**Course Title** | **MA Criminology: Crime & Victimisation**  
**Awarding Bodies** | **University of Suffolk**  
**Level of Award** | **FHEQ Level 7**  
**Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition** | **None**  
**Credit Structure** | **180 Credits at level 7**  
**Mode of Attendance** | **Full-time and part-time**  
**Standard Length of Course** | **1 year full-time**  
**Intended Award** | **MA Criminology: Crime & Victimisation**  
**Named Exit Awards** | **PgD Criminology: Crime & Victimisation**  
**PgC Criminology: Crime & Victimisation**  
**Entry Requirements** | **Academic Requirements**  
| Minimum of a 2:1 undergraduate degree or equivalent. A social science subject is advantageous but not necessary. Relevant experience will be considered.  
**International Requirements**  
Students whose first language is not English are required to hold one of the following English language qualifications:  
- IELTS: minimum overall score of 7.0, with 7.0 in Writing and 6.5 in all other sub categories;  
- TOEFL (Internet-Based Test): minimum overall score of 100, with 25 in Writing and 22 in all other sub categories;  
- Cambridge Proficiency: minimum grade of C;  
- Pearson English: minimum overall score of 66, with 66 in Writing and 59 in all other sub categories.  
- The School will also refer applicants who meet the necessary entry requirements to the University's pre-sessional English language courses.  
**Delivering Institution** | **University of Suffolk**  

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the MA Criminology: Crime & Victimisation course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 7 in the 2020-21 academic year.

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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)](https://www.qaa.ac.uk/qualifications/further-education/undergraduate/levels)  
2 All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](https://www.hecf.org.uk)  
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 Taught Postgraduate Awards](https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/education/postgraduate)  
4 Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/education/postgraduate/admissions) 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](https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/education/postgraduate/admissions).
Course Summary
The MA Criminology: Crime & Victimisation is designed to meet the ambitions of postgraduate students, by developing students' intellectual, critical and analytic skills in the academic areas of criminology, criminal justice and social interventions.

The MA in Criminology: Crime and Victimisation gives students the opportunity to develop a comprehensive specialist knowledge of debates around crime causation and control, within a comparative and international context. Students undertake a wide variety of modules which aim to combine theoretical concepts with real-world problems such as gangs, organised crime and victimisation from an internationally comparative perspective.

Therefore, graduates will be equipped with a thorough understanding of the key theoretical and political positions and concepts within these areas and the ability to use this knowledge in sophisticated ways in the critical assessment and development of public policy and interventions. The course will equip students with the quantitative and qualitative research skills consistent with the demands of the discipline and the professional market. Students will develop transferable skills including proficiency in oral and written communication commensurate with the levels at which they are likely to be operating when they have left the course, plus the capacity for independent learning and the ability to reflect about the ethical and ideological components of their work.

Course Aims
In providing the M.A. Criminology: Crime & Victimisation the University and the course team aim to:

1. Develop students' intellectual, critical and analytic skills in the academic areas of criminology, criminal justice and social interventions.

2. Produce graduates who have a thorough understanding of the key theoretical and political positions and concepts within these areas and the ability to use this knowledge in sophisticated ways in the critical assessment and development of public policy and interventions.

3. Provide students with the opportunity to explore areas of study that are either professionally relevant or of academic interest.

4. Provide students with quantitative and qualitative research method skills in a way that is consistent with the demands of the discipline and the professional market.

5. Enhance students' transferable skills including proficiency in oral and written communication; the capacity for independent learning and the ability to reflect about the ethical and ideological components of their work.

6. Develop the theoretical knowledge and research skills for writing a Masters-level dissertation.

Course Learning Outcomes
The following statements define what students graduating from the MA Criminology: Crime & Victimisation 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 7 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)6.

6 As set out in the QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies (2014)
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1. An in-depth knowledge of criminology informed by current scholarship, and the ability to work independently and critically review and analyse scholarship.

2. A systematic knowledge and critical awareness of the theoretical dimensions of criminology and how they relate to the current social and political frameworks.

3. How the theory and frameworks of the discipline influence and determine the application of practice to criminal justice, crime and offending.

4. An ability to undertake a critical discussion, systematic review and analysis of a complex, unfamiliar or unpredictable criminological problem and by using appropriate methodologies work independently to produce, with some originality, an understanding informed by current scholarship.

5. An ability to undertake either on their own, or in collaboration with others, investigations of social issues in relation to criminological debates and be able to apply appropriate ethical standards with regards to a range of research strategies and methods to assess the appropriateness of their use.

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

- QAA Subject Benchmark Statement: Criminology (Master’s) (2013)

Course Structure
The MA Criminology: Crime & Victimisation comprises 7 modules at level 7.

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.

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<td>Criminal Justice: Ideology, Policy and Practice</td>
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<td>Young People, Group Offending and Violent Crime</td>
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Awards
On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a MA Criminology: Crime & Victimisation. Students who leave the course early may be eligible for a PgD Criminology:

7 Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the Framework and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards
Crime & Victimisation on successful completion of 120 credits or a PgC Criminology: Crime & Victimisation on successful completion of 60 credits. To be eligible for a PgD Criminology: Crime & Victimisation you must pass 40 credits (2 modules) at first attempt and to be eligible for a PgC Criminology: Crime & Victimisation you must pass 20 credits (1 module) at first attempt.

**Course Delivery, Assessment and COVID-19**

Our guiding principles for delivery during the 2020-21 academic year will be based around a rich blended learning environment, which will include some online delivery of lectures as well as face to face delivery of seminars, lab work and tutorials as applicable. Where possible assessment will be undertaken as planned and where this is not possible, e.g. on-site examinations, an equivalent assessment will be made available to students. We do not intend to have a fully online academic year for any of our students.

Our campus will be safe and welcoming for new and returning students, but we will observe – as all universities must – the government guidance in place at the time and so the delivery and assessment statements below are under continuous review as circumstances change.

**Course Delivery**
The course is delivered at University of Suffolk. Students studying full-time on MA Criminology: Crime & Victimisation are likely to have approximately 9 contact hours per week. The contact hours will be a mix of lectures, seminars, workshops and practical activity. Students will normally be expected to undertake a further 12 hours of directed online activities and 15 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 100% coursework (including essays, reports, presentations, group work, reflective learning journals and research projects).

**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 MA Criminology: Crime & Victimisation will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

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<td>Full-time International</td>
<td>£11,790 per year</td>
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<td>Part-time International</td>
<td>£1,310 per 20 credit module</td>
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Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.
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Academic Framework and Regulations
This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the website.