

School of Law



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Criminal Justice  
and Criminology  
**UNDERGRADUATE**  
*Degree*



Leeds is a top redbrick university – in fact, a top university of any colour brick – and one of the giants of the higher education system. With a student population of 31,000, Leeds remains popular with applicants. They are drawn by the excellent standards for teaching and research, and the chance to live in Leeds itself.

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### Post-Application visits

If we make you an offer we will invite you for an informal visit to look around, meet members of staff and students and discuss the courses and other matters such as accommodation. During your visit, current students will show you around campus and answer questions on what it is like to study at Leeds. Parents are very welcome.

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June and October

See [www.leeds.ac.uk/opensdays](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/opensdays)  
for more information

The information contained in this document was right at time of going to press. For current information on courses and entry requirements please visit our website at [www.law.leeds.ac.uk/](http://www.law.leeds.ac.uk/)

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# CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY AT THE SCHOOL OF LAW

Since its inception in 2000 our programme in Criminal Justice and Criminology has become one of the most popular in the University. Whether you are considering a career in the field of crime and criminal justice or following your academic curiosity, this degree offers exciting opportunities for your personal and scholarly development.

This innovative, interdisciplinary programme is built around modules offered by leading academics in the Schools of Law, and Sociology and Social Policy. A particular focus to the degree is provided by the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, which is widely recognised as one of the UK's leading criminological centres with an established national and international profile for excellence in research and teaching.

The course is based in the School of Law, which has been educating students for over a century. We attract exceptionally well qualified students but remain committed, through established and respected programmes, to widening participation in the School of Law to the broadest possible audience.

The new £12m purpose-built School of Law provides students with the very best in facilities and compliments the high quality teaching and student experience which you will find within its walls.

We make no secret of the fact that studying for a degree at the School of Law involves hard work but we also provide many exciting opportunities to enhance student life. The School of Law hosts very dynamic and well organised student societies which provide many social opportunities, alongside career and networking opportunities to develop your skills and employability.

The increasing opportunities to study abroad also allow you to add an extra dimension to your degree, as do the unique combination of opportunities outside your studies, including volunteering initiatives, work placements, and the opportunity to visit criminal justice agencies.



We are a School that numbers a former Justice Secretary and Lord Chancellor, cabinet ministers and the current Director of Public Prosecutions amongst its past alumni. Ensuring our graduates are equipped with the necessary employability skills for the competitive graduate job market is a key part of our offering.



“The new Liberty Building is state of the art. The facilities are fantastic and purpose built to fit the school’s needs so you’re never far away from the resources you’ll need for that next essay.”

**Annie McElwain**  
School of Law student



## WHY STUDY WITH US?

We know that there are a lot of Criminal Justice and Criminology programmes and universities to choose from – so why should you choose Leeds?

### Quality teaching, informed by quality research

The School of Law at Leeds has a reputation for teaching of the highest quality. All teaching is informed by the School’s research expertise, highlighted in the latest research assessment exercise. Students often find that the books and journal articles they are studying from have been written by those doing the teaching, giving them a unique insight into the subject matter. Our small intake means we can take a very personal approach to our students. Your dissertation supervisor and personal tutor will be specialists in criminal justice and criminology, and the pastoral care we provide is excellent.

### Location

#### The School of Law

Our new home, the Liberty Building, provides world-class facilities to complement our teaching and research. The building includes high quality teaching and research space, a moot court incorporating the latest technology, and a law and community centre to support the School’s voluntary work. Other features include dedicated social space for undergraduate students, a research centre and a graduate centre.

#### The University of Leeds

Leeds benefits from being both a campus university and from being so close to the city centre. This means that our students gain from both having everything within easy reach on campus, and also from having one of the top student cities in the UK right on the doorstep.

### Study abroad opportunities

You will have the opportunity to spend your third year at one of our partner universities in Belgium, Canada, Australia or New Zealand. Spending a year abroad studying criminal justice and criminology in the context of a different jurisdiction provides students with tremendous opportunities to develop intellectually and to grow personally through gaining new and enriching social and cultural experiences. Employers acknowledge the extra dimension offered by the year abroad. On completion of your year abroad, you would then complete your final year of study in Leeds, making the programme four years in length.

See page 9 for more information on Study Abroad opportunities.

## LeedsforLife

Leeds for Life is about preparing our students for their future. It's about inspiring them to get the most out of their academic and co-curricular experiences and build on their time studying at the University of Leeds. We want our students to be able to recognise the value of everything they have done at university and be at ease articulating this clearly and confidently.

The School of Law offers one of the broadest range of extra-curricular activities you will find in any academic department, helping you to add additional skills and experience to your degree.

