

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	BSc (Hons) Criminology and Law
Awarding Bodies	University of Suffolk
Level of Award ¹	FHEQ Level 6
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) Bar Standards Board (BSB)
Credit Structure ²	360 Credits Level 4: 120 Credits Level 5: 120 Credits Level 6: 120 Credits
Mode of Attendance	Full-time and part-time
Standard Length of Course ³	3 years full-time
Intended Award	BSc (Hons) Criminology and Law
Named Exit Awards	DipHE Criminology and Law
Entry Requirements ⁴	Typical offer: 112 UCAS tariff points (or equivalent) GCSE Maths and English at grade C or above (or equivalent)
Delivering Institution	University of Suffolk
UCAS Code	L311

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the BSc (Hons) Criminology and Law course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 4 in the 2019-20 academic year.⁵

Course Summary

The University of Suffolk provides students with firm grounding in the subject of law and the contexts in which law and legal institutions function. This course allows students to develop a wide range of skills, combining their core subject knowledge in law with an equal amount of deep insight into criminology and criminal justice. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills in empirical research, including quantitative data. Students will be introduced to a variety of research methods and ethical considerations, so that they can challenge and understand the limitations and ambiguities of empirical research, whilst assessing its value. It is expected that students will be able to produce a final year research dissertation with a stronger application of empirical legal knowledge in the context of criminal justice. As this course also covers the foundations of legal knowledge subjects, those students intending to embark on careers in legal practice will be exempted from the academic stage of legal training as determined by the Bar Standards Board and the Solicitor’s Regulation Authority, or gain exemptions from aspects of the CILEX programme for specialist lawyers.

¹ For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

² All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](#).

³ Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study. Further information about mode of study and maximum registration periods can be found in the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#).

⁴ Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](#)

⁵ The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#).

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Course Aims

- Develop comprehensive knowledge of public and private laws, including theories, concepts, principles and rules, with specific reference to England and Wales
- Examine substantive areas of law in depth and in social, institutional, national and global contexts
- Foster awareness, analysis and application of principles and values that are concerned with law, justice and ethics
- Develop skills in legal reasoning, legal research, and written and oral communication in relation to legal and related issues
- Interpret and utilise data from textual materials and other sources, including quantitative data
- Engage with subjects related to law on issues to do with justice, values, institutions and the relationship between law, crime and society

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the BSc (Hons) Criminology and Law course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA).⁶

At the end of level 6:

Knowledge and Understanding

1. Demonstrate more extensive knowledge and understanding of a range of legal concepts, methods, ethics, research techniques and the application of legal principles to solve problems
2. Examine some areas of English law with emphasis on Property Law (Land and Equity and Trusts) and advanced legal research
3. Develop legal research, writing and analytical skills in relation to aspects of core subjects in law and criminology
4. Demonstrate additional and more extensive knowledge of the nature of law and legal systems
5. Critically analyse a range of key concepts and theoretical approaches in Criminology
6. Critically evaluate the values, practices and processes that underpin criminal justice
7. Critically evaluate the relationship between political ideology and social problems within criminology

⁶ As set out in the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

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Intellectual Skills

8. Critically discuss law from moral, social, economic and political contexts and perspectives
9. Critically evaluate and interpret different approaches, theories, concepts, principles and sources of law
10. Critically analyse factual and legal issues and apply legal principles to solve legal problems
11. Show critical awareness of theoretical developments and ethical issues
12. Critically analyse competing interpretations of crime and responses to it
13. Identify and critique the philosophical, political and ethical values that inform criminology

Practical Skills

14. Manage own learning and identify, retrieve and use a range of primary, secondary sources and academic literature, in both hardcopy and electronically
15. Analyse and distil a range of material to inform judgements and conclusions
16. Present complex information to specialist and non-specialist audiences both orally and in writing
17. Analyse complex fact patterns, apply general and specific principle and derive carefully considered solutions to problems
18. Undertake and critically evaluate a legal research project
19. Develop legal or socio-legal questions
20. Autonomous learning using appropriate primary and secondary sources
21. Undertake and critically evaluate a research project
22. Examine and use a range of research strategies and methods and assess the appropriateness of their use

Key Skills

23. Communicate relevant subject knowledge and evidence accurately and reliably with structured and coherent arguments
24. Show development of key transferable skills

Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the following QAA Benchmarks / Professional Standards:

- QAA benchmark – Criminology (2014)

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- QAA benchmark – Law (2015)
- BSB/SRA Joint Statement and regulations for Qualifying Law Degrees (QLDs) in England and Wales.

Course Structure

The BSc (Hons) Criminology and Law comprises modules at levels 4, 5 and 6.

Module Specifications for each of these modules are included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

	Module	Credits	Module Type ⁷
Level 4			
	Legal Method and Advocacy	20	M
	Public Law	40	M
	Criminal Law	20	M
	Introduction to Criminology	20	M
	Social Science Research Skills	20	M
Level 5			
	Law of Torts	20	M
	Contract Law	20	M
	EU Law	20	M
	Criminological Theory	20	M
	Criminal Justice	20	M
	Plus two from the following:		
	Questionnaire Design and Analysis	10	O
	Qualitative Research Design and Analysis	10	O
	Secondary Data Research	10	O
Level 6			
	Land Law	20	M
	Equity and Trusts	20	M
	Law and Criminology Research Dissertation	40	M
	Plus two Criminology options from the following:		
	Penology	20	O
	Human Rights	20	O
	Victimology	20	O
	Drugs Crime and Society	20	O

Before enrolment the list of optional modules being offered in that academic year will be made available to students.

⁷ Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#)

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Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a BSc (Hons) Criminology and Law. Students who leave the course early may be eligible for a DipHE Criminology and Law on successful completion of 240 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5.

Course Delivery

The course is delivered at Ipswich. Students studying full-time on BSc (Hons) Criminology and Law are likely to have approximately 288 contact hours for level 4, 288 contact hours for level 5 and 264 contact hours for level 6. The contact hours will be a mix of lectures, seminars, and practical activities. Students will normally be expected to undertake 25 hours of independent study in an average week, but should be prepared for this to vary based on assignment deadlines and class exercises.

Course Assessment

A variety of assessments will be used on the course to enable students to experience and adapt to different assessment styles. The assessment methods used will be appropriate to assess each module's intended learning outcomes. Assessment on the course overall will be approximately 50% coursework (including essays, reports, presentations, group work, assessed moots, reflective evaluations and research projects) and 50% examinations.

Course Team

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from a team that includes teaching specialists and current practitioners. All staff are qualified in their subjects with their own specialist knowledge to contribute.

Course Costs

Students undertaking BSc (Hons) Criminology and Law will be charged tuition fees as detailed below:

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK/EU	£9,250 per year
Part-time UK/EU	£1,454 per 20 credit module
Full-time International	£11,790 per year
Part-time International	£1,965 per 20 credit module

Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.

Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).