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School of Law
undergraduate
criminology

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School of Law

The tradition of legal studies at Manchester, which started in 1872, has always included a rigorous grounding in the law and its techniques; but increasingly we emphasise a sound appreciation of its theoretical and policy implications, and the links between law and society.

Many serving judges are Manchester graduates or former academics; one being the first female Law Lord, a judge of the highest of all English courts. We are held in high esteem by the legal profession and many leading solicitors' firms provide us with sponsorship. Our two Legal Advice Centres provide our students with practical experience in both 'real life' cases and pro bono work.

Manchester School of Law is a research-led teaching centre, which includes not only lawyers, but also criminologists and ethicists. The School has a long-standing reputation as a distinguished centre of research, and includes staff from high profile academic and professional backgrounds. As an undergraduate coming to Manchester, you will be exposed to a breadth of scholarship, which is reflected in the wide range of courses on offer. In the last HEFCE teaching assessment exercise, the School was rated "excellent" for teaching and we regularly achieve top ratings in national rankings of university law schools.

The School of Law has a full-time staff of around 68 academics. Criminology areas of interest encompass diverse subjects and approaches, including criminal law & justice, drug policy & use, policing, organised crime & gangs, human rights and offender management & reintegration.

Although the majority of our students enter the School with three good A-levels, we are equally interested in mature students who provide alternative entry qualifications or who have shown evidence of recent academic achievement on top of their work experience.



Our courses

Criminology BA(Hons) 3yrs

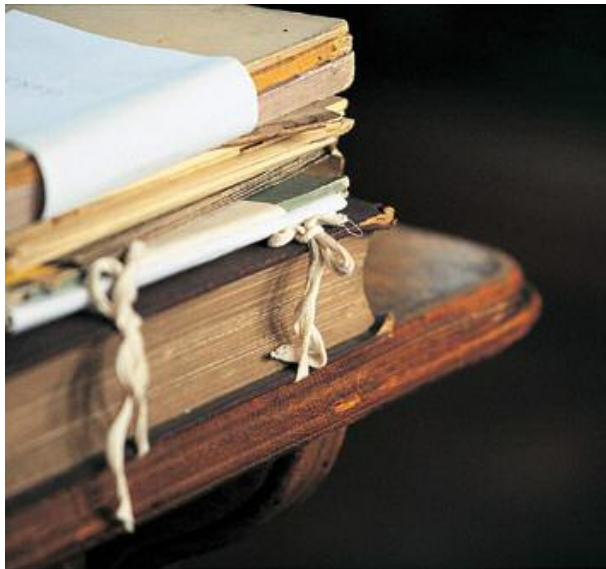
UCAS Code M901

Criminology teaching at Manchester has a distinguished history - with courses in crime, policing and criminal justice being offered since the 1970s. Our new single honours program admitted students for the first time in September 2008. The single honours degree is an exciting development and rests on this long and esteemed tradition of criminological research and teaching at the University; the current staff within the Centre for Criminology and Socio-Legal Studies are all actively involved in advancing knowledge in this discipline.

If you are intrigued by some of the following questions then you are the kind of student we are interested in:

- What is 'crime', what are its causes and how does society respond to it?
- Why does the UK currently have a record high prison population, a record number of police officers and more CCTV cameras than any other Western country?
- Why is tackling anti-social behaviour among young people a government priority and why is it broadly defined?
- Why do people feel afraid when overall recorded crime rates have fallen consistently over the last decade?
- Is there any evidence for the effectiveness of sentences given by our magistrates' and judges?
- Does psychological profiling of serial criminals assist or hinder police work?
- How can we improve our ability to prevent crime?

The Criminology course will enable you to understand why crime has become a dominant social problem, how crime and criminal behaviour are related to other social issues, and how we can best research the challenges which face the criminal justice system. It will give you the necessary analytical skills to critically engage both with complex data and the intricate policy debates within the field of criminology. The course will also enable you to develop skills relevant to a variety of key



professions concerned with criminal justice and crime reduction, including the police, prisons, offender management, youth justice, and community safety.

Career opportunities – Criminology

The intellectual rigour of this course will provide you with the depth of knowledge and skills required both for developing a relevant career in the field of criminal justice and for pursuing further study and research. All School of Law students have the opportunity to attend skills training courses that have modules aimed at employment in general and more specialist careers – including criminal justice and crime reduction.

The BA in Criminology provides a strong academic base for those considering careers in a range of criminal justice-related professions. For example, the police, the security services, the private security sector, the probation service, the courts services, the prison service and local authority community safety departments.

Law with Criminology LLB 3yrs

UCAS Code M1M9

This is a Joint Honours degree course, which admitted its first students in September 2006. This degree builds on the many links between the related disciplines of law and criminology. Many of our staff take a socio-legal approach to their research and teaching which is well suited to this course.

An advantage of taking law and criminology in one inter-disciplinary School (as compared to taking a course run jointly by two different Schools) is that we are able to provide an integrated course that allows many topics to be approached from the viewpoint of both disciplines. The aim is not to just give sections of other degrees under a new title; but to provide a coherent degree course. Some subjects are taught by lawyers and criminologists working together. Some teaching staff themselves do research on topics such as sentencing and the treatment of victims of crime that require an understanding of both disciplines.



