Course overview

Our Criminology with Social Policy programme offers students the opportunity to combine two closely related and complimentary disciplines. Studying these subjects together means tackling some of the most interesting and important social issues of our times.

INTRODUCTION

Criminology, the major component of this programme, involves study of crime as a particular aspect of all societies. What is crime, who commits it, who are the victims, how do societies deal with crime, its perpetrators, and its victims? Our particular approach to Criminology is critical and involves asking important questions about who gets to define the criminal, who gets to determine the measures implemented to address crime as an aspect of society, as well questions about the unequal experience of offending, victimisation, and justice within and between societies.

Social Policy, the minor component of this programme, involves study of the ways in which different societies understand and meet the needs of their members to ensure their wellbeing. How do societies organise the care of older people, or tackle underemployment among particular groups for instance? Again, our particular approach to Social Policy is critical and involves asking important questions about who decides which needs are met, what shape social support might take, and the effectiveness of social policies.

The programme involves critical engagement with relevant theories, concepts, and ideas, as well as the development of a wide range of critical thinking, research, and communication skills. You will be taught and supervised by world leading experts in the subject areas and experience a range of research.
engaged teaching, learning and assessment methods, including opportunities for applied and practice based learning. You will also be provided with opportunities to tailor your learning to suit your own particular interests and aspirations as you progress.

If you are interested in developing a critical understanding of crime as an aspect of all societies, as something that must be explored in relation to the broader inequalities and injustices that exist within and between societies, then this is the programme for you.

This three year programme of study involves students undertaking a combination of mandatory and selected modules throughout. Modules represent discrete units of teaching, learning, and assessment, with each module focussing on a different topic area, a particular set of debates or ideas, or a particular set of skills. All modules are led by academic staff who are experts in their field.

**WHAT YOU’LL LEARN**

- Generating and evaluating evidence
- Making reasoned arguments and ethical judgements
- Critical thinking
- Collecting, analysing and interpreting data
- Report writing

- Problem solving using a methodical and organised approach
- Sensitivity to the values and interests of others
- Written and verbal communication
- Teamwork
- Ability to handle numerical data
Course content
Discover what you’ll learn, what you’ll study, and how you’ll be taught and assessed.

YEAR ONE
Modules in year one of the programme provide a broad introduction to the two subject areas and disciplines via a series of mandatory modules. This includes an introduction to foundational criminological theories, thinking, and debates, an introduction to key social policy issues and debates, as well as an introduction to foundational sociological thinking. Year one also involves the development of key academic study skills, and an introduction to social science research methods.

*Some modules may not be available depending on your selected programme of study.

COMPULSORY MODULES

SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY (SOCI101)
Credits: 30 / Semester: whole session
This module provides a comprehensive introduction to classical and contemporary sociological theory. Tracing sociological analysis from its origins in the nineteenth century through to major present-day thinkers, the module addresses some of the discipline’s landmark studies and theories, in the process equipping you with understanding of the major frameworks for thinking sociologically.

STUDYING SOCIETY (SOCI106)
Credits: 30 / Semester: whole session
‘Studying Society’ is designed to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the field of social enquiry. What is ‘the social’? Why would we study it? What would that involve? These are questions with which this module is concerned. It offers an introduction to the proper objects of social enquiry, relevant modes of thinking and questioning, strategies for finding, accessing, and evaluating sources of information, methods and techniques for generating and analysing data, as well as skills in communicating information and ideas effectively. In doing so, the module aims to equip students with a range of skills for the study of society at degree level and beyond. The module provides students with opportunities to both study and practice these skills.

SOCIAL CHANGE AND SOCIAL POLICY IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY 1 (SOCI102)
Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1
This module examines continuity and change in social, cultural, political and economic life in Britain over the twentieth and into the twenty-first century, particularly in the period after 1945. The module will examine areas of British life like politics, the economy, the family, social and cultural relations, and the role of social policy in responding to and encouraging wider forms of change.

**SOCIAL CHANGE AND SOCIAL POLICY IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY 2: CHANGING INEQUALITIES (SOCI103)**

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module examines some of the main social changes that have taken place in British society since 1945. It draws upon sociological studies to discuss the inter-relationship between ‘race’, ethnicity, class and gender to understand the influence of these on society.