### Innocence Project

This involves 20 undergraduates working with supervising academics and practising solicitors, examining cases where a prisoner is maintaining their innocence. All other appeal opportunities for these prisoners will have been exhausted and they no longer have any legal support. The team investigates selected cases, to assist the prisoner with submitting a high quality application to the Criminal Cases Review Commission, with the hope that this will result in a referral back to the Court of Appeal.

### Work Placements and Visiting Criminal Justice Agencies

Through the School's excellent links with local practitioners, students studying criminal justice and criminology have regular opportunities to visit criminal justice institutions and gain first-hand knowledge from those working inside the justice system. Each year students can apply for a work placement, allowing them to spend a short period of time inside a prison working in a voluntary capacity.

### Criminal Justice Society

Being a student in the School of Law involves much more than developing your academic ability. The Criminal Justice Society (CrimSoc), offers fantastic opportunities for getting involved in student life. They organise a number of social events throughout the year, giving you an excellent way to get to know people during your first few weeks at university.

They also offer sporting opportunities for all abilities, career events, academic visits and guest speakers.

Most importantly you have the opportunity to get involved with a range of activities both social and academic, providing you with the chance to make as many friends as possible!

### Streetlaw

Working in groups, students select a legal topic of interest which they research before delivering an interactive and engaging session in the local community. From anti-social behaviour, to knife crime or drugs and the law, this opportunity enables students to develop research and presentation skills, apply legal knowledge to contemporary legal issues and enhance their CV.

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The University of Leeds Innocence Project (UoLIP) has been an extremely rewarding experience. As well as providing practical applications of some of the things learnt during the degree, it can provide a better understanding of the criminal justice process. The biggest advantage has been that it provides something interesting to discuss on job application forms and in interviews, in addition to having the opportunity to develop essential skills for any job including team work, verbal and written communication, initiative, organisation and time management.

**Jessica Kimche**

BA Criminal Justice and Criminology

## Employability of our graduates

As with any degree, career prospects upon completion are a key part of choosing what and where to study. Criminal Justice Study graduates are extremely well sought after by employers and this is reflected both in our overall graduate employment rate and in the employers who take our graduates on.

For more information on careers, see page 8.

# BA Criminal Justice and Criminology



## UCAS code: MM29

### Entry requirements

ABB grades at A level, or equivalent.\* We do not accept General Studies or Critical Thinking. See page 11 for information on our 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

### How to apply

Through UCAS  
(see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com))

\*Our entry requirements are under review. For the most up-to-date information, please see our website [www.law.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.law.leeds.ac.uk)

The programme aims to develop a thorough knowledge and understanding of crime and criminal justice by adopting an interdisciplinary approach which combines elements of law, sociology, social policy, politics and psychology.

Essentially, the degree focuses on exploring crime and how contemporary society responds through the criminal justice system, the media, local communities and national and international policies. Accordingly, it considers the reasons for society's increasing pre-occupation with crime and the ways in which our lives are governed by formal and informal processes of social control.

## Course Content

Our degree is an academic rather than vocational programme which offers an interdisciplinary approach to examining crime and its control. Your first year is a foundational year, providing you with the building blocks for further study. Consequently, all modules taken in the first year, including a new module in Forensic Psychology, are compulsory. In year one, we encourage you to begin to think as a criminologist asking searching questions about what type of behaviours comprise the problem of crime and how contemporary society responds to them.

Your second year is a consolidation year. Once again it is interdisciplinary, evaluating a range of explanations for offending behaviour and victimisation, as well as examining in detail different aspects of criminal justice such as responses to victims and young offenders. In this year, we also work with you to develop the skills needed to conduct criminological research and encourage you to pursue your own interests – perhaps related to your choice of career – by selecting modules on subjects as diverse as war crimes and genocide, crime prevention and community safety and criminal law.

Your third year – or fourth should you take advantage of the opportunities we offer to study criminology and criminal justice abroad – allows you to pursue your own interests further, particularly through completion of a substantial piece of independent research. This is just one of the ways in which we work with students to enhance their employability.

## Year 1

### Compulsory modules

Crime and Social Exclusion  
Criminal Justice Study Skills  
English Legal System  
Forensic Psychology  
Introduction to Criminal Justice  
Principles of Criminal Law  
Sociological Thinking  
Understanding Crime

## Year 2

### Compulsory modules

Criminology  
Criminological Research Methods  
Victims, Crime and Restorative Justice  
Youth Crime and Justice

## Year 3\*

\*(Year 4 if you have taken the Study Abroad option)

### Compulsory modules

Penology  
Policing  
Dissertation



# OUR RESEARCH AND YOU

Like all programmes at the University of Leeds, one of the key strengths of the BA Criminal Justice and Criminology programme is the fact that our teaching is clearly informed by the world-class research which takes place within the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, and within the broader University.

## The Centre for Criminal Justice Studies

Established in 1987 to pursue research into criminal justice systems and criminological issues, the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, based in the School of Law, is widely recognised as one of the UK's leading criminological centres with an established national and international profile for excellence in research and teaching.

