, typical offer would be CCC and Advanced C in any subject considered and a good standard grade profile.
Irish Leaving Certificate	Obtain H4, H4, H4, H4, H4 - H3 H3 H4 H4 H4 (all at Higher level)
International Baccalaureate	24-26 overall to include 4 at in any subjects at Higher Level. English accepted within Higher Level = 4+ (A1) or 5 (A2/B) Standard Level = 5+ (A1) or 6 (A2/B) If overseas & not studying English within IB – MUST have IELTS: 6.0 overall with 5.5 in all elements

Other qualifications may be accepted for entry; information is provided on Programme Course pages specifying what these are and the level at which they need to be achieved.

Where appropriate, applicants who do not possess the entry requirements noted above, may be called for interview.

10. Progression criteria for Final and Intermediate Awards

As per University regulations

11. Non Standard Regulations

None

12. Transitional Arrangements

The new re-approved programmes will commence from 2020-21. All students who initially enrolled on the previous version of a programme will roll onto the new programme curriculum. Students doing referrals and exceptional referrals will do these in the module they were originally enrolled on. Students who were enrolled on the earlier version and who return after interrupted study or who are repeaters, will be enrolled on the new programme. The Programme Leader will liaise with the Senior Programme Administrator to identify any assistance required to support interrupting/repeating students in their transition to the new programme to enable them to complete their programme within the permitted registration period. A transition plan for repeating students is given below. This lists the modules in the new programme that they are to take in place of modules they need to repeat.

Transition plan for repeating students

Level 4

Credits	Semester	2019-20 Modules	Semester	2020-21 Modules
20	S1	CCJS1116 Crime in Context	S2	CCJ404 Crime in Context
20	S1	CCJS1115 Being a Criminologist	S1	CCJ401 Being a Criminologist
20	S1	CCJS1117 An Introduction to the Crime Problem Policy process	S2	CCJ405 Responses to Crime: A Comparative Introduction
20	S2	CCJS1119 21 st Century Criminological Issues	S1	CCJ403 21 st Century Crime Problems
20	S2	CCJS1112 Criminology & Crime Problems	S1	CCJ402 Introduction to Criminological Theory
20	S2	CCJS1118 Forensic Criminology	S2	CCJ406 Forensic Criminology 1: Police Investigations

Level 5

Credits	Semester	2019-20 Modules	Semester	2020-21 Modules
20	S1	CCJS2115/ Crime, Theory and Culture	S1	CCJ502/ Theorising Crime and Harm
20	S1	CCJS2121/ Policing & Community Safety	S1 S2	CCJ501/ Critical Issues in Criminal Justice <u>OR</u> CCJ505/ Criminal Justice in Action: Structure, Policy and Practice
20	S1	CCJS2119/ Youth Justice	S1 S2	CCJ501/ Critical Issues in Criminal Justice <u>OR</u> CCJ505/ Criminal Justice in Action: Structure, Policy and Practice
20	S1/S2	CCJS2128A/B Inside-out: Crime and Justice in the 21 st Century	S1/S2	CCJ507A/B Inside Knowledge: Crime and Justice in the 21 st Century
20	S2	CCJS2120/ Researching Crime & Criminal Justice	S2	CCJ504/ Researching Crime and Criminal Justice
20	S2	CCJS2125/ Prisons, Probation & Penalty	S1 S2	CCJ501/ Critical Issues in Criminal Justice <u>OR</u> CCJ505/ Criminal Justice in Action: Structure, Policy and Practice
20	S2	CCJS2118/ Victims, Victimology and Restorative Justice	S1	CCJ503/ Forensic Criminology 2: Social Investigations
20	S1	CCJS2127/ Policing and Security Studies	S2	CCJ508/ Security and Policing Today: Debates and Issues

Level 6

Credits	Semester	2019-20 modules	Semester	2020-21 modules
40	AY	CCJS3142/ Criminology/Police and Criminal Justice Studies Dissertation	AY	CCJ601/ Criminology and Criminal Justice Dissertation
20	AY	CCJS3141/ Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies: Work Based Learning	AY	CCJ612/ Criminology and Criminal Justice: Work Based Learning
20	S1	CCJS3158/ Drugs, Crime & Society	S1	CCJ608/ Social Change and Justice
20	S1	CCJS3162/ Victims, Violence and the Criminal Justice System	S1	CCJ606/ Systemic Violence
20	S1	CCJS3165/ Crime, Punishment and Social Change	S1	CCJ608/ Social Change and Justice
20	S1	CCJS3166/ Digital Crime and Deviancy	S2	CCJ611/ Leisure, Consumerism and Harm
20	S2	CCJS3173/ Policing and Terrorism	S1 S1	CCJ604/ Security Management <u>OR</u> CCJ607/ Global (In)security and the State
20	S2	CCJS3148B/ Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice	S2	CCJ609/ Crime, Control, Regulation and the Social
20	S2	CCJS3156/ Criminology of War	S1	CCJ607/ Global (In)security and the State
20	S2	CCJS3172/ Critical Hate Studies	S1	CCJ606/ Systemic Violence
20	S2	CCJS3171/ International Human Rights and 'Children First' Youth Justice	S1 S1	CCJ608/ Social Change and Justice <u>OR</u> CCJ606/ Systemic Violence
20	S2	CCJS3169/ Green Criminology	S2	CCJ610/ Green Criminology
20	S2	CCJS3170/ Deviant Leisure	S2	CCJ611/ Leisure, Consumerism and Harm