By following Track 1 of the course you will major in 'core' law subjects, and graduate with a Qualifying Law Degree. Track 2 specialises increasingly in Criminology or specialist law subjects of your choice.

Career Opportunities – Law with Criminology

The course allows students to specialise in crime-related subjects that may be useful for a legal career specialising in criminal law and Human Rights.

The course also caters for students who may not wish to become lawyers, but who are simply interested in learning more about crime and justice. In addition, this course provides an excellent foundation for a career in the field of criminal justice (eg police, probation, juvenile justice, prisons service, crime prevention). Finally, like all law and social science degrees at the University of Manchester, the intellectual rigour and training of this course will fit all graduates for almost any non-scientific career of their choice.

All Law School students have the opportunity to attend skills training courses that have basic modules aimed at employment in general and more specialist modules aimed at particular careers.

Other courses in the School of Law:

Law LLB 3yrs
UCAS Code M100

English Law with French Law LLB 4yrs
UCAS Code M121

Law with Politics BA(Hons) 3yrs
UCAS Code M1L2



Features of our Law School

Teaching and learning

Formal based contact hours (lectures & seminars) amount to between ten and twelve hours per week. The School expects students to spend in the region of forty hours per week studying inclusive of lectures and seminars. Lectures are conducted by a lecturer to a large cohort of students where you are taught an overview of a particular subject.

Seminars are small groups of up to 12 students and a member of staff. You will discuss & present aspects of a topic which you are learning. You are expected to prepare in advance for the discussion and you are also required to submit written work for each subject. Weekly in-session classes are offered to help students with their English research and essay writing skills.

Legal Advice Centre

Our original centre based on campus has been in existence for over 10 years. Our new centre located at The Settlement in East Manchester was recently opened by Michael Mansfield. Over 300 students volunteer for this annually and are supervised by over 40 local lawyers at client interview, during research and in preparation of advice letters and any further action required. The centre is quality marked by the Legal Services Commission and is a member of LawWorks.

Pastoral care

All students are assigned an academic advisor who will be available throughout your studies to provide support and advice. Lecturers, seminar supervisors, or course directors are available to discuss any concerns regarding individual course modules.

Mentor scheme

You will also be assigned a mentor (a current second or third-year student) who will be able to help you make the most of your time at Manchester, both academically and socially. Mentors are available to help you adapt to university life and get involved in the School of Law and all its activities throughout your first year.

Study Abroad

The School fosters links with overseas institutions and we have an expanding student exchange programme through the Erasmus Exchange scheme in Europe and with universities in Singapore, Australia and the USA. Further information about Study Abroad can be found at www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/studyabroad

Internships

We also have organised formal internships in Malaysia and Singapore. In Malaysia this is in conjunction with law firms, the courts and a leading University and in Singapore with the Pro Bono Division of the Law Society. In the summer of 2010 we have around 40 students taking part in these internships.

MULS (Manchester University Law Society)

The Manchester University Law Society was established over 15 years ago to provide our students with social events and sporting opportunities. These are all sponsored by law firms, (both City and regional). Socials include the Spring Ball, pub quizzes and a Halloween party. The sporting activities include football, rugby and netball. The Law School teams dominate the University League tables. In addition, there is an annual inter-university sports day held in Manchester.

Further, MULS liaises with our External Relations Director and the Careers Service to ensure that our students are aware of the importance of the optional weekly skills sessions and presentations, as an addition to the academic teaching.

MULS is a Society run by students for students. It adds to the student experiences of university life and, it is hoped, creates a bond between our students from year one.

Other Societies in the School of Law include:

Manchester Pro Bono Society	Manchester Bar Society
Manchester Mooting Society	Manchester University English Law and French Law Society
Manchester Debating Society	Law School Music Ensemble
FLUB (First Year Law, University and Beyond)	



Entry Qualifications & How to Apply

Entry Qualifications Typical offer

Criminology

A-level: ABB

IB: 33

LLB Law with Criminology

A-level: AAA

IB: 37

For detailed entry requirements to specific courses please visit www.law.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses

For information on Overseas and Foundation Course entry requirements please visit:

www.law.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/international

How to Apply

All applications for full-time undergraduate courses in higher education are coordinated by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). You must apply online at www.ucas.com. If you are unable to access the internet, you are advised to contact the UCAS Customer Service Unit on +44 (0)871 468 0468.

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Helpful Links

Tuition Fees and Student Loans

www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees

International Students

www.manchester.ac.uk/international

Disability support/applicants with additional support needs

www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/personalsupport/disability

Accommodation

www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk

Sport

www.sport.manchester.ac.uk

Disclaimer

This brochure is prepared well in advance of the academic year to which it relates. Consequently, details of programmes may vary with staff changes. The University therefore reserves the right to make such alterations to programmes as are found to be necessary. If the University makes an offer of a place, it is essential that you are aware of the current terms on which the offer is based. If you are in any doubt, please feel free to ask for confirmation of the precise position for the year in question, before you accept the offer.

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