The Centre has excellent relations with local, regional and national criminal justice agencies, and its activities are supported by more than 30 representatives drawn from senior positions within the criminal justice professions, including the police, judiciary, probation trusts, prisons and the courts.

To enhance the learning environment of the Centre, a series of public seminars are given throughout the year by invited experts. Previous guests have included then Home Secretary (and Leeds alumni) Jack Straw, the Director-General of Interpol, the Director of Victim Support, and most recently, Anne Owers, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons.

### Research and teaching interests include:

- Ultimate Penalties, Dr Catherine Appleton
- Life After Genocide, Mrs Linda Asquith
- Crime, Law and Victimisation, Mrs Lydia Bleasdale-Hill
- Governing Urban Safety and Policing, Prof. Adam Crawford
- Victims, Witnesses and the Criminal Trial Process, Dr Louise Ellison
- Internet, Crime and Society, Dr Stefan Fafinski
- Criminal Justice, Dr Anthea Hucklesby
- Understanding atrocity crimes and genocide to improve intervention and prevention, Prof. Susanne Karstedt
- Proceeds of Crime, Dr Colin King
- Risk Management and Criminal Justice, Dr Sam Lewis
- Understanding the Police, Policing and Private Security, Mr Stuart Lister
- Prisons and Penal Policy, Dr Richard Peake
- Terrorism and the Law, Prof Clive Walker
- Crime and Social Policy, Dr Emma Wincup

## *Undergraduate Research Scholarship Scheme*

The Undergraduate Research Scholarship Scheme aims to give successful undergraduate student applicants the opportunity to work with a research team in a supervised research environment on an individual research project relating to their degree subject and interests.

Ian Marder worked on the research project "Criminological Research" as part of the Undergraduate Research Scholarship Scheme in 2010.



"Without the scholarship, I would have never had the opportunity to speak to practitioners on such a close basis, nor do I think I would have been as motivated academically in my final year. Thanks to the scholarship, I am confident about talking to practitioners and people from all walks of life. Most importantly, it helped me to focus my ideas and prioritise my future research interests."



# CAREERS

Planning for a career is an important part of studying. All our students are encouraged to consider their future employment early in their University career.

The BA in Criminal Justice and Criminology provides a strong academic base for those considering careers in a range of criminal justice-related professions. Graduates of the programme, for example, have pursued careers with police forces, the security services, the private security sector, probation trusts, HM Courts Services, HM Prison Service and local authority community safety departments.

The Centre for Criminal Justice Studies has excellent links, especially through our Advisory Board members, with a wide range of agencies and practitioners. We can therefore help students who want to explore work experience and graduate opportunities.

The degree also affords a suitable knowledge base for further academic or vocational study and many graduates of the programme have gone on to complete postgraduate degrees, including the Senior Status Law LLM at the University of Leeds.

## Alumni

As a graduate of the School of Law, you will be one of over 120,000 members of the University of Leeds' worldwide alumni community.

As one of our alumni you can stay up to date with news and events through the web community, Leeds Alumni Online and Leeds, the twice yearly magazine.

You can keep in touch with or search for old friends, and find out about alumni groups and activities. You can benefit from the alumni careers mentoring network, and a range of other services and benefits on offer.



## Careers events

The Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, in conjunction with the Leeds branch of the West Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board, organises a biennial careers event for Criminal Justice students to gain direct access to first-hand careers information and advice. This is an opportunity for students to meet informally, collect information from, and discuss potential career and work experience opportunities with, representatives from a range of criminal justices agencies.

The agencies who normally attend include the following:

- HM Courts Services (Crown and Magistrates)
- Crown Prosecution Service
- Police
- HM Prison Service
- Probation Service
- Victim Support
- Youth Offending Service

# STUDY ABROAD

The University of Leeds has one of the biggest study abroad programmes in the country, and the School of Law plays a significant part in this.

In 2010/2011 nearly 10% of our third year students were on a study abroad year. Study Abroad is a unique opportunity to expand your educational and personal horizons – one that you may never get again. As well as being personally enriching, study abroad enables students to develop transferrable skills, such as independence, confidence, cultural sensitivity and problem solving, which are sought after by employers. As a result, a year spent abroad could really enhance your employment prospects. We encourage all of our applicants to consider taking advantage of this excellent opportunity at Leeds.

Employers acknowledge the extra dimension offered by the year abroad. Leeds students who have participated in the Study Abroad scheme have an excellent track record in obtaining employment when they graduate.

