



Department of Social Sciences

Criminology and Social Policy

Undergraduate Degree Programme







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Criminology and Social Policy

Here in the Department of Social Sciences at Loughborough University students study criminology alongside areas of social policy. Social policy touches all our lives. It is about improving the welfare of all citizens and in particular meeting the needs of those who cannot provide for themselves. It addresses social issues such as immigration control and sex education, and social problems such as drug misuse, domestic violence and poverty. Crime is a social problem that affects us all, directly or indirectly. Studying criminology and social policy together will enable you to make the connections between crime and other social issues. It will give you a deeper understanding of the society in which you live and of how it is affected by crime and deviance.

Criminology and Social Policy is about

- Understanding crime, its causes and prevention
- Exploring the links between crime and society's responses to criminality
- Knowing about the work of the police, the courts, prisons and other criminal justice agencies
- Alleviating social problems (e.g. drug misuse, teenage pregnancy, domestic violence, poverty)
- Addressing social issues (e.g. sex education, immigration control)
- Giving recognition to disadvantaged and minority groups
- Creating equal opportunity
- Understanding criminal justice policy
- Exploring the links between crime and social policy

A range of institutions is involved in trying to realise these goals

- Central government agencies, such as the Crown Prosecution Service, the Home Office and the Department of Health
- Local organisations, including local councils and police constabularies
- Voluntary and charitable agencies, such as The Children's Society, Women's Aid, Shelter, the Prison Reform Trust and the Howard League for Penal Reform
- Private companies
- Employers

Crime and Social Policy issues touch all our lives

No one is so self-sufficient that they can survive without benefiting at some point in their lives from our society's welfare or criminal justice agencies.

- It may be through the NHS, the local authority or JobCentre Plus
- It may be through the intervention of your local police service
- It may be through anti-discrimination or victimisation procedures



Criminology and Social Policy are dynamic fields

Social provision can always be improved, made more efficient, more responsive, more flexible, more sensitive to people's needs. The criminal justice system is always seeking to balance the needs of the defence and the prosecution, or how to respond to pressing new areas of concern, such as increased use of firearms, rising prison populations, or the extent of racial discrimination within various agencies. The field of criminology in particular has recently been re-energised by new crime and disorder legislation making the responsibility for crime a matter of priority for local authorities and other agencies which now have to meet new challenges within the spectrum of crime by combining their efforts to achieve practical results. Added to this, high levels of crime place greater demands on public services. Another area of dynamism stems from the fact that both criminology and social policy are interdisciplinary subjects. We not only learn from the theories and practices of sociology, social psychology, media studies, economics and politics but, at Loughborough, we are also located within an interdisciplinary Social Sciences Department. Students therefore receive a grounding in the social sciences with a clear focus on criminology and social policy.

Studying Criminology and Social Policy will help you whatever your future career

Past students have found jobs in:

- The public services (education, housing, the NHS, social services, probation)
- The private sector (human resources, management, marketing, research)
- The law, police forces and the military (including as analysts and researchers)
- The voluntary sector (Shelter, RNIB, drug and alcohol counselling)
- Postgraduate research, Master's degree courses and teacher training courses

Employers value students whose degrees relate to the real world.



Facilities at Loughborough

Here at Loughborough, central services provide careers guidance, counselling, nursery facilities, medical care and facilities for disabled students. There are excellent sports facilities and the Students' Union makes a significant contribution to the student life. Academic study is only one facet of life at Loughborough. Being involved in university life in your hall of residence and in the Student Union clubs and societies enables you to develop other skills which are valued by employers. Such involvement is easy to achieve at Loughborough University because it has an attractive single site campus where all the halls are either on campus or within easy walking distance. The University has a wide range of other excellent facilities on campus, including shops, restaurants, banks, a travel centre, bars, and a superb library. Many students organise and take part in fund raising activities throughout the year and the annual Rag Week regularly raises hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity. There are also many opportunities to become a volunteer in various local charity and community organisations.

Loughborough is well known for its excellence in sport but you do not have to be involved in sport to enjoy life on campus. Many students have other interests. These include music, drama and running the students' own radio station and recording unit.

A free 'Undergraduate Prospectus' giving more details of the University is available on request or on-line.



