Durham University
Undergraduate Modules Online
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BA Criminology (L370)

BA Criminology with Year Abroad (L371)

BA Criminology (with Placement Year) (L373)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in full- and part-time modes of study.

Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Social Research Methods #	SOCI1321	20
Introduction to Criminological Theory #	SOCI1391	20
The Criminal Justice Landscape	SOCI1421	20
Critical Scholarship in the Social Sciences	SOCI1411	20

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List A:

List A		**Credit value**
Societies in Transition	SOCI1312	40
Contemporary Sociological Theory	SOCI1331	20
Decolonising Knowledge and Power	FSOC1011	20
Modules to the value of 40 credits from open modules offered by another Board of Studies, with prior approval from the receiving Department (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study)		40

Level 2 (Diploma)

4. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Contemporary Criminological Theory	SOCI2231	20
Research Methods in Action #	SOCI2252	40

5. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List B:

List B:		**Credit value**
Policing and Police	SOCI2221	20
Modern and Contemporary Sociological Theory	SOCI2261	20
Sociology of Education	SOCI2271	20
Violence and Abuse in Society	SOCI2281	20
Communities and Social Justice	SOCI2301	20
Crime, Power and Social Inequalities	SOCI2311	20
Sociology of Health and Medicine	SOCI2321	20
Sociology of Class*	SOCI2331	20
Community Placement	SOCI2341	20
Sacred India: Land, Politics and Identity	THEO2501	20
Modules to the value of 20 credits from open modules offered by another Board of Studies, with prior approval from the receiving Department (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study)		20

Level 3 (Degree)

6. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following module:

		Credit value
Dissertation ~	SOCI3112	40

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 80 credits from List C:

List C:		**Credit value**
Issues in Criminal Justice (Inside-Out)	SOCI3341	20
Social Policy	SOCI3421	20
Leisure Studies *	SOCI3751	20
Sociology of Reproduction and Parenthood *	SOCI3557	10
Youth in Crisis: Young People, Crime and Justice *	SOCI3567	10
Sociology of Mental Health and Illness	SOCI3577	10
Justice, Violence and Abuse	SOCI3587	10
Health and Place *	SOCI3597	10
Feminist Anti-Violence Activism: Theory in Action	SOCI3607	10
Digital Health and other devices: back to the future	SOCI3617	10
Hate Crime: Understandings and Responses *	SOCI3627	10
Race, Racism and Social Justice in Britain	SOCI3637	10
Sociology of Work *	SOCI3647	10
The Body as Data: Technology, Power and Human Rights	SOCI3657	10
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Sociology of Forensic Science and Criminal Investigation	SOCI3667	10
Social Theory and the Politics of Knowledge *	SOCI3677	10
Crime, Justice and the Sex Industry	SOCI3687	10
Cyberculture and Cybercrime *	SOCI3697	10
Drugs and Society	SOCI3707	10
Globalisation and the Sex Industry *	SOCI3717	10
Digital Culture: Moral Panics and Conspiracy Thinking in Sociological Perspective(s)	SOCI3727	10
Global Racism: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives *	SOCI3737	10
Disability Studies, Crime and Victimisation	SOCI3747	10
Gender, Health and Medicine	SOCI3997	10
Modules to the value of 20 credits from open modules offered by another Board of Studies, with prior approval from the receiving Department (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study)		20

Assessment, progression and award

8. Modules marked with * are not available in 2025-26.

9. Modules marked with # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.

10. Modules marked with ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30 – 39% cannot be compensated.

Year Abroad

11. Students admitted to the BA Criminology (L370) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Criminology (with Year Abroad) programme (L371). Students undertaking the BA Criminology (with Year Abroad) (L371) programme will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. During the year abroad students will be assessed at module level by the host University. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Criminology with Year Abroad.

12. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Criminology (with Year Abroad) (L371) must:

    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Criminology (L370) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme, and;

b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Sociology to be admitted to the BA Criminology (with Year Abroad) (L371) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in the Department of Sociology, and;

c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Criminology (L370) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Criminology (L370) programme.

13. Students who the Board of Examiners for the Department of Sociology deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Criminology (with Year Abroad) (L371). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Criminology (with Year Abroad) (L371) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Criminology (L370) programme.

Placement Year

14. Students admitted to the BA Criminology (L370) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Criminology (with Placement Year) programme (L373). Students taking the BA Criminology (with Placement Year) (L373) will undertake an approved placement or placements in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.

    Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine whether the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Criminology (with Placement Year) (L373). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Criminology (L370) programme.

15. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Criminology (with Placement Year) (L373) must:

    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Criminology (L370) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and

    b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Sociology to be admitted to the BA Criminology (with Placement) (L373) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and

    c. secure a placement / year abroad opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Officer; and

    d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Criminology (L370) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Criminology (L370).

16. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Sociology deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Criminology (with Placement Year) (L373). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Criminology (with Placement Year) (L373) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Criminology programme (L370).