Current links for BA Criminal Justice and Criminology students are with:

Country	Institution
Australia	Griffith University
Canada	Carleton University
New Zealand	Victoria University of Wellington
Belgium	Catholic University, Leuven



“The social side and travelling were definitely the best two aspects of my year abroad. I made so many Canadian friends who I still speak to now, every day was a chance to meet new people from all over the world which is incredible. The chance to travel was also a huge positive. I used Ottawa as a base and travelled to Montreal and Toronto. As well as spending Christmas day skiing in Quebec and New Years in New York City. At the end of my year I travelled up the West Coast of America and across Canada. I saw some unbelievable sights that I will never forget! Living abroad definitely developed me as a person. It taught me to become: self sufficient, independent, more confident, open to new experiences and allowed me to experience a new culture which is amazing.

**James Faulkner**

BA Criminal Justice and Criminology.  
James spent his year abroad in Canada.



### *Guaranteed Accommodation*

Because we think it's so important that you settle into your first year at University, all single, first year students who accept their place at Leeds are guaranteed accommodation. On campus and throughout the city, we have an impressive range of accommodation to cater for all budgets.

To find out more see [www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation)



Degrees from (the University of) Leeds are well respected by employers and universities worldwide... A large, student friendly, dynamic city, Leeds is a great place to study, and opportunities for going out and having fun abound.

**The Guardian University Guide, 2011.**



## LIFE IN LEEDS

### Why you'll love Leeds

With over 200,000 students living in the city, Leeds has become a vibrant, thriving and lively place to live and learn, come here and it won't be long before you're calling it home.

At the heart of Yorkshire, Leeds is the second largest business, legal and finance sector in the UK and is one of the country's fastest growing cities. Rich in culture, history, arts and entertainment – it really is the place to be.

Because of our fantastic location, we can enjoy excellent communication and transport links which can take you all over the UK. With London and Edinburgh just two and a half hours by rail, and Leeds Bradford airport providing regular flights to major international destinations, nowhere is ever too far.

One of the UK's top shopping destinations, Leeds boasts over two miles of traffic-free shopping with over one thousand shops. Home to the exclusive Victoria Quarter, Harvey Nichols and every high street store you can think of, there is something for everyone.

The city hosts an eclectic mix of entertainment, with music and nightlife to suit all tastes. From street cafes to nightclubs, from stylish bars to award-winning restaurants, it won't disappoint.

Bursting with culture, Leeds is home to Opera North, The Grand Theatre, the Royal Armouries and a plethora of museums and art galleries – all this in one of the greenest cities in Britain, so close to the Yorkshire Dales.

# HOW WILL I LEARN? / ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

## How will I learn?

There are a variety of teaching methods used within the School. As well as lectures, seminars and workshops, modules such as Criminal Justice Study Skills have been designed to introduce you to the idea of learning independently and to instil the necessary academic skills and confidence to succeed, including how to use the library, how to manage your time, making the most of lectures and seminars and importantly, preparing for and successfully executing essays and examinations.

The University library also hosts an extensive collection on Criminal Justice and Criminology. Students find this an integral source for their studies and further support is offered by electronic access to criminological materials through networked databases, electronic journals and the internet.

## Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of methods including examination and coursework, or by a combination of the two. You may also be assessed during group presentations, research-based activities and through the 20,000 word dissertation.

## Entry requirements

Entry requirements for all courses are listed on the relevant page. If you require more information than is provided in this brochure, please refer to our website at [www.law.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.law.leeds.ac.uk)

## International Qualifications

We have many international students and we make offers to students with most recognised national and international qualifications on an individual basis.

International students must have evidence of an English qualification (such as IELTS or TOEFL) or other proficiency in English. Leeds provides specialist support and advice services to help make international student life in Leeds enjoyable and successful. For further information see: [www.leeds.ac.uk/students/international](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/students/international)

## Equality and Diversity

All applications receive equal treatment, irrespective of race, gender, religion, educational background, sexual orientation or disabilities.

Applicants with disabilities are encouraged to contact University of Leeds Disability Services, details can be found here: [www.equality.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.equality.leeds.ac.uk)

## Mature Students

Applications from mature students (over 21 years old) are welcome. Most mature students apply having taken Access or Foundation courses. We encourage you to talk to our admissions team before you apply.

## Deferred Entry

We are happy to consider applications for deferred entry where candidates wish to take a year away from formal education between leaving school or college and entering higher education. We expect such candidates to outline their plans for the year in the personal statement section of their UCAS form, or in a letter to the Admissions Administrator where the original UCAS application form was for immediate entry.

## Access to Leeds

The University of Leeds recognises that not all university applicants are able to demonstrate their talents as readily as others through grades alone. Access to Leeds is an admissions scheme designed to help pupils whose personal circumstances may have affected their ability to succeed at the levels that would normally be expected by admissions tutors. Under the Access to Leeds scheme, pupils' applications recommended to us by their school or college will be looked at within the context of their individual situation.

For more information on the Access to Leeds Scheme, including eligibility criteria see [www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L)

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