

The MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice is the second longest running masters programme in Criminology in Britain (after Cambridge). The degree provides students with analytic and research skills, an interdisciplinary knowledge base, and practical understanding of the settings in which crime and justice policies are devised and implemented both in the UK and internationally.

The programme has an international reputation, and a significant number of students have come from Europe, Asia, Africa, the Americas and Continental Europe. Many alumni are in careers closely connected to criminology and criminal justice, and include successful government researchers, university lecturers, police, probation and prison officers, anti-corruption investigators, community safety officials, psychologists and barristers.

Teaching

The MSc is taught by internationally renowned scholars in one of the foremost criminology research groups in the UK. The programme is interdisciplinary in nature and draws upon the perspectives of law, sociology, social policy, psychology, political science, and economics. Modules include:

- Theories of Crime and Criminal Behaviour
- Contemporary Criminological Research
- Police and Policing
- Sentencing and Penal Theory
- Community Safety and Youth Justice
- Criminal Justice in Europe
- Legal Theory
- Human Rights and Global Justice (2012 entry)
- Criminological Research Methods
- Dissertation (20,000 words)

Past dissertation titles include:

- 'Cyberstalking: A Socio-legal Perspective'
- "'Just blame us": the victimization of a gypsy and traveller community living in South Wales'
- 'Prisoners in space: exploring spatial controls and resistances in a carceral setting'
- 'Occupational Experiences of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Police Officers'
- 'Tackling the Ghost: Organised Crime and Its Control'
- 'Opening the Closet Door: A Peek into Same-Sex Partner Violence'

Cardiff Centre for Crime, Law & Justice

Students accepted onto the degree also become members of the Cardiff Centre for Crime, Law and Justice. Academic members of the Centre are actively involved in research in a variety of areas including organised and economic/white collar crime, private policing, domestic violence, hate crime, the risk management of dangerous offenders, Crime and Disorder Partnerships, crime prevention initiatives for young people, cybercrime and transnational influences on UK crime-control policy. The Centre meets at least once a month and provides a vibrant academic and supportive environment to all postgraduate students.

Academic Staff

[Prof Mike Levi](#): Regulation; fraud; organised crime; white-collar crime; globalisation and crime.
[Prof Gordon Hughes](#): Criminology and sociological theory; comparative criminology; community safety; crime and social policy; professional expertise.
[Prof Martin Innes](#): Signal crimes; counter-terrorism; neighbourhood policing; investigation of crime.
[Mr Trevor Jones](#): Police accountability; private policing; penal policy making; ethnicity and policing.
[Mr Adam Edwards](#): Comparative

criminology; organised crime; governance, policy transfer and evaluation of crime control.
[Dr Matthew Williams](#): Cybercrime; policing & diversity; sexuality; hate crime.

[Dr Amanda Robinson](#): Policing; domestic violence; sexual assault.
[Dr Kirsty Hudson](#): Sex offenders; resettlement; sexual violence.

Period of Study

The masters can be taken either part-time or full-time. The period of study for full-time students is twelve months (October - September). The taught coursework takes place over two semesters (October - June). The dissertation is begun in the second semester but is completed during the summer months. The summer is a period of independent research with one to one supervision. Part-time students can take the masters over two years, completing the dissertation in the second year.

Admission Requirements

Candidates should have either a first degree (2.1 minimum in a related discipline such as law, social sciences, psychology, criminology, social policy etc.) or a recognised equivalent non-graduate qualification or, for those with no formal qualifications and aged 25 and over, relevant professional experience and responsibility. Credit exemption may be given against accredited prior learning, and arrangements exist to accredit prior professional experience and professional development, including NPQH. Where English is not the applicant's first language, we do require a minimum IELTS score of 7 or above (including a score of at least 6.5 in the reading and writing element). Applications are considered on a rolling basis. There is no deadline.