**INTRODUCTION TO CRIME AND SOCIETY (SOCI107)**

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

This module introduces you to the subject matter of sociological criminology. It provides an essential foundation for your studies in criminology at Liverpool. You will acquire an understanding of key issues and debates in the sociology of ‘crime’ and subject contemporary talk about ‘the crime problem’ to critical analysis.

**CONTROLLING CRIME – AN INTRODUCTION (SOCI108)**

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module provides a critical introduction to the criminal justice system. With SOCI107, it provides an essential foundation for your studies in criminology at Liverpool. Key criminal justice concepts, institutions- including the police, the courts, prisons – and processes are introduced and their roles and functions are subject to critical appraisal.

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

**YEAR TWO**

Modules in year two of the programme build on these foundations by introducing students to more advanced and contemporary criminological thinking and theorising, involves a focus on policing, punishment and prisons, as well as more advanced training in social science research methods.

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**COMPULSORY MODULES**

**UNDERSTANDING CRIME, JUSTICE AND PUNISHMENT (SOCI244)**

Credits: 30 / Semester: whole session
This module offers you the opportunity to explore how criminology has developed various perspectives throughout its historical and socio-political development. The key concepts devised and utilised by criminologists are also explored for their impacts upon criminal and social justice. The module is concerned with major controversies within criminological thinking and criminal justice practice.

QUANTITATIVE SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS (SOCI247)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1
This module examines how quantitative data can be used to investigate the social world. It considers how such data is gathered, the increasing prevalence of ‘statistics’ in making claims about the nature of social reality, how to go about assessing the accuracy of these claims, and how to practically analyse quantitative data to gain a better understanding of society.

QUALITATIVE SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS (SOCI248)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2
This module is designed to provide students with an introduction to the theory and practice of social research using qualitative methods. The module covers qualitative research principles and design, ethics and reflexivity, data generation, data analysis, and presentation of findings. The module encourages students to develop both a critical understanding of and practical competencies in qualitative social research.

POLICING IN A DIVIDED SOCIETY (SOCI241)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1
This module provides an introduction to the sociology of policing and the police. Using a range of approaches to teaching, learning and assessment this module will equip you with knowledge and skills which will enable you to consider key issues in contemporary policing from an informed and critical perspective. Upon completing the module you should have a solid understanding of key concepts used to understand policing and the police from a sociological perspective, and you should be able to apply these concepts to a range of policing topics.

PUNISHMENT, PENALITY AND PRISONS: CRITICAL DEBATES (SOCI254)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2
The module is underpinned by three core aims. First to provide a broad overview of the historical, theoretical and political foundations of punishment, penalty and prisons internationally but in the UK in particular. Second to examine the experiences and outcomes of imprisonment for identifiable groups of prisoners including: Children and young people; women; black and minoritised people; older people, LGBTQAI+. Third, to introduce a range of key debates and controversies surrounding the questions of punishment, penalty and prisons in ‘modern’ societies and to subject them to social scientific interrogation and critical analysis.
SOCIAL EXCLUSION (SOCI205)
Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1
This module is concerned with studying the origins and development of the concept of Social Exclusion. Students will explore and evaluate its theory and practice and will consider a number of case studies around class, ‘race’ and ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation and gender. You will evaluate policy responses and social action to counter social exclusion; discuss the relationship between exclusion and other forms of social stratification and consider a number of theoretical perspectives that utilise inclusion/exclusion concepts.

COMPARING WELFARE STATES (SOCI207)
Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2
Based on Esping-Andersen’s classic analysis of the ‘three worlds of welfare capitalism’, this module provides a framework for comparing welfare states, i.e. ‘the mixed economy of welfare’ in different ‘welfare regimes’: including the ‘liberal’ regime in America, the ‘conservative’ regime in Germany and the ‘social democratic’ regime in Sweden. It examines the ways in which these different regimes emerged historically, how they organise and deliver welfare, the social, political and economic priorities they embody, the outcomes they have for different social groups, including their role in the production of inequalities, and their prospects for the future.

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YEAR THREE

In year three of the programme students are required to undertake a substantive piece of supervised but original research either in the form of a dissertation or an applied Interchange Portfolio project. Both provide students with the unique opportunity to apply the competencies they have been developing over the previous two years, and to a topic area or issue that is important to them. The third year also provides opportunities for students to further their specific interests and specialisms and via selected optional modules.

*Dissertation Routes:
Students must choose SOCI301 or SOCI303 or SOCI347 or SOCI311 (Semester 1 only)

COMPULSORY MODULES

INTERCHANGE PORTFOLIO: WORK-BASED LEARNING (SOCI303)
Credits: 30 / Semester: whole session
The module gives you the opportunity to engage in either an applied social research project or a distinct work project in collaboration with a local Voluntary Community Organisation (VCO). This is organised through the charity ‘Interchange’, based in the SLSJ.

**DISSERTATION 2 (SOCI301)**

**Credits: 30 / Semester: whole session**

Running across two semesters, the dissertation is a major part of the final year of study and completes their “apprenticeship” in social science. It allows students to revisit, consolidate and apply what they have learnt in the course of their degree studies by focusing in on an independent research project of their own choosing and which they must systematically complete and present as an original social science dissertation.

**CREATIVE CONSULTANT: DISSERTATION BY PORTFOLIO (SOCI347)**

**Credits: 30 / Semester: whole session**

This module offers an alternative approach to the traditional dissertation also offered to third year students and to the Interchange modules. Students will be given the opportunity to work cross-faculty with engineering students on MECH327.

It will draw upon on the same skills and will test the same outcomes: subject knowledge in sociology, social policy, or criminology or interdisciplinarity as relevant to the chosen topic; desk top research skills; analytic skills and awareness of the limitations of knowledge; and presentation of findings.

Students will be guided through the research process by a supervisor who will have nominated a topic to investigate prior to each academic year (related to supervisors’ areas of specialism). This module will assist students who are unsure of a research topic themselves but wish to develop key transferable skills for employability purposes and provides the opportunity to work closely with an academic expert and fellow students working on similar topics.

The assessment is based on a portfolio comprising different elements. Students will be expected to evidence collaborative working in sharing resources, giving and receiving feedback, and critically reflecting on their delivery and/or preparations for delivery.

The module is an ‘alternative dissertation’ in that it requires group discussion, presentation of findings through a visual or other creative medium and will culminate in a portfolio of 8,000-10,000 words inclusive of appendices.

**SHORT INTERCHANGE PROJECT (SOCI311)**

**Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1**

The module gives you the opportunity to engage in an in-depth investigation of benefit to a local Voluntary Community Organisation (VCO). This module may involve use of anonymised secondary data analysis, or literature review, or policy analysis, and does not involve the collection of new data. The engagement with the VCO is organised through the charity Interchange, based in the SLSJ.
OPTIONAL MODULES

SHORT INTERCHANGE PROJECT (SOCI311)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

The module gives you the opportunity to engage in an in-depth investigation of benefit to a local Voluntary Community Organisation (VCO). This module may involve use of anonymised secondary data analysis, or literature review, or policy analysis, and does not involve the collection of new data. The engagement with the VCO is organised through the charity Interchange, based in the SLSJ.

HEALTH, LIFECOURSE & SOCIETY (SOCI307)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

The aims of this module are to develop a broad range of sociological understandings of issues relevant to health, illness and the life course. This will involve critically examining new developments in theoretical and methodological approaches as well as a variety of empirical studies on the social and cultural aspects of health, illness and the lifecourse.

GENDER AND CRIME (SOCI308)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

This module explores issues concerning the gendered nature of work related to deviance. It considers arguments concerning women’s relation to deviance, explores the links between masculinities and crime, studies the experiences of female offenders and explores experiences of women as victims of crime. Teaching is based on current research and practice in this key area of policy.

GENDER, THE BODY AND IDENTITY (SOCI315)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module introduces students to key issues in contemporary feminist theory. Centering on the controversies and debates surrounding gender and identity the course examines the ways in which feminist theorists have developed, contested and expanded the concept of gender. To do so the module explores a wide range of contemporary issues on the body and power.

THE RISK SOCIETY: CRIME, SECURITY AND PUBLIC POLICY (SOCI320)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module examines the place of risk in the modern world. Students will be invited to explore the social impacts of various security risks and to examine the ways in which individuals produce, consume and manage risks in everyday life.
CORPORATE CRIME, LAW AND POWER (SOCI321)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module explores the phenomenon of corporate crime in historical and contemporary contexts. It does so by exploring the ways in which the law acts as a key source of the power to commit corporate crimes that victimise workers, consumers, communities and the eco-system. This course will explore the development of the corporation as a key institution in capitalist societies and the ways in which the law supports the corporation and can provide a structure of impunity for corporate crimes.

YOUTH CRIME, YOUTH CULTURE AND SOCIAL CONTROL (SOCI323)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

The module is underpinned by four core aims. First, to explore criminological and sociological conceptualisations of ‘youth’, ‘crime’ and ‘criminalisation’, and to engage with criminological theories of youth crime and youth justice. Second, to investigate cultural approaches to youth crime and violence, and the role of youth culture and subculture in understanding crime and transgression. Third, to analyse the control of, and responses to, youth crime by institutions and state agencies, and the management of youth crime and the regulation and governance of young people. Fourth, to look at the experiences of practitioners working in areas such as youth crime prevention, youth welfare, and the youth criminal justice system.

POLITICS, SOCIETY AND THE STATE: CLASSIC AND CONTEMPORARY ETHNOGRAPHIES (SOCI325)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

The overall aim of this module is to explore how particular ways of doing ethnography help us to analyse politics, policy, government and the state as social phenomena. Rather than provide a single ‘tool kit’, the lectures will highlight the diversity of ethnographic techniques and analytical practices that researchers actually employ. Based on this, and along with the small-scale exercise in observational research, the module provides ideas about how we might pursue politics and political actors through society for ourselves and in a variety of ways.

CULTURE, ECONOMY AND CITIES (SOCI327)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module considers the links between the rise of urban forms of living, economic change, and the place of ‘culture’ within society. It asks questions such as why cities are at the heart of cultural development, why culture is seen by some as having a role to play in dealing with urban social problems, how the nature of cultural expression changes as dominant economic forms change, whether cultural and economic values are really opposed, what the role of culture is in a ‘new economy’, and how governments seek to intervene in this area.

THE PANOPTICON AND THE PEOPLE: DIGITAL APPROACHES TO THE HISTORY OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT (SOCI328)
Panopticon and the People examines how contemporary issues in criminology and criminal justice policy, including offending and the life course, persistence and desistance, race, gender, violence, youth crime, and gang crime, have been treated historically from the eighteenth century to the present. Students will utilise online data archives and data visualisation techniques to interrogate criminological concepts including Michel Foucault’s disciplinary gaze and Stanley Cohen’s moral panic. Students will gain knowledge of historical methods and debates and gain transferrable digital skills.

**CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES IN DESISTANCE FROM CRIME (SOCI331)**

This module provides an introduction to the study of desistance from crime with a particular focus on critical approaches and new developments in the field. Using a range of teaching, learning and assessment methods this module will equip students with knowledge and skills which will enable the consideration of key issues in desistance research and the impact on policy and practice from an informed and critical perspective. The aim will be to challenge the more traditional theory, research, policy and practice in this area and examine new and emergent areas of study that advocate for an approach that looks beyond the criminal justice system for reducing re-offending. Upon completing the module, students should have a solid understanding of desistance theory, new empirical developments, the role of punishment and resettlement in desistance from crime, issues around gender and the ability to critically interpret desistance research and the impact it has had on both policy and practice.

**GENDER AND THE WELFARE STATE (SOCI332)**

The course investigates the different ways in which gender is incorporated into national welfare states and the impact of national structures on the patterns and prevalence’s of gender inequalities. The course covers the theory and methodology of comparative studies and their applicability to the analysis of gender, especially how well existing typologies of welfare states fare when gender is the focus of analysis. A number of key patterns of inequality and policy areas will be studied and we will look at the political economy of neoliberalisation and austerity and its effect on gendered welfare state provision. By looking at these aspects of welfare states students will been encouraged to contrast approaches of different welfare systems and consider the particularism of national approaches.

