University of Suffolk

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	**BSc (Hons) Criminology (with Professional Placement)** **BSc (Hons) Criminology with Professional Placement and Study Abroad)** **BSc (Hons) Criminology (with Study Abroad)**
Awarding Bodies	**University of Suffolk**
Level of Award[1]	**FHEQ Level 6**
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	**None**
Credit Structure[2]	**480 Credits** **Level 4: 120 Credits** **Level 5: 120 Credits plus 120 sandwich year credits*** **Level 6: 120 Credits** ***For an award 'with Professional Placement' 120 placement credits are required** **For an award 'with Professional Placement and Study Abroad', 60 placement credits and 60 study abroad credits are required** **For an award 'with Study Abroad', 120 study abroad credits are required**
Mode of Attendance	**Full time**
Standard Length of Course[3]	**4 years full-time**
Intended Award	**BSc (Hons) Criminology (with Professional Placement)** **BSc (Hons) Criminology with Professional Placement and Study Abroad)** **BSc (Hons) Criminology (with Study Abroad)**
Named Exit Awards	**BSc Criminology (with Professional Placement)** **BSc Criminology (with Professional Placement and Study Abroad)** **BSc Criminology (with Study Abroad)** **DipHE Criminology (with Professional Placement)** **DipHE Criminology (with Professional Placement and Study Abroad)** **DipHE Criminology (with Study Abroad)**

[1] For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies (2024)
[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.

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	DipHE Criminology **CertHE Criminology**
Entry Requirements[4]	**Typical Offer:** **112 UCAS tariff points (or above), BBC (A-Level), DMM** **(BTEC) or Access to HE Diploma - a minimum of 45 Level 3 credits at merit grade or above.** **All applicants are required to hold GCSE English and Maths at Grade C/4 or above.**
Delivering Institution(s)	**University of Suffolk**
UCAS Code	**L301**

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the BSc (Hons) Criminology (with sandwich year) course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 4 in the 2026-27 academic year[5].

Course Summary

Criminology at University of Suffolk draws on Sociology, Psychology, Law, Social Policy and Philosophy in order to expose you to a range of classical and contemporary theoretical and empirical debates concerning crime and responses to criminal behaviour. You are actively encouraged to develop good analytical and reasoning skills as you engage with academic literature and evaluate research and evidence.

As a criminology student at University of Suffolk, you will be able to critically engage with national and international dimensions of crime and criminal justice policy and develop well informed views on contested public issues. There is a strong emphasis on challenging "common-sense" notions of criminal and deviant behaviours by critically examining academic research and making informed decisions based on available evidence. To this end, you will be introduced to a variety of research methods and ethical considerations, so that you can challenge and understand the limitations and ambiguities of empirical research, whilst assessing its value. This will provide an excellent theoretical and practical platform for the completion of a third-year independent project in an area of personal or career interest.

Course Aims

1. Develop students' knowledge, critical understanding and skills in Criminology.

2. Cultivate a questioning and critical approach to the understanding of human behaviour and society.

3. Encourage cognitive development and autonomous learning.

4. Develop subject specific, cognitive and key transferable skills of value in employment, further study and personal development.

[4] Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the Admissions Policy and further details about Disclosure and Barring Checks (DBS) can be found on the University's DBS webpage.
[5] The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the Admissions Policy.

5. Provide opportunities that facilitate widening participation by local/non-standard entrants to study criminology.

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the BSc (Hons) Criminology (with sandwich year) 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 4/5/6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)[6].

1. Effectively deploy coherent and detailed knowledge of key aspects of criminology, such as criminalisation, victimisation, and the social, legal and cultural meanings of crime.
2. Accurately deploy techniques of analysis and critical enquiry relevant to criminology.
3. Effectively and accurately use scholarly research to develop compelling arguments and solve problems.
4. Independently and professionally manage your learning and ethically use credible research, data, AI tools and evidence relevant to Criminology
5. Critically evaluate relevant methods and techniques to review, consolidate, extend and apply knowledge and understanding, and to initiate and conduct projects.
6. Critically evaluate arguments, assumptions, concepts and data to make judgements, and frame appropriate questions to identify a range of feasible solutions to problems
7. Effectively and professionally communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
8. Critically, and with self-awareness, showcase the qualities and graduate skills necessary for employment such as decision making, independent learning and ethical practice.

