



PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION KEY FACTS

Programme name	Criminology and Law; Criminology and Law with Professional Placement
Award	BSc
Exit Awards	Diploma of Higher Education Certificate of Higher Education
Schools	School of Policy & Global Affairs The City Law School
Department or equivalent	Sociology and Criminology (home)/Law
UCAS Code	TBC
Programme code	TBC
Type of study	Full-time
Mode of Learning	In-Person
Total UK credits	360; 480 with Professional Placement
Total ECTS	180; 240 with Professional Placement
Partner	(Partnership programme only)
Type of Partnership	(Partnership programme only)

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The three-year undergraduate BSc in Criminology and Law is a joint programme run by the School of Policy and Global Affairs (SPGA) and The City Law School (TCLS). As such, it harnesses the reputation of The City Law School, notable for its high level of scholarship and academic rigour with the research excellence of the Department of Sociology and Criminology.

The BSc in Criminology and Law is uniquely positioned to provide you with a socio-legal degree that encompasses the already excellent portfolio of modules on offer in both Schools, including valuable methodological training. This programme is therefore particularly relevant for those students who are interested in pursuing careers in legal and criminal justice/social policy, research and socio-legal work.

Aims

The aims of the programme are:

- To equip you with a proper understanding of how the criminal justice system, the law and legal institutions work.
- To enable you to understand the importance of gender, class, race and ethnicity in understanding criminality and the law.
- To introduce you to some of the frontiers of contemporary criminology and legal scholarship, especially as taught and researched at City St George's, University of London.
- To allow you to collect and analyse a range of criminological and legal data through your own research.
- To provide you with a sound grounding in criminal justice and law that will enable you to pursue various legal, criminal justice and socio-legal careers.
- To enable you to develop analytical, presentational, writing and communication skills.

Content

The programme has been designed to ensure that you are equipped with a foundational understanding of key areas of the legal and criminal justice system in England and Wales.

In **Year One** you will be required to study eight compulsory modules. Four of the modules come under the remit of SPGA and four under the remit of TCLS. Collectively, the modules will provide you with a sound introduction to key issues and theoretical approaches in criminology and criminal justice and foundational concepts relating to the English legal system and core principles of the criminal law. You will also undertake some methodological training in the form of 'Social Justice Research', in addition to an employability module with a specific focus on careers in criminal justice and the socio-legal field.

Year Two permits more flexibility in the modules that you take. You will continue to develop your knowledge in core areas of criminology and criminal justice. Your legal education will focus on developing your critical understanding of the criminal law, together with key issues relating to legal ethics and regulation.

In **Year Three** you will be given maximum flexibility to study modules according to your research interests and most aligned to your career aspirations. We offer a broad range of modules within the field of criminology and criminal justice, most of which are at the forefront of policy and practice. Year Three also presents the time to specialise in the area of human rights and media law should you wish to develop your legal expertise in these fields. You will be given the opportunity to undertake a final project (SG3090 – Sociology Project), forming a part of independent research, worth a value of 30 credits. Many students undertake dissertations in order to complete their own empirical research and to develop their research skills for further study or work. If you do decide to undertake the project, you will be allocated an expert in the field of law or criminal justice/criminology.

Registration Period

The Criminology and Law programme requires you to study for three years on a full-time basis. The maximum period of registration is normally 6 years. Full details are contained in Senate Regulation 19, available on City's website.

WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this programme, you will be expected to be able to:

Knowledge

- Explain and evaluate the main aspects of the English legal system and core areas of English law.
- Appraise the main principles, legal rules and values that form the basis of English law and how the rules co-relate with each other.
- Identify the main legal institutions and explain their procedures and their role within the legal system.
- Critically evaluate the different ways in which criminality, criminalisation and criminal justice are affected by local and global political, economic and cultural transformation and patterns of social inequality
- Critically analyse how changes in the ways in which patterns of social inequality and social diversity, such as, ethnicity, gender and class, cut across and inter-relate with each other with respect to the law, criminality, criminalisation and criminal justice.
- Recognise the ways in which different forms of criminality, criminalisation and criminal justice operate in both national and global contexts.
- Discuss and debate the relation between evidence and theory in a wide range of different legal and criminal justice contexts.