**SOCIOLOGIES OF CLASS AND INEQUALITY (SOCI335)**

The course investigates the different ways in which gender is incorporated into national welfare states and the impact of national structures on the patterns and prevalence’s of gender inequalities. The course covers the theory and methodology of comparative studies and their applicability to the analysis of gender, especially how well existing typologies of welfare states fare when gender is the focus of analysis. A number of key patterns of inequality and policy areas will be studied and we will look at the political economy of neoliberalisation and austerity and its effect on gendered welfare state provision. By looking at these aspects of welfare states students will been encouraged to contrast approaches of different welfare systems and consider the particularism of national approaches.
This module focuses on social class. It takes ‘class’ as a conceptual term and unpacks its meaning, and material reality in society. Students are introduced to a range of classical and contemporary class theory, where they will critically consider historical debates in class-based analysis, and how these are connected to wider changes in political, economic, social, and cultural realms. Students will also analyze class manifestations in a range of sites such as, education, (social) media, sport and leisure, fashion, work, and, health.

'RACE', COMMUNITY AND IDENTITY (SOCI346)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module looks at the impact of colonialism on patterns of migration to Britain in the post-war period. It examines the changing nature of racism as an ideology by exploring and contextualising scientific and institutional forms of racisms. You will look at the conflictual relationship between the state and minority ethnic communities through an examination of various struggles including anti-immigration ones. The module will also seek to unpack constructions of ethnic and national identity in the context of post-colonial Britain.

DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY AS SOCIAL RESEARCH (SOCI348)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

Photography is becoming increasingly popular amongst the social sciences. Although some disciplines like Anthropology and Geography have long made use of photography as an integral part of the research process, others like Sociology and Criminology are relatively new to the method. In this module students will examine how photography, particularly documentary photography, has been and can be used to understand, analyse, illustrate and communicate the social world. By looking at work by both practitioners and scholars, as well as various theories surrounding the photograph, students will develop a visual literacy and methodology to include within their research and practice repertoire.

DEATH, SPIRITS AND SPIRITUALITY (SOCI352)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module looks at the sociology of death and spirituality. In the first part of the module, rather than seeing death as simply a biological process, we unpack the various social processes and forces that influence how we see, understand, experience and cope with death. In the second part, we look at how groups and individuals engage with, imagine and construct relationships with spirits. From conversations with the dead in spiritualist churches, to faith healing, to Chinese spirit mediums and Hungry Ghosts, students will take a global perspective on the socio-spiritual world.

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (SOCI369)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2
This module examines how ‘communities’ and members of the general public interact with and are ‘involved’ in crime control and criminal justice institutions. You will explore how the lay public are involved, who is involved and the effects of public involvement in different settings. The module is taught via lectures, seminars and independent study.

ARCHITECTURE AND POWER: PARLIAMENTS, PRISONS AND COURTS (SOCI372)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module is based around a comprehensive introduction to social studies of architecture, and focuses on analysis of the architectural spaces of parliaments, prisons, and courts. Introducing sociological frameworks for understanding the relationship between states, architecture and power, the module addresses these three types of political architecture, including as they are put to practical use.

DRUGS, CRIME AND SOCIETY (SOCI339)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

This module seeks to enable students to develop a deeper critical understanding of societal issues concerning illegal drugs and crime, and to appraise how policy and practice have developed to try to alleviate them. Students will look at how issues of drug use, supply and associated criminal behaviour are socially constructed. Through these understandings, students will develop their own knowledge as to how policy responses to such ‘problems’ are interpreted and translated into practice. Students will be encouraged to consider how some people’s drug use is disproportionately framed as problematic, with reference to age, gender and class, as well as consider the spatial distribution of drug-related crime, violence, harm and links to wider social-structural processes. Due attention will be given to a range of criminological and multi-disciplinary perspectives in this module.

CULTURAL CRIMINOLOGY (SOCI340)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

Culture, or the ‘symbolic environment’ in and through which individuals and groups make sense of their being, their actions, and the social and material world, shapes our understandings of crime and its control. Definitions and meanings of crime and transgression are constantly negotiated, and contested, in everyday life, global politics and media. In this module, students will engage with the interdisciplinary theoretical and methodological approaches of cultural criminology. Students will explore how transgression and control are intertwined with various cultural phenomena and processes of meaning-making in order to develop an understanding of crime as a culturally mediated concept. Module topics include (virtual) subcultures, media representation in a multi-mediated age, consumerism, cultural and political resistance, green cultural criminology and feminist cultural criminology.

MILITARY, MILITARISM, IDENTITY AND PLACE (SOCI345)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1
Taking the UK context as its focus this module explores ways to think critically about the role of military institutions and estates, and their associated values, identities and practices, as they are found influencing and impacting upon everyday public life.

**CRIME, JUSTICE AND THE SEX INDUSTRY (SOCI349)**

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

This module aims to critically explore the concept of the ‘sex industry’ and will examine policy, policing of sex work, stigma, and the global sex worker rights movement.

**ALCOHOL, CRIME AND SOCIETY (SOCI337)**

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module seeks to enable students with a deeper critical understanding of societal issues concerning alcohol and crime, and to appraise how social policy has been developed to try to alleviate them. Students will look at how issues of alcohol consumption and associated criminal behaviour are socially constructed. Through these understandings, students will develop their own knowledge as to how policy responses to such ‘problems’ are interpreted and translated into practice. Students will be encouraged to consider how some people’s drinking is disproportionately framed as problematic, with reference to age, gender and class, as well as consider the spatial distribution of alcohol-related crime/violence/harm and links to wider social-structural processes. Due attention will be given to a range of criminological and multi-disciplinary perspectives in the lectures.

**COMMUNITY AND THE PROBLEM OF CRIME (SOCI341)**

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

The problem of crime has been seen as a major issue of concern to the media, politicians and policy-makers over the last thirty years. This module critically examines responses to ‘crime’ and, more recently, ‘disorder’ in Britain over this period, and examines the ways in which these responses have impacted upon different sections of society. The module provides an introduction to the relationship between crime and community as this has been developed within the discipline of criminology in Western societies.

**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES AND JUSTICE (SOCI344)**

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2
This module looks at how criminology has tried to understand the effects on crime and criminal justice of climate change and other processes of social change associated with environmental insecurity. The module will provide a comprehensive introduction to, and look in detail at, crimes which harm the environment, and which can be committed, organized or coordinated across national borders, involving groups or networks of individuals working in or across more than one country. The module will also explore the global effort to prevent such crimes, together with the challenges of applying ordinary instruments of criminal justice to environmental matters. Here, specific examples will include: Illegal logging and deforestation, illegal undeclared and unregulated fishing or depletion of fish species which are endangered; illegal dumping of toxic waste, especially in the developing countries; Illegal Transboundary waste shipment; Toxic waste and pollution; Money laundering and transfer of the proceeds of environmental crimes; poaching and trade in wildlife species and wildlife parts, criminological environmental theories; UN Conventions, protocols and offices related to the environment, among other things.

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HOW YOU'LL LEARN

You will be taught through a combination of face-to-face teaching in group lectures and small class sessions, tutorials and seminars, which are supplemented by opportunities to get one-to-one guidance from academic staff during their weekly ‘open office’ hours. The rest of your study time will be spent undertaking directed independent study, making use of our excellent library and IT facilities.

You will also be supported throughout by an individual academic adviser. Learning is delivered in a variety of formats including lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials, guided independent study, group work and reflective and experiential learning.

The primary purpose of lectures is to provide you with a broad introduction to key areas and debates on a given topic pitched at the appropriate level of study. The lectures aim to facilitate your reading and highlight issues to be explored during independent study time in preparation for seminars and assessment.

Seminars provide opportunities to explore particular issues and debates in greater detail in a way that supplements and builds upon the lectures. Seminars also allow for greater levels of student participation and such participation will be actively encouraged throughout the programme. Workshops frequently follow the format of seminars but they also may be used to develop particular skills in a teaching context. For example, workshops develop skills in data analysis and skills in interviewing.

Guided independent study may also feature in your learning experience. Group work is a feature of all seminar teaching and group work takes place both within and outside of formal scheduled classes.

HOW YOU'RE ASSESSED

Assessment takes many forms, each appropriate to the learning outcomes of the particular module studied. Most modules are assessed by means of a mixture of essays and
examinations. Typically, a module in year two might involve a 4,000 word essay or a 2,500 word essay plus a one hour examination. Some modules are assessed wholly or in part by other appropriate means, such as the preparation of projects and individual or group presentations. The final degree class is based on year two and three marks, weighted in favour of year three marks.

**LIVERPOOL HALLMARKS**

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.
Careers and employability

We will enable you to develop a range of social scientific, analytic and communication skills and a variety of transferable skills valued by many employers in a range of industries (eg media organisations, local government and charitable organisations, the criminal justice system and commercial and financial service sectors).

79% OF SOCIOLOGY, SOCIAL POLICY AND CRIMINOLOGY STUDENTS FIND THEIR MAIN ACTIVITY AFTER GRADUATION MEANINGFUL.

Graduate Outcomes, 2018-19.

Our graduates have gone onto successful careers in both the public and private sectors; social welfare and criminal justice agencies such as the police and probation services and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) eg working with organisations supporting homeless people, refugees and in social research.

Studying with us also provides a sound basis from which you will be able to pursue postgraduate studies either with a vocational orientation (MA in Social Work, for example) or to further your research skills at masters and doctoral levels.

RECENT EMPLOYERS

- Merseyside Police
- HM Prison Service
- National Probation Service
- Legal Services Commission
- Mencap
- IPSOS Mori
- Shell
- British Council

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

In Year Two, you may have the choice to work as part of your studies. In Year Three, you have the opportunity of taking up work placements via our ‘Interchange’ service. This connects you with a variety of voluntary and charitable organisations in and around the region. These include the Community Voluntary Service, Refugee Action, Liverpool Student Community Action (homelessness project, play days and Chinese New Year celebrations), Victim Support, Barnados, and the Citizens Advice Bureau. Through this kind of work you will produce reports to help the organisations develop their services and meet local needs – a great thing to have on your CV!

POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

- Social Research Methods MA
- Criminology Research MRes
- Social Research MRes
PREPARING YOU FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

At Liverpool, our goal is to support you to build your intellectual, social, and cultural capital so that you graduate as a socially-conscious global citizen who is prepared for future success. We achieve this by:

- Embedding employability within your curriculum, through the modules you take and the opportunities to gain real-world experience offered by many of our courses.
- Providing you with opportunities to gain experience and develop connections with people and organisations, including student and graduate employers as well as our global alumni.
- Providing you with the latest tools and skills to thrive in a competitive world, including access to Handshake, a platform which allows you to create your personalised job shortlist and apply with ease.
- Supporting you through our peer-to-peer led Careers Studio, where our career coaches provide you with tailored advice and support.
Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

TUITION FEES

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. Learn more about tuition fees, funding and student finance.

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Fees stated are for the 2022-23 academic year and may rise for 2023-24.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the additional study costs that may apply to this course.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries to help cover tuition fees and help with living expenses while at university.

Scholarships and bursaries you can apply for from the United Kingdom
Select your country or region for more scholarships and bursaries.
## Entry requirements
The qualifications and exam results you’ll need to apply for this course.

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<td><strong>A levels</strong></td>
<td>BBB</td>
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<td>You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme.</td>
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<td><strong>GCSE</strong></td>
<td>4/C in English and 4/C in Mathematics</td>
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<td><strong>BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma</strong></td>
<td>DDM</td>
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<td><strong>International Baccalaureate</strong></td>
<td>30 points with no score less than 4</td>
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<td><strong>Irish Leaving Certificate</strong></td>
<td>H2, H2, H2, H3, H3, H3</td>
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<td><strong>Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher</strong></td>
<td>BBB in Advanced Highers, combinations of Advanced Highers and Scottish Highers are welcome</td>
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<td><strong>Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced</strong></td>
<td>Accepted at grade B.</td>
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<td><strong>Access</strong></td>
<td>45 Level 3 credits in graded units in a relevant Diploma, including 27 at Distinction and a further 15 with at least Merit. Relevant Diploma is Humanities/Social Sciences based.</td>
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| International qualifications | [...]

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our entry requirements. Completing your Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the University of Liverpool International College, means you're guaranteed a place on your chosen course.

**ALTERNATIVE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice
- [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.

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