

CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology is one of the most diverse and fluid academic subjects, and our uniquely creative approach to learning means our students develop a critical, independent approach. You explore definitions of crime, how criminal law is made and enforced, and how understandings of crime and justice vary by class, race or gender of offenders and victims. A distinctive feature of our course is considering these issues from a criminological psychological perspective. We encourage you to broaden your thinking to include ideas about global economic, political and social issues and frame these within core concepts of freedom, justice and human rights. You will have access to a huge range of resources and be given the opportunity to get involved in student-focused initiatives such as the Democratic Education Network.

Teaching and learning

Our dedicated criminology lecturers have many years' experience of teaching highly regarded courses, and have varied backgrounds in academia – such as sociology, law, social anthropology, cultural studies, social policy, psychology, international relations and politics – in policy work, and in the voluntary sector. Our teaching and assessment methods are designed to bring out the strengths in each student. You will consider classic theoretical frameworks, as well as real-world case studies that apply to modern life and its challenges. You will also benefit from high-quality training in research methods which you will apply to your own research project in your final year.

Employability

Our strong links with criminal justice practitioners mean that you will be able to gain valuable work experience which is respected by employers in many sectors of the economy. As a criminology graduate you will have highly regarded research, analytical, evaluative and communication skills which will appeal to employers in the fields of social policy, the criminal justice system, education, the Civil Service, the media, and campaigning groups, as well as the police and other organisations linked to law enforcement.

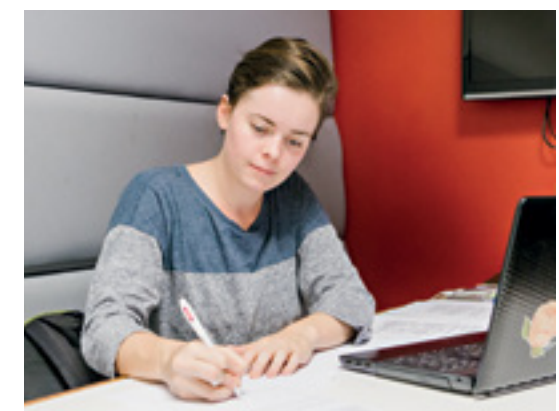
Foundation pathway

We offer Foundations as a route onto some of our undergraduate programmes. For module information and any further details, please visit: westminster.ac.uk/foundation-courses

See also: History p106 • Politics, International Relations and Development p148 • Sociology p164



90% of our Criminology graduates are in work or further study within six months of graduating



Social and study spaces at Regent Campus

Data taken from westminster.ac.uk in December 2018



CRIMINOLOGY FOUNDATION YEAR

UCAS code:

- Criminology with Foundation BA M213

Campus:

Central London (see map p206)

Entry requirements:

A Levels – DDE/CDD; International Baccalaureate – 24 points; BTEC Extended Diploma – MPP/MMP; BTEC Diploma – MM/DM. Overseas students require IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 5.5 in each component. See also p198.

Our degree courses with Foundation year offer the opportunity to prepare you for advanced study before you progress onto a full honours degree at the University of Westminster. Whether you do not feel ready for degree-level study, don't have the right qualifications, want to change your subject specialism or return to study after an absence from education, we aim to encourage a broad range of students to undertake our Foundation year in order to progress onto their full honours degree with us.

The Foundation year is designed to give you the opportunity to explore new ideas, opening up new perspectives on the key debates within your chosen field. Core modules accelerate your academic and professional development and you will also take modules from areas closely related to your chosen field, giving you the chance to develop a cross-disciplinary perspective on your course.

On successful completion of the Foundation year, you will be able to move on to the first year of the Criminology BA Honours degree.

For module information and further details, please visit: westminster.ac.uk/criminology

CRIMINOLOGY BA Honours

Length of course: Three years full-time; five years part-time

UCAS code: M211

Campus: Central London (see map p206)

Entry requirements: A Levels – BBC/ABB; International Baccalaureate – 27 points; BTEC Extended Diploma – DMM/DDM; BTEC Diploma – D*D*. Overseas students require IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 5.5 in each component. See also p198.

For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page:

westminster.ac.uk/criminology



With crime frequently in the news and always an important issue, criminology has never been more relevant. Our Criminology BA Honours aims to enthuse, inspire and equip you with the skills you need for a successful career, as well as making you a thoughtful and enquiring person who looks beyond the headlines.

Westminster's criminologists are concerned with who commits crimes and how offenders should be punished, but at the heart of criminology are fundamental questions about how crime is defined, how criminal law is made and enforced, and how definitions of crime and justice vary historically and cross-culturally. The subject engages with globalisation and culture throughout, and draws on up-to-date theoretical, qualitative and empirical approaches. Overall, it is one of the most relevant and dynamic subjects, and one which by its very nature attracts a diverse and creative group of students.

"I thought the course might be very administrative and focus on issues like forensics, because that's the general impression of criminology. But once I started the course here I realised it was so much more than that – it's not the typical, often one-sided view of what criminology is about, you get a very broad overview."

Vardan Petrosian

Criminal Justice BA Honours, graduate

