



## PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION KEY FACTS

<b>Programme name</b>	<b>Criminology and Criminal Justice</b>
<b>Award</b>	<b>MSc</b>
<b>Exit Awards</b>	Postgraduate Diploma Postgraduate Certificate
<b>School</b>	School of Policy & Global Affairs
<b>Department or equivalent</b>	Sociology & Criminology
<b>Programme code</b>	PSCRIM
<b>Type of study</b>	Full-time Part-time
<b>Mode of Learning</b>	In-Person
<b>Total UK credits</b>	180
<b>Total ECTS</b>	90

## PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Few aspects of twenty-first century public policy are as important as how to reconcile demands for the rule of law, social order and community safety with protection of human rights, civil liberties and democratic values in an age of global insecurity. The complex social, economic, political and cultural issues which will affect crime causation in the new century require researchers and professionals who are able to think creatively and work across traditional disciplinary boundaries and subject areas.

The City St George's MSc, which is taught by specialist researchers from across criminological disciplines, allows both for breadth of study and specialization. You will become actively involved in the work of the Criminology Research Group and allied research centres within the School of Policy & Global Affairs. The inclusive departmental ethos, which encourages staff-student interaction, facilitates your training in the production and evaluation of innovative criminological and sociological research.

The MSc in Criminology & Criminal Justice is designed for those who are already or wish to become involved with or have an interest in the increasingly important debates about how to reconcile crime control and policing strategies with respect for and protection of human rights. In addition, the programme is suitable for policy makers, non-governmental organisations and journalists. This innovative programme is designed to equip you with the criminological knowledge that will enable you to analyse and assess the conflicting demands for law, order and public safety and human rights and civil liberties.

The part time route of academic study is intended to provide those of you who have pressing family or work commitments, with more time to reach the required level of study. The content of the course is the same as the full-time route. The duration is different and you deliver your

dissertations in December not September.

Part-time study occurs over two years. You receive support through the personal tutor and seminar system. Guided reading and study skills help is provided. You are encouraged to participate fully in the staff seminar and public lecture programme and, of course, in Departmental and School Social Events.

## **Aims**

The programme aims:

1. To develop your ability to use criminological knowledge to conceptualize the problem of crime and crime control strategies.
2. To provide you with knowledge of national and transnational policy framework for crime control and policing and the protection and advancement of human rights.
3. To enable you to explore how contemporary demands for law, order and public safety are challenging orthodoxies regarding human rights and civil liberties.
4. To enable you to comprehend the political and practical difficulties of reconciling public security and individual rights.
5. To equip you with the advanced sociological and legal knowledge that will enable you to become employees in criminal justice, security and community safety organisations.
6. To provide an advanced specialist education in the areas of criminology and criminal justice.
7. To enable you to develop your analytical capacities and the ability to examine and critically evaluate complex issues and debates in the area of criminology and criminal justice.

## **Content**

### **Postgraduate Certificate**

Following successful completion of the Postgraduate Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice you will be able to examine theories related to the sociological conceptualisation and explanation of crime, crime control strategies and criminal justice and will be able to synthesise and apply these to contemporary crime and criminal justice debates in a national and global context. You will possess sufficient criminological knowledge to be able to engage in joint problem-solving discussions with professionals. You will have critical insight into problems related to crime and crime control, human security and notions of justice. You will also be able to identify and explain the critical issues and debates which illustrate the interface between local and global criminality and human rights and recognise the role and function of national and international policing and law enforcement agencies in controlling crime and protecting human rights. You will gather appropriate information to answer questions pertaining to criminology and will be capable of accurate exposition and critical analysis of research findings and complex texts in a variety of different contexts.

### **Postgraduate Diploma**

Following successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma in Criminology and Criminal Justice in addition to the above you will gain a more advanced knowledge and in-depth understanding of these subjects and broaden your expertise and skills. You will have developed a sophisticated appreciation of current issues in criminology and the ability to evaluate a range of different approaches to them. You will also be able to evaluate critically complex arguments

and their factual support, assess the value and relevance of the ideas of others and make reasoned judgements. You will have developed the ability to challenge received explanation of topics and controversies in criminal justice and have the capacity to analyse and evaluate the approaches used by criminologists to investigate crime and criminality, to construct clear arguments and present policy recommendations where appropriate and to understand and evaluate empirical research findings in crime and justice policy research.