Skills

- Appreciate current issues in law, criminality, criminalisation and criminal justice and be able to evaluate a range of different approaches to them.
- Independently find and apply primary and secondary legal sources such as: legislation, judgments of cases, academic articles, legal textbooks and policy documents to allow you to make an informed analysis of what the law is, what the law should be, and why.
- Apply a range of research methods such as, discourse analysis, participant observation, questionnaires, interviews, statistical analysis and so on.
- Analyse case judgments, policy documents, legislation and other legal documents and identify their relevance and influence to make informed decisions.
- Demonstrate effective oral and written presentation skills, IT competencies and show that you can present complex legal issues clearly and persuasively.
- Develop the capacity to gather, retrieve and synthesise information from a number of different sources in order to understand the complexities of issues relating to law, crime, criminality, criminalisation and criminal justice
- Demonstrate the ability to relate legal and criminological knowledge to issues of social, public and civic policy, particularly in the policy areas of crime, criminality, criminalisation and criminal justice
- Reflect on your own learning and adapt your learning strategies, if necessary.

Values and attitudes

- Demonstrate initiative and enthusiasm and an ability to find ethical and practical solutions to issues and problems.

- Demonstrate a habit of reflection and independent study, the capacity to identify and question one's own assumptions, and appreciate the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge
- Demonstrate a willingness to continuously improve your skills and abilities.
- Respect and acknowledge the work of others.
- Acknowledge and value diversity of opinion and ideas.

This programme has been developed in accordance with the QAA Subject Benchmarks for Sociology and Law.

Graduate Attributes

The graduate attributes you can demonstrate on completion of your programme are key to your future employment. It is therefore central to every programme that there will be opportunities in the learning, teaching and assessment activities for you to engage with these on all modules. Further detail of this will be provided for you by your module leader. The graduate attributes are:

- Always learning
- Engaged in the world
- Technical and digital
- Connected Professional
- Creating Impact

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Programme Stage 1

All Programme Stage one modules are compulsory. You will be required to study eight compulsory modules. Four of the modules come under the remit of SPGA and four under the remit of TCLS (in italics). Collectively, the modules will provide you with a sound introduction to key issues and theoretical approaches in criminology and criminal justice and foundational concepts relating to the English legal system and core principles of the criminal law. You will also undertake some methodological training in the form of 'Social Justice Research' in addition to an employability module with a specific focus on careers in criminal justice and the socio-legal field.

Programme stage 1 modules

Module Title	SITS Code	Module Credits	Module type	Compensation Yes/No	Level
<i>English Legal System*</i>	LU1021	15	<i>Compulsory</i>	Yes	4
<i>Principles of Contract Law*</i>	LU1024	15	<i>Compulsory</i>	Yes	4
<i>Principles of Criminal Law*</i>	LU1025	15	<i>Compulsory</i>	Yes	4
<i>Principles of Public Law and Human Rights*</i>	LU1026	15	<i>Compulsory</i>	Yes	4
Introduction to Criminology	SG1019	15	Compulsory	Yes	4
Criminal Justice	SG1023	15	Compulsory	Yes	4

Social Justice Research	SG1027	15	Compulsory	Yes	4
Finding your Future in Sociology and Criminology	SG1100	15	Compulsory	Yes	4

Programme Stage 2

Year Two permits more flexibility in the modules that you take. You will continue to develop your knowledge in core areas of criminology and criminal justice. Your legal education will focus on developing your critical understanding of the criminal law, together with key issues relating to legal ethics and regulation. The Social Action Project (SG2060) will give you the opportunity to engage with local community enterprises relating to your particular scholarly interest in the broad of area of Criminology and Law. You have compulsory criminology modules and you must take four electives from the law portfolio.

Programme stage 2 modules

Module Title	SITS Code	Module Credits	Core / Compulsory / Elective	Compensation	Level
Key Issues in Criminology	SG2043	15	Compulsory (Co)	Yes	5
Violence	SG2040	15	Compulsory (Co)	Yes	5
Gender and Crime	SG2042	15	Elective	Yes	5
Penology	SG2255	15	Compulsory	Yes	5
Victimology	SG2058	15	Compulsory	Yes	5
Social Action Project	SG2060	15	Elective	Yes	5
Introduction to Critical Legal Studies	SG2062	15	Elective	Yes	5
<i>Further Issues in Criminal Law</i>	LU2029	15	Elective	Yes	5
<i>Mediation</i>	LU2016	15	Elective	Yes	5
<i>Foundations of International Public Law</i>	LU2025	15	Elective	Yes	5
<i>Immigration Law</i>	LU2018	15	Elective	Yes	5
<i>Sustainability and Climate Change</i>	LU2037	15	Elective	Yes	5
<i>Smart Technologies, Law and Justice</i>	LU2044	15	Elective	Yes	5

Programme Stage 3

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law should you wish to develop your legal expertise in these fields. You will be given the opportunity to undertake a final project (SG3090 – Sociology Project), forming a part of independent research, worth a value of 30 credits. Many students undertake final projects in order to complete their own empirical research and to develop their research skills for further study or work. If you do decide to undertake a final project, you will be allocated an expert in the field of law or criminal justice/criminology.

Programme stage 3 modules

Module Title	SITS Code	Module Credits	Core / Compulsory / Elective	Compensation	Level
Criminal Behaviour	SG3037	15	Elective (E)	Yes	6
Criminal Justice in Crisis	SG3082	15	Compulsory (Co)	Yes	6
Sociology Project	SG3090	30	Elective	Yes	6
Global Migration Process	SG3041	15	Elective	Yes	6
Crime, Culture and the City	SG3076	15	Elective	Yes	6
Urban Violence and Public Health Policy	SG3086	15	Elective	Yes	6
Public Sociology and Racial Justice	SG3091	15	Elective	Yes	6
Policing	SG3036	15	Compulsory	Yes	6
Sport, the Body and Deviance	SG3083	15	Elective	Yes	6
Border Criminology	SG3092	15	Elective	Yes	6
Property Crime	SG3078	15	Elective	Yes	6
<i>Human Rights, Technology and Society</i>	LU3159	15	Elective	Yes	6
<i>International Criminal Law</i>	LU3077	15	Elective	Yes	6
<i>International Human Rights Law</i>	LU3115	15	Elective	Yes	6
<i>Labour Law</i>	LU3149	15	Elective	Yes	6
<i>Law, Race and Colonisation</i>	LU3150	15	Elective	Yes	6
<i>Medical Law and Bioethics</i>	LU3119	15	Elective	Yes	6
<i>Introduction to the Solicitor's Professional Qualification</i>	LU3137	15	Elective	Yes	6

Professional Placement route (one year):

Module Title	SITS Code	Module Credits	Core/ Elective	Can be compensated?	Level
Professional Placement and Career Development module	PO3400	120	Elective	N	6

HOW WILL I LEARN?

The BSc in Criminology and Law programme is a full-time programme that will normally be completed in three years. It has been designed to provide you with supportive blended learning, meaning that it focuses on face-to-face learning and combines this with structured materials on our virtual learning environment (Moodle). This will provide coherent support to help you to develop as an independent learner.

Criminology modules:

The educational aims are achieved through a combination of lectures, interactive sessions, practical workshops and small-group classes, supported by a personal tutorial system. Lectures are used to provide commentary and explanation of key content areas. Smaller group classes are used to develop understanding by inviting you to raise questions and participate in the debate and by providing guidance for further study. You are encouraged to undertake extensive reading and independent study in order to understand the topics covered in lectures and classes and to broaden and deepen their knowledge of the subject. The Social Justice Research module provides you with the opportunity to develop research methods and writing skills. If you undertake the final project (SG3090 – Sociology Project), you will receive supervision.

Law modules:

All compulsory modules will normally be taught using a combination of weekly 2-hour large group sessions and fortnightly 2-hour tutorials. Elective modules are normally taught using a combination of weekly 2-hour large group sessions and fortnightly 1-hour tutorials. There are some exceptions to this pattern for some modules, generally in relation to modules dedicated to the development of professional skills. In Year 1 of the programme you will have approximately 12 hours of timetabled teaching each week and in Years 2 & 3 you will have approximately 10-12 hours of timetabled teaching each week. Your timetabled classes may take place between 9am – 7pm Monday to Friday. In addition to this you will be expected to complete approximately 30 hours of independent study per week to prepare for classes and consolidate your learning.

All tutorials will normally take place on campus, and attendance is expected. The majority of large group sessions will also be delivered on campus but, in some instances, making up no more than 20% of your teaching, large group sessions will take place live remotely using Teams or equivalent educational technology. Additionally, for a limited number of modules, subject to visa constraints for international students, you may be given a choice of attending large groups sessions in person on campus or via Teams or equivalent platform. Where this occurs, you will be expected to make this choice for the whole year at the beginning of the year. (Please note that it may on occasion be necessary to move a class online as a contingency measure, for example due to industrial action affecting transport.)

For each large group and tutorial session you will be expected to engage with materials on our virtual learning environment to guide your learning activities before, at and after the class. Our use of Moodle or other appropriate educational software means that you can engage with these activities and materials flexibly at your own time and pace. Such activities may include viewing recorded content and / or other online resources, reading materials, interactive quizzes, exercises, discussion forums, chats, and similar.

The primary emphasis is on good quality teaching to ensure that you develop a proper understanding of relevant legal knowledge and to acquire relevant skills. There is also an emphasis on active learning, and we expect students to engage properly in all aspects of their studies. In addition to large group sessions and tutorials, you will undertake independent study, supported in a blended way by the virtual learning environment, which will typically involve wider reading, independent research, skills practice, preparation for your classes and preparation for assessment. Please see individual module specifications, Moodle pages and your Programme Handbook for further information.

WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

Assessment and Assessment Criteria

Your modules will be assessed by a variety of assessment methods, to promote inclusivity. Most modules will be assessed by two or more summative assessments. These will include (but are not limited to):

- end of term examination;
- coursework;
- multiple choice question tests;
- reflective logs/blogs;
- project papers, posters and reports.
- skeleton legal arguments;
- presentations (including mooting, giving oral legal advice or debates);
- online discussions;

Feedback on assessment

Feedback will be provided in line with our Assessment and Feedback Policy. The manner of the feedback will be appropriate to the type of assessment included in each module. All feedback is intended to enable you to see what you have done well but will also highlight areas in need of improvement. It will also give you an indication as to what needs to be done in order to achieve a better grade, if applicable. After the assessment results are released, you will be able to discuss your feedback with the module tutor to identify the areas you have addressed well and to constructively highlight areas for improvement.

The full policy can be found at:

https://www.city.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/452565/Assessment-and-Feedback-Policy.pdf

Assessment Regulations

In order to pass your Programme, you should complete successfully or be exempted from the relevant modules and assessments and will therefore acquire the required number of credits. You also need to pass each Programme Stage of your Programme in order to progress to the following Programme Stage.

The pass mark for each module is 40%. Some modules require students to achieve a minimum qualifying mark in the different assessment components within those modules. Further details can be found in respective module specifications.

If you fail an assessment component or module or if compensation applies to your programme specific details of this will be provided in your programme handbook.

If you would like to know more about the way in which assessment works at City, please see the full version of the [Assessment Regulations](#).

WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?