For the sandwich/ study abroad year

9. Work effectively in a relevant organisation and demonstrate use of context relevant initiative, reflection, communication and decision-making skills

Course Design

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

- Criminology (2022)

Course Structure

The BSc (Hons) Criminology (with sandwich year) comprises modules at levels 4, 5 and 6. Module Specifications for each of these modules is included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

	Module	Credits	Module Type[7]
Level 4			
	Sociological and Criminological Imagination	30	R
	Introduction to Criminology	30	R

[6] As set out in the QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies (2024)

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

	Policing and Crime	30	R
	Research Methods	15	R
	Media and Crime	15	R
Level 5			
	Applied Criminological Theory	30	R
	Punishment and Rehabilitation	30	R
	Criminal Justice	15	O
	Youth Crime and Justice	15	O
	Globalisation	15	O
	Green and Southern Criminology	15	O
	Drugs and Society	15	O
	Criminal Exploitation	15	O
	Organised and Corporate Crime	15	O
	International Law and Human Rights	15	O
	Work Placement	15	O
	Research Design, Analysis and Visualisation	30	R
	Individual Literature Paper (Recovery Module)	30	O (Recovery)
Level 6			
	Independent Project	30	M
	Forensic Psychology	30	R
	Criminal Justice	15	O
	Youth Crime and Justice	15	O
	Globalisation	15	O
	Green and Southern Criminology	15	O
	Drugs and Society	15	O
	Criminal Exploitation	15	O
	Organised and Corporate Crime	15	O
	International Law and Human Rights Law	15	O
	Work Placement	15	O
	Victimology and Victimisation	30	R
	Applied Studies (Recovery Module)	30	O (Recovery)

Optional modules available in any year will be communicated to you prior to your enrolment to facilitate module choice. Some optional modules may not run in every year of study, and the availability of optional modules depends on the level of student demand, the availability of

specialist staff and timetabling constraints. In addition, we regularly review our curriculum to ensure it is up-to-date, relevant, draws on the latest research and addresses contemporary issues. As a result, the modules we offer may change over the course of your degree.

Optional recovery modules are only available in exceptional circumstances where a student must retrieve credits to ensure progression or where a standard optional module cannot be delivered

Awards
On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded either a BSc (Hons) Criminology (with Professional Placement), BSc (Hons) Criminology (with Professional Placement and Study Abroad) or BSc (Hons) Criminology (with Study Abroad) depending on the sandwich route taken. Students who leave the course early may be eligible for a BSc Criminology (with Profession Placement), BSc Criminology (with Profession Placement and Study Abroad), BSc Criminology (with Study Abroad) on successful completion of 300 credits, at Level 4 or above with at least 180 credits at Level 5 or above and at least 60 credits at Level 6 and successfully completion of the 120 credit placement year.) A DipHE Criminology (with Professional placement), DipHE Criminology (with Professional Placement and Study Abroad), DipHE Criminology (with Study Abroad) on successful completion of 240 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5 and successful completion of the 120 credit placement year. A DipHE Criminology on successful completion of 240 credits, including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5. A CertHE Criminology on successful completion of 120 credits including all mandatory modules at level 4.

Course Delivery
The course is delivered at Ipswich. Students studying full-time on BSc (Hons) Criminology are likely to have approximately 12 contact hours for level 4, 9 contact hours for level 5 and 9 contact hours for level 6. The contact hours will be a mix of lectures, seminars, practical activities, tutorials, workshops and guided learning activities through the online learning environment. Students will normally be expected to undertake 32 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.

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 (with sandwich year) will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK	£9,790 per year Excluding sandwich year, for which the fees will be:

	Professional Placement: £1,958 Study Abroad: £1,469
Part-time UK	N/A
Full-time EU/International	£15,900 per year Excluding sandwich year, for which the fee will be: Professional Placement: £3,180 Study Abroad: £2,385
Part-time EU/International	N/A

The tuition fees for the Professional Placement and Study Abroad option varies depending on the duration of the placement and study abroad periods. For a full breakdown of the applicable fees, please email finance@uos.ac.uk.

Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy. Students are likely to incur other costs for essential reading materials amounting to approximately £240 per year.

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.