### **MSc**

Following successful completion of the MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice in addition to the above you have the ability to plan and evaluate criminal justice interventions in a variety of contexts. You will have demonstrated the capacity undertake and present a piece of original, independent research in criminology (dissertation).

### **Registration Period**

Minimum period is 1 year, maximum period is 3 years (FT) and 5 years (PT).

## **WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?**

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

### **Knowledge**

- Appreciate the complexity of the current criminal justice situation within a global context.
- Display a sensitivity to the role of cultural difference in the formation of this complexity.
- Utilise criminological knowledge to engage in joint problem-solving discussions with professionals.
- Recognise the impact of crime and crime control strategies on human rights.
- Identify and explain the critical issues and debates which illustrate the interface between local and global criminality and human rights
- Recognise the role and function of national and international policing and law enforcement agencies in controlling crime and protecting human rights.

### **Skills**

- Demonstrate a sophisticated appreciation of current issues in criminology and evaluate a range of different approaches to them.
- Produce an accurate exposition and critical analysis of research findings and complex texts in a variety of different contexts.
- Evaluate complex arguments and their factual support, assess the value and relevance of the ideas of others and make reasoned judgements.
- Analyse and interpret critically different kinds of research evidence.
- Gather appropriate information to answer questions pertaining to criminology.
- Challenge received explanation of topics and controversies in criminal justice.
- Undertake and present a piece of independent and original research in criminology.
- Plan and evaluate criminal justice interventions in a variety of contexts.
- Analyse and evaluate the approaches used by criminologists to investigate crime and criminality.
- Construct clear arguments and present policy recommendations where appropriate.
- Understand and evaluate empirical research findings in crime and justice policy research.

## Values and attitudes

- Respect your peers, value their work and be conscious of the need to avoid plagiarism.
- Adhere to the rules and regulations of City St George's.
- Show consideration for the ethical and political implications of criminological perspectives.

## 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?\*

You will take 120 taught credits (8 x 15 credit modules) plus the dissertation (60 credits).

### Taught component

You will take 3 x 15-credit Core taught modules, between 3 and 5 x 15-credit Compulsory-Electives, and up to 30 credits worth of Elective modules. You can choose elective modules from the below list of elective module options.

### Taught modules

Module Title	SITS Code	Module Credits	Core / Compulsory / Elective	Compensation	Level
Contemporary Issues in Criminology	SGM322	15	Core (C)	No	7
Criminal Justice and Penalty	SGM321	15	Core (C)	No	7
Research Design, Methods and Methodology	SAM001	15	Core (C)	No	7
Violence: Global Issues	SGM304	15	Compulsory/elective (CoE)	Yes	7
Victims: Policy and Politics	SGM305	15	Compulsory/elective (CoE)	Yes	7
Crime, Media and Culture	SGM306	15	Compulsory/elective (CoE)	Yes	7
Global Crime	SGM317	15	Compulsory/elective (CoE)	Yes	7

Urban Criminology	SGM325	15	Compulsory/elective (CoE)	Yes	7
Qualitative Research Methods	SAM004	15	Compulsory/elective (CoE)	Yes	7
Social Change Through Activism and Protest	SGM324	15	Elective (E)	Yes	7
Digital Data Politics	SGM315	15	Elective (E)	Yes	7
Digital Cultures and Everyday Life	SGM316	15	Elective (E)	Yes	7
Criminal Justice in Action	SGM323	15	Elective (E)	Yes	7

*\*Please note that this is an indicative list. These modules are subject to change depending on staff availability, student demand and some are offered on a biennial basis. There is no guarantee that every elective module listed above will run.*

### **Dissertation component**

In order to be eligible for the MSc, you must complete a 60-credit dissertation.

<b>Module Title</b>	<b>SITS Code</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	<b>Core / Compulsory / Elective</b>	<b>Compensation</b>	<b>Level</b>
Dissertation	SAM010	60	Core (C)	No	7

### **HOW WILL I LEARN?**

The educational aims are achieved through a combination of lectures, interactive sessions, practical workshops and small group classes. You are encouraged to undertake extensive reading in order to understand the topics covered in lectures and classes and to broaden and deepen your knowledge of the subject.

The Department also runs a personal tutorial system that provides you with additional support for your learning. Your personal tutor is also your first point of contact should you encounter any problems affecting your studies.