The Department of Social Sciences

All staff in the Department are involved in original research which informs the modules that you will study. The Department is one of the strongest and most highly respected departments in the country. It is interdisciplinary and is responsible for:

- Four undergraduate degrees
- Three taught Master's degrees
- A number of research groups – the Centre for Research in Social Policy (CRSP), the Centre for Child and Family Research (CCFR), the Midlands Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice, the Discourse and Rhetoric Group, and the Communications Research Centre. We are rated as one of Britain's elite departments of Social Sciences in external assessments of teaching quality and research. This includes the department receiving excellent scores in national research assessments. We are also highly rated for graduate employment.

Criminology and Social Policy at Loughborough

A degree in Criminology and Social Policy means different things in different institutions. At Loughborough University:

- In the first year, criminology and social policy are integrated into a broad social science approach, providing theoretical and methodological tools to address specific topics in later years of study
- In the second and third years, modules are often focused on more specific areas of criminology and social policy. Students sit several core modules in their 2nd and in their 3rd year. They also sit some optional modules in their 2nd or 3rd year depending on when the modules are offered (see below).



Often we are able to offer some optional choice between different modules in the 2nd and 3rd year to allow students to tailor their degree to their specific areas of interest. The extended dissertation in the final year is based on a topic of the student's choosing and takes place under the supervision of an experienced staff member.

CRIMINOLOGY AND SOCIAL POLICY:

Summary of Degree Programme Structure

Credit weightings of modules are shown in brackets in the tables below. Students are required to take modules amounting to 120 credits in each of the three years of the programme. Please note that due to staffing and other demands specific module offerings may change from year to year.

YEAR 1 CORE MODULES

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Introduction to Criminology & Social Policy A (10)	Introduction to Criminology & Social Policy B (10)
Crime and Social Welfare: Policy in Practice (10)	Deviance and Social Control (10)
History of Social Policy (10)	Introduction to Quantitative Analysis (10)
Introduction to Sociology A (10)	Introduction to Sociology B (10)
Introduction to Social Psychology A (10)	Introduction to Social Psychology B (10)
Option (10)	Option (10)

Year 1 options include British Politics, Introduction to Communication and Media Studies (Part A and Part B across two semesters), British Government, Beginner's Mandarin (2 semesters), French, German, or Spanish.

YEAR 2 CORE MODULES

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Research Methods (20)	Equal Opportunities & Diversity (20)
Criminological Theory (20)	4 x Options (10 each)
Operational Policing Issues (20)*	

Year 2 students can choose criminology and social policy options (see below) but are also able to choose optional modules from elsewhere across the department.

YEAR 3 CORE MODULES

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Criminology or Social Policy Project (40)	Theory and Concepts in Social Policy (20)
The Criminal Justice System in England and Wales (20)*	2 x optional modules (20)

*Note that the Criminal Justice System module alternates each year with a module Operational Policing Issues, so that students take one of them in year 2 and one in year 3.

We offer a range of optional modules that often rotate from year to year in order to provide choices to students where possible. For example, optional modules include: Women and Crime; Drug Policy: International and Comparative Perspectives; Human Rights and Civil Liberties Children; Young People and Risk; Policy Issues in Education; Racism, Ethnicity and Citizenship, and others.

An Outline of the Core Criminology and Social Policy Modules

WHAT IS A MODULE?

A module consists of a mix of lectures, tutorials, practical sessions or personal project work. The emphasis throughout is on helping you to increase your self confidence and develop your analytical and problem solving skills.

Typically, modules involve a weekly lecture, a programme of personal reading and study, and tutorials where you meet with a tutor and other students to discuss the main issues dealt with in the module. Tutorials are central to the teaching. They give you the opportunity to clarify points from lectures and individual reading and the chance to develop skills in analysing, reasoning, discussing and arguing which are basic to success in academic study and later career development.

Below is a brief outline of each of the compulsory modules in the criminology and social policy fields, which you will study during your degree. Please remember that in addition to these compulsory modules you will have ample choice to select other modules which interest you.

YEAR ONE

Introduction to Criminology & Social Policy 'A' and 'B'

These modules are your introduction to criminology and social policy. They will help you to understand a range of criminological and social policy issues and the policies designed to address them; the political ideologies that underpin developments in the welfare state and criminal justice system; the contemporary development of the criminal justice system and welfare state. Issues addressed include: poverty, unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, crime and policing, community care, the NHS and much more.

Crime and Social Welfare: Policy in Practice

This module, for criminology and social policy students only, looks at criminological and social policy issues in practice through the eyes of people working in the field. Visiting speakers in the past have come from homