



UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL

LLB (Hons)

Law with Criminology

UCAS code T928

Entry requirements

A level: AAA

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

3 years

Apply by: **29 January 2025**

Starts on: **22 September 2025**

About this course

Our Law with Criminology programme allows students to combine law with a complimentary programme and still pass through the academic stage of the route to practice. Studying these subjects together means tackling some of the most interesting and important social issues of our times.

Introduction

The major Law component of this programme invites you to develop a knowledge and understanding of legal concepts, their practical applications and policy implications within a supported learning environment that incorporates a range of different learning techniques.

Criminology, the minor component of this programme, involves study of crime as 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.

The programme is not simply about acquiring knowledge. Throughout the duration of the programme, you are encouraged to learn new skills and enhance your existing abilities to equip and prepare you for the demands of any future career.

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.

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

- Research skills using a range of sources, including verbal questioning
- Evaluation skills and the ability to interpret and explain complex information clearly
- Analytical skills
- Reasoning and critical judgement skills
- Ability to formulate sound arguments
- Lateral thinking and problem-solving skills
- Ability to write concisely
- Confident and persuasive oral communication skills
- Attention to detail and the ability to draft formal documents with precision
- Making reasoned arguments and ethical judgements
- Critical thinking

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

Mandatory modules in Year One are designed to provide students with a comprehensive overview of key concepts, debates, and skills in both Law and Criminology.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>FOUNDATIONS OF LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (LAW102)</u>	30
<u>LAW OF CONTRACT (LAW105)</u>	30
<u>PUBLIC LAW (LAW106)</u>	30
<u>INTRODUCTION TO CRIME AND SOCIETY (SOC1107)</u>	15
<u>CONTROLLING CRIME - AN INTRODUCTION (SOC1108)</u>	15

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

Year two

Mandatory modules in Year Two are designed to provide students with a comprehensive overview of key concepts, debates, and skills in both Law and Criminology.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>LAW OF TORT (LAW209)</u>	30
<u>EQUITY & TRUSTS (LAW211)</u>	30
<u>LAND LAW (LAW242)</u>	15
<u>LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION (LAW212)</u>	15
<u>CRIMINOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES AND THEIR APPLICATIONS (SOCI244)</u>	30

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Year three

In Year Three of the programme students are required to select modules from a wide range of options in both Law and Criminology. These modules allow students to specialise and develop expertise in specific topic areas and reflect the staff groups own unique research interests and expertise. You can also undertake a dissertation, which is a self-directed research project, and make an original contribution to contemporary law and policy debates

Year 3 Modules

Students must choose **30 credits from the optional Law modules** and **30 credits from the optional Criminology modules**.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>LAW OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (LAW310)</u>	30
<u>CRIMINAL LAW (LEVEL 6) (LAW307)</u>	30

Optional modules	Credits
<u>CLINICAL LEGAL SKILLS - A LAW CLINIC MODULE (LAW321)</u>	15
<u>PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING (LAW364)</u>	15
<u>BANKING LAW (LAW317)</u>	15
<u>COMPANY LAW (LAW029)</u>	15
<u>COMPETITION LAW (LAW374)</u>	15
<u>COMMERCIAL LAW (LAW318)</u>	15
<u>CORPORATE INSOLVENCY LAW (LAW373)</u>	15
<u>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW I: INTRODUCTION TO COPYRIGHT LAW (LAW338)</u>	15
<u>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW II: INTRODUCTION TO TRADE MARKS AND PATENTS (LAW339)</u>	15
<u>THE REGULATION OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES: LAW, ETHICS AND GOVERNANCE (LAW342)</u>	15
<u>ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUTURE OF LEGAL SERVICES (LAW383)</u>	15
<u>PRIVACY, SURVEILLANCE AND THE LAW OF SOCIAL MEDIA (LAW341)</u>	15
<u>INTERNATIONAL LAW IN CURRENT AFFAIRS (LAW354)</u>	15
<u>MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS I (LAW051)</u>	15
<u>MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS II (LAW052)</u>	15
<u>CRIMINAL EVIDENCE (LAW033)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>FAMILY LAW (LAW316)</u>	15
<u>EMPLOYMENT LAW: RIGHTS AND JUSTICE AT WORK (LAW349)</u>	15
<u>ADVANCED PUBLIC LAW (LAW343)</u>	15
<u>SPORTS LAW (LAW347)</u>	15
<u>ANIMAL LAW (LAW348)</u>	15
<u>ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION LAW (LAW335)</u>	15
<u>PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (LAW353)</u>	15
<u>INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (LAW308)</u>	15
<u>JURISPRUDENCE (LAW332)</u>	15
<u>COMPARATIVE LAW (LAW344)</u>	15
<u>CLINICAL LEGAL SKILLS - A LAW CLINIC MODULE (LAW322)</u>	15
<u>PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING – SEMESTER 2 (LAW369)</u>	15
<u>HEALTH, LIFECOURSE & SOCIETY (SOCI307)</u>	15
<u>GENDER AND CRIME (SOCI308)</u>	15
<u>GENDER, THE BODY AND IDENTITY (SOCI315)</u>	15
<u>GENDER AND THE WELFARE STATE (SOCI332)</u>	15
<u>SOCIOLOGIES OF CLASS AND INEQUALITY (SOCI335)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>DRUGS, CRIME AND SOCIETY (SOCI339)</u>	15
<u>CONTEMPORARY CULTURE AND THE SEDUCTIONS OF CRIME (SOCI340)</u>	15
<u>MILITARY, MILITARISM, IDENTITY AND PLACE (SOCI345)</u>	15
<u>DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY AS SOCIAL RESEARCH (SOCI348)</u>	15
<u>CRIME, JUSTICE AND THE SEX INDUSTRY (SOCI349)</u>	15
<u>THE RISK SOCIETY: CRIME, SECURITY AND PUBLIC POLICY (SOCI320)</u>	15
<u>YOUTH CRIME, YOUTH CULTURE AND SOCIAL CONTROL (SOCI323)</u>	15
<u>CULTURE, ECONOMY AND CITIES (SOCI327)</u>	15
<u>ALCOHOL, CRIME AND SOCIETY (SOCI337)</u>	15
<u>COMMUNITY AND THE PROBLEM OF CRIME (SOCI341)</u>	15
<u>GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES AND JUSTICE (SOCI344)</u>	15
<u>'RACE', COMMUNITY AND IDENTITY (SOCI346)</u>	15
<u>DEATH, SPIRITS AND SPIRITUALITY (SOCI352)</u>	15
<u>COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (SOCI369)</u>	15
<u>ARCHITECTURE AND POWER: PARLIAMENTS, PRISONS AND COURTS (SOCI372)</u>	15

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Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

You will be taught through a combination of large group lectures and small class sessions, such as tutorials, seminars or workshops. Formal lectures are intended to give you a sound understanding of relevant legal topics, and you are expected to enhance your knowledge through private study and research. Tutorials and seminars require active student participation and are particularly effective in assisting you in applying the law to practical situations. In addition, we use alternative forms of teaching delivery to provide a broad-based learning experience for our students. For example, student learning is enhanced through the use of podcasts and lecture capture technology, drop-in sessions, learning cafés, and clinical legal skills workshops. Online resources and exercises, group work, and presentations all help to ensure that you develop a strong set of transferrable skills.

How you're assessed

Assessment takes many forms, each appropriate to the learning outcomes of the module in question. Degrees are classified on the basis of 240 credits, taken across the final two years in each programme. Year Two contributes 30% to the overall classification and the final year contributes 70% to the overall classification. For students taking a year abroad or in China, the programme lasts four years and Year Three is spent in your chosen destination.

Formal assessment tends to take place twice in an academic year; once at the end of Semester One (January) and then again at the end of Semester Two (May-June). Some modules may employ formal mid-semester assessment opportunities too. We use a range of methods to ensure that assessments complement learning, including seen and unseen examinations and extended coursework assignments. Other methods, such as case work, empirical projects, and the preparation of reflective journals, are also used to ensure that you experience a diverse range of assessment as part of your programme.

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.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

Our programmes are empowering, engaging and make you employable. Our Employability team offer specialist advice and support with work placements, professional mentoring, employability-focused activities and the HEAR award. Students can also gain invaluable experience at Liverpool Law Clinic, assisting in-house, qualified lawyers provide free and confidential legal advice to members of the public. You will 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 (e.g. legal sector, media organisations, local government and charitable organisations, the criminal justice system and commercial and financial service sectors).

The majority of our graduates enter the legal profession. However, any degree which incorporates law is recognised as a mark of academic excellence in virtually all employment spheres. Past graduates have embarked on a wide variety of professions; for example, in the civil service, banking, construction, charities and international non-governmental organisations, business management, academia, the armed forces, accounting and finance, and the police and emergency services.

Recent employers

- AON Ltd
- Eversheds
- Linklaters
- DLA Piper
- Santander UK Plc
- Bank of England
- Merseyside Police
- HM Prison Service
- Shell
- TikTok
- BBC
- Netflix

Work experience opportunities

We organise regular **careers events** and routinely play host to law firms who wish to come and meet our students. There is an **annual law fair**, giving students the opportunity to meet future legal employers. Academic staff in the Law School and Careers & Employability also offer invaluable careers advice and support. Every year, our students become members of the Inns of Court, secure scholarships for vocational training, and obtain vacation placements, training contracts, and mini-pupillage opportunities from a range of providers.

Undergraduate students can develop their legal skills through a number of extracurricular activities, including **mentoring** by members of the legal profession, mooted and negotiation competitions, court marshalling and legal visits to firms or public courts. The University has four student legal societies which cater for the diverse career trajectories of our students and host lively extracurricular and enrichment activities.

We also help our students to take advantage of **work experience placements** with organisations like the Citizens' Advice Bureau, Asylum Link, Merseyside Welfare Rights, and other pro-bono service providers.

We broker a range of placement opportunities, typically offering students the chance to spend two or three weeks during the vacation period working within an international law firm or alongside in-house lawyers in major commercial companies. We also offer the option to spend a year in China as an addition to your standard law degree programme, which we offer to students on a competitive basis.

The Law Clinic gives many students their first taste of professional practice: students work under the supervision of a lawyer, meeting clients, researching legal problems, and drafting advice. Confidentiality, clear communication, and client satisfaction are all emphasised as essential elements of the Clinic's service. This helps students experience the practical aspect of law whilst contributing towards their degree through the completion of practically-assessed modules.

Postgraduate opportunities

Typical courses studied by graduates from this programme:

- Bar professional training course (BPTC)
- Legal practice course (LPC)
- LLM (Master of Laws)
- PhD (Doctor of Philosophy)
- Social Research Methods MA
- Criminology Research MRes
- Social Research MRes

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Fees and funding

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

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £9,535

International fees

Full-time place, per year - £24,100

The tuition fees shown are correct for 2025/26 entry. Please note that the year abroad fee also applies to the year in China.

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 paying for your studies.](#)

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.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

AAA

Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is **AAB** with **A** in the EPQ.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about [how we make reduced grade offers](#).

T levels

T levels considered in a relevant subject.

Applicants should contact us by [completing the enquiry form on our website](#) to discuss specific requirements in the core components and the occupational specialism.

GCSE

GCSE English and Maths grade C/4

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

D* and AA at A Level

BTEC Level 3 Diploma

D* D* and A at A Level

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

D*D*D* Must be in one of following subjects:

- Applied Human Biology
- Applied Law
- Applied Psychology
- Applied Science
- Business
- Business Accounting and Finance
- Computing
- Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
- Forensic and Criminal Investigation
- Health and Social Care
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Information Technology
- Public Services
- Sport
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Strategic Management and Leadership
- Travel and Tourism
- Uniformed Protective Services.

All other subjects have to be referred for consideration.

International Baccalaureate

36 with no score less than 4.

Irish Leaving Certificate

H1, H1, H2, H2, H2, H2

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

AAA in three Advanced Highers.

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

Accepted, A plus AA at A Level.

Access

45 credits at Distinction in graded units in a relevant Diploma.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our direct entry requirements. Although there is no direct Foundation Certificate route to this course, completing a Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the University of Liverpool International College, can guarantee you a place on a number of similar courses which may interest you.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a majority English speaking country.

We accept a variety of international language tests and country-specific qualifications.

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our Pre-Sessional English courses to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5

TOEFL iBT

88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 17, writing 17, reading 17 and speaking 19. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

TOEFL Paper

Grade 7 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with speaking, reading and writing not less than 105, and listening not below 100

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 60

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0500

Grade C overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking and listening. Speaking and listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate.

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0990

Grade 4 overall, with Merit in speaking and listening

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0510/0511

0510: Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0511: Grade B overall.

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0993/0991

0993: Grade 6 overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0991: Grade 6 overall.

Cambridge ESOL Level 2/3 Advanced

176 overall, with no paper below 162

LanguageCert

Grade 5 at Standard Level or grade 5 at Higher Level

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.5	10 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	12 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no component below 4.5	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
4.5 overall, with no more than one component below 4.5, and no component below 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5, for further details.

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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