The part time route of academic study is intended to provide you with more time to reach the required level of study should you be unable to commit to full-time study. The content of the part-time route is the same as the full-time route, but the duration is different. Taught modules are spread out over two academic years (one academic year for full-time study), and you will be given an extra term at the end of the two academic years to submit your dissertation. You will receive support through the personal tutor system. Guided reading and study skills help is provided. You will be encouraged to participate fully in the staff seminar and public lecture programme and, of course, in Departmental and School Social Events.

## WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

### Assessment and Assessment Criteria

Assessment of the programme is via the submission of two coursework assignments for each module, and a dissertation. Some of the elective modules offered by other programmes have different assessment criteria.

Assessment Criteria are descriptions, based on the intended learning outcomes, of the skills, knowledge, or attitudes that you need to demonstrate in order to complete an assessment successfully. Grade-related Criteria are descriptions of the level of skills, knowledge, or attributes that you need to demonstrate in order to achieve a certain grade or mark in an assessment. Assessment Criteria and Grade-related Criteria will be made available to you to support you in completing assessments. These may be provided in programme handbooks, on the virtual learning environment or attached to a specific assessment task.

### Feedback on assessment

Feedback will be provided in line with our Assessment and Feedback Policy. In particular, you will normally be provided with feedback within three weeks of the submission deadline or assessment date. This would normally include a provisional grade or mark. For end-of-module examinations or an equivalent significant task (e.g. an end-of-module project), feedback will normally be provided within four weeks. The timescale for feedback on final-year projects or dissertations may be longer. The full policy can be found at: [Assessment | City, University of London](#)

### 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 50%.

If you fail an assessment component or a module, the following will apply:

1. **Compensation:** where you fail up to a total of 20 credits at first or resit attempt (15 for a Postgraduate Certificate), you may be allowed compensation if:
  - Compensation is permitted for the module involved (see the What will I Study section of the programme specification), and
  - It can be demonstrated that you have satisfied all the Learning Outcomes of the modules in the Programme, and
  - A minimum overall mark of no more than 10% below the module pass mark has been achieved in the module to be compensated, and
  - An aggregate mark of 50% has been achieved overall.

Where you are eligible for compensation at the first attempt, this will be applied in the first instance rather than offering a resit opportunity.

If you receive a compensated pass in a module you will be awarded the credit for that

module. The original component marks will be retained in the record of marks and your original module mark shall be used for the purpose of your Award calculation.

2. Resit: where you are not eligible for compensation at the first attempt, you will be offered one resit attempt.

If you are successful in the resit, you will be awarded the credit for that module. The mark for each assessment component that is subject to a resit will be capped at the pass mark for the module. This capped mark will be used in the calculation of the final module mark together with the original marks for the components that you passed at first attempt.

If you do not meet the pass the requirements for a module and do not complete your resit by the date specified you will not progress and the Assessment Board will require that you be withdrawn from the Programme.

If you fail to meet the requirements for the Programme, the Assessment Board will consider whether you are eligible for an Exit Award as per the table below.

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?

### Master's Degree

Programme credits and weighting

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)
Taught	7	120	67
Dissertation	7	60	33

Class requirements

Class	% required
With Distinction	70
With Merit	60
Without classification	50

### Postgraduate Diploma

Programme credits and weighting

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)
Taught	7	120	100%

Class requirements

Class	% required
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<b>With Distinction</b>	70
<b>With Merit</b>	60
<b>Without classification</b>	50

### Postgraduate Certificate:

#### Programme credits and weighting

<b>Programme Stage</b>	<b>HE Level</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Weighting (%)</b>
<b>Taught</b>	7	60	100%

#### Class requirements

<b>Class</b>	<b>% required</b>
<b>With Distinction</b>	70
<b>With Merit</b>	60
<b>Without classification</b>	50

## EMPLOYABILITY AT CITY ST GEORGE'S

### WHAT KIND OF CAREER MIGHT I GO ONTO?

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

### How do I enter the programme with RPL/RPEL?

You may apply for RPL/RPEL for a minimum of one module and a maximum of 25% of the overall credits for the programme (taught modules only).

Exemptions are not awarded for programmes/qualifications that were awarded five years ago or longer, prior to the enrolment date for the intended programme of study at City St George's. Programmes/qualifications which were awarded over five years ago may be considered towards RPL/RPEL requests if you can provide supporting evidence which gives an account of ways in which learning achieved through the programme/qualification has been applied actively and updated within the past five years.

Former students of City St George's who have been withdrawn from a programme due to academic failure are not normally permitted to RPL/RPEL any awarded credits back onto the same programme within the School.

Further information about this can be found at [Assessment | City, University of London](#)

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