

Department of Law and Criminology

About the department

The Department of Law and Criminology has an excellent reputation for high quality research and teaching, and for its engagement in policy and practice, through active involvement with government bodies and voluntary and statutory agencies. Our inter-disciplinary department is nationally and internationally recognised for our expertise in issues associated with law, criminal justice, youth, health, multiculturalism and identity. Students benefit from being taught by an internationally renowned, research-active staff team who are enthusiastic about their areas of expertise.

Entry requirements

The modules listed below are open to all Study Abroad, International and Erasmus students, subject to any required previous knowledge or qualifications, as stated in the module outlines below.

Each module is either 15 or 30 UK credits and starts in *either* the Autumn Term (September) *or* the Spring Term (January). If a course starts in September and has a reduced credit alternative (V-version), there will be an alternative assessment in December suitable for term 1 students only.

The information contained in the module outlines on the following pages is correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change as part of our policy of continuous improvement and development.



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Module options for visiting students

Module code	Module name	30 or 15 Credits	Start date	Module description/pre-requisites
CR1011 CR1011v	Introduction to Criminology	30 Credits 15 Credits	September	This module offers a general introduction to criminology and forensic psychology. Official, populist, sociological and psychological meanings of crime will be explored through the study of the development of criminology as a distinctive field of research and scholarship. Module Description (30 Credits) Module Description (15 Credits)
CR1013 CR1013v	Criminal Justice System	30 Credits 15 Credits	September	The module provides students with an introduction to the criminal justice system in England and Wales, as well as introducing students to key debates on crime, justice, and punishment. Module Description (30 Credits) Module Description (15 Credits)
CR1014 CR1014v	Introduction to Sociology	30 Credits 15 Credits	September	This module is concerned with introducing students to theories and concepts in sociology and their application. It is divided into two main parts. In term one students will be introduced to a range of classical and contemporary social theories. In term two they will explore how these theories can be used to understand social divisions and social change. Module Description (30 Credits) Module Description (15 Credits)
CR1015 CR1015v	Social Problems and Social Policy	30 Credits 15 Credits	September	This module aims to provide students with an overview of key debates, perspectives and developments informed by social problems analysis and to introduce students to the nature of social policy and its application to social problems. Module Description (30 Credits) Module Description (15 Credits)
CR2011 CR2011v	Research Methods for Social Scientists	30 Credits 15 Credits	September	This module aims to introduce students to the research process, the philosophical and ethical debates related to conducting research, and to equip students with the skills to conduct quantitative and qualitative forms of data. Module Description (30 Credits) Module Description (15 Credits)
CR2013 CR2013v	Key Perspectives and Debates in Criminology	30 Credits 15 Credits	September	This module develops deeper understandings of the major theories in current criminology, drawing upon sociological perspectives as a way of understanding criminal activity and criminal justice practices. Module Description (30 Credits) Module Description (15 Credits)



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CR2014 CR2014v	Sociology of Contemporary Society	30 Credits 15 Credits	September	<p>This module explores the complex relationship between the economic and the cultural realms of society. This engages with the different ways that sociologists have sought to explain changes in modern capitalist societies: the rise of mass production; mass consumption; the consequences of economic crises; the cultural changes that have transformed the way people relate to each other in society, the significance of postmodernism and the technological changes that affect us in every aspect of our lives.</p> <p>Module Description(30 Credits) Module Description (15 Credits)</p>
CR2017	Youth and Crime	15 Credits	January	<p>This module examines the parameters of the youth crime 'problem', the function of the Youth Justice System, and introduces a range of theories that can help us to understand why young people engage in delinquent behaviours.</p> <p>Module Description</p>
CR2019v	Sociology of the Family	15 Credits	September	<p>This module aims to consider the role, function and nature of the family in contemporary society, critically explore the key sociological approaches to the family, and examine changing patterns of family life and the wider social changes impacting upon the family.</p> <p>Module Description</p>
CR3009v	Race and Ethnicity	15 Credits	January	<p>This module aims to critically engage with the theoretical, historical and contemporary debates around race, racism and ethnicity.</p> <p>Module Description</p>
CR3018v	Terrorism Studies (Part 1)	15 Credits	September	<p>This module provides students with an introduction to the study of global terrorism examining the different perspectives on the history and development of terrorism. The module also provides students with an analysis of global responses to terrorism enabling them to understand the differentiated impact of terrorism on a global scale.</p> <p>Module Description</p>



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Module code	Module name	30 or 15 Credits	Start date	Module description/pre-requisites
CR3027v	Drugs, Crime and Society	15 Credits	September	<p>This module will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the 'drug problem' and how it manifests within contemporary society. Students will gain insight into the ways in which different drugs have been used by particular populations and across different cultures. This module will also explore the nature of drugs markets and how far they conform to images projected by the mainstream media. The relationship between drugs and crime will be explored critically with particular focus on drug related violence, addiction and the roles of drug dealers. It's been over 40 years since society initiated the 'war on drugs' and by the end of this module students will have nuanced appreciation of its effects.</p> <p>Module Description</p>
CR3030	Victims and Witnesses	15 Credits	January	<p>This module explores the current procedures in the UK surrounding the treatment of witnesses and victims of crime. We will examine issues surrounding vulnerable people, children, adults, and older people with respect to the different professional responses required. Victims and witnesses will be placed in a historical context so that key milestones marking improvements can be highlighted.</p> <p>Module Description</p>