Appendices

Programme Specification Mapping (UG) – core/elective modules

Programme Specification Mapping (PGT)

Appendix 1: Programme Specification Mapping (UG): module contribution to the meeting of Award Learning Outcomes

Core Modules		Award Learning Outcomes contributed to (for more information see Section 8)															Compensation Y/N	Assessment Element(s) and weightings [use KIS definition] E1- exam E2 – clinical exam T1- test C1- coursework A1 – generic assessment P1 - practical					
		Knowledge & understanding				Cognitive & intellectual skills				Key & transferable skills				Employment related skills					Practical skills				
		1	2	3		1	2	3		1	2	3		1	2	3				1	2	3	
Level 4	CCJ401 Being a Criminologist		✓			✓				✓												Y	P1 – 100%
	CCJ402 Intro to Crim Theory	✓	✓				✓															Y	T1 – 50% C1 – 50%
	CCJ405 Responses to Crime	✓	✓											✓								Y	C1 – 100%
	CCJ406 Forensic Crim 1	✓				✓					✓											Y	C1 – 100%
	CCJ404 Crime in Context	✓	✓								✓											Y	C1 – 100%
	CCJ403 21 st Century Crime Problems			✓						✓										✓		Y	C1 – 70% P1 – 30%
Level 4 LOs		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓			✓						✓			
Level 5	CCJ502 Theorising Crime & Harm		✓				✓															Y	C1 – 100%
	CC504 Researching Crime and CJ					✓												✓	✓	✓		Y	C1 – 70% T1 – 30%
	CCJ501 Critical Issues in CJ		✓	✓				✓														Y	C1 – 100%
	CCJ505 CJ in Action		✓			✓								✓								Y	C1 – 80% P1 – 20%
	CCJ509 Employability Plus													✓	✓							N/A	N/A
Level 5 LOs			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓						✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			

Level 6	CCJ601 Dissertation									✓						✓	✓	✓		N	C1 – 100%
	CCJ602 Futures Criminology			✓			✓			✓										Y	C1 – 100%
	CCJ603 Working for Justice											✓	✓	✓					Y	C1 – 100%	
Level 6 LOs				✓			✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Confirmed Award LOs		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		

ELECTIVE MODULES: tick those Award Learning Outcomes the module contributes to through its assessed learning outcomes. Insert rows and columns as required.

Elective Modules		Award Learning Outcomes contributed to (for more information see Section 8)																Compensation Y/N	Assessment Element(s) and weightings [use KIS definition] E1 - exam E2 - clinical exam T1 - test C1 - coursework A1 - generic assessment P1 - practical				
		Knowledge & understanding				Cognitive & intellectual skills				Key & transferable skills				Employment related skills						Practical skills			
		1	2	3		1	2	3		1	2	3		1	2	3				1	2	3	
Level 4	N/A – no electives at Level 4																						
Level 4 LOs																							
Level 5	CCJ506 Harm in the 21 st Century			✓						✓											✓	Y	C1 – 70% P1 – 30%
	CCJ507A/B Inside Knowledge	✓									✓				✓							Y	P1 – 70% C1 – 30%
	CCJ503 Forensic Criminology 2						✓	✓													✓	Y	C1 – 100%
	CCJ508 Security & Policing Today			✓							✓			✓								Y	C1 – 100%
Level 5 LOs		✓		✓			✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓						✓		
Level 6	CCJ606 Systemic Violence	✓					✓														✓	Y	C1 – 70% P1 – 30%
	CCJ607 Global (In)Security and the State	✓	✓					✓														Y	C1 – 100%
	CCJ608 Social Change and Justice		✓				✓															Y	C1 – 100%
	CCJ610 Green Criminology	✓													✓						✓	Y	C1 – 100%

CCJ611 Leisure, Consumerism and Harm		✓							✓										Y	C1 – 100%
CCJ609 Crime, Control, Regulation and the Social						✓							✓						Y	C1 – 100%
CCJ605 Policing Management	✓		✓									✓							Y	C1 – 100%
CCJ604 Security Management	✓		✓									✓							Y	C1 – 100%
CCJ612 Work-Based Learning												✓	✓					✓	Y	C1 – 80% P1 – 20%
CCJ613 Work Placement Year									✓			✓	✓						Y	N/A
Level 6 LOs	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓	✓						✓	✓	
Confirmed Award LOs	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	