Programme stage level, credits and weighting

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)
1	4	120	10
2	5	120	30
3	6	120	60

Classification requirements

Class	% required
I	70
II upper division	60
II lower division	50

Bachelor's Degree with Honours:

Programme stage level, credits and weighting

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)
1	4	120	10
2	5	120	30
3	6	120	60

Classification requirements

Class	% required
I	70
II upper division	60
II lower division	50
III	40

For students taking the placement year (in year 3) the weightings of years 1-4 will be 9%, 27%, 10% and 54% respectively.

Ordinary Degree:

An indication of what the student will have studied and achieved for each exit award they can gain, should be provided with explicit reference to the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications. For the wording given in the descriptor statements, refer to appendix 2 of the Guidance on writing programme specifications.

Programme stage level, credits and weighting

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)
1	4	120	10
2	5	120	30
3	6	60	60

Class requirements

Class	% required
With Distinction	70
With Merit	60
Without classification	40

Diploma of Higher Education:

Programme stage level, credits and weighting

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)
1	4	120	35
2	5	120	65

Class requirements

Class	% required
With Distinction	70
With Merit	60
Without classification	40

Certificate of Higher Education:

Programme stage level, credits and weighting

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)
1	4	120	100%

Class requirements

Class	% required
With Distinction	70
With Merit	60
Without classification	40

EMPLOYABILITY AT CITY

WHAT KIND OF CAREER MIGHT I GO ONTO?

This course will enable you to develop the methodological expertise to analyse crime and justice data, and the analytical capability to identify and engage with key legal and criminal justice policy debates. You will develop specific skills relevant to a variety of professions concerned with law, criminal justice and crime reduction, including:

- NGOs
- Legal advocacy
- Civil service careers
- The police
- Prison service
- Probation service
- Youth justice

A particular strength of the BSc in Criminology and Law is that the joint school degree includes options from other departments that focus on psychology, politics, media, culture and society which increase employability in a range of fields upon graduation. You will develop specific skills relevant to a variety of professions concerned with criminal justice and crime reduction, including the police, prisons, offender management, youth justice, community safety and security management. Other employers in the legal services industry include the Law Commissions, the Bar Council or Solicitors Regulation Authority; NGOs and other non-governmental bodies, and the Civil Service.

For more information on the Careers support available at City St George's, please go to: <https://www.city.ac.uk/careers/your-career>

WHAT PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

As an undergraduate student you can undertake a one-year work placement whilst completing the programme. This is possible through joining the Integrated Professional Training Programme, which is a sandwich year that is taken between completing Programme Stage 2 and entering Programme Stage 3, extending the degree to four years.

The placement year will be worth 120 credits and weighted at 10% of your final degree grade. Your placement grade will be based on the grades achieved on successful completion of PO3400 Professional Placement & Career Development module.

In identifying relevant placement opportunities you should consider your long-term plans for employment; whether the work placement proposed is relevant to final year modules; whether it might provide experience on which a project could be based.

Information and support for this programme is provided by the SPGA Placements Team (SPGA-Placements@city.ac.uk).

You should discuss your plans with the Department Placement Officer at the earliest opportunity, preferably during the autumn term of their second year.

The work placement must extend over a minimum of 9 months and a maximum of 12 months (including holidays allowed by the employing body). The Placement should normally run between the 1st September and the 31st August in the following year.

The placement must be approved by City as providing suitable supervision and training.

Participant students are required to pay an administrative charge to cover the School's costs associated with the work placement. This will be in the form of a reduced tuition fee for the placement year, which will cover continued enrolment with City and access to all of its facilities.

WHAT STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

As an undergraduate student you can undertake a period of study abroad whilst completing the programme.

This is possible through the SPGA Exchange Programme, a year of study at one of our European and/or international partner universities via a sandwich year, which is undertaken between completing Programme Stage 2 and entering Programme Stage 3, extending the degree to four years.

The resulting degree title awarded would be: BSc Criminology and Law with Study Abroad.

Participation in the SPGA Exchange Programme is through an application process. You are encouraged to investigate the opportunities available to you within your School in your first year at City. Information and support for this programme is provided by the SPGA Exchanges Team (SPGA-outgoing@city.ac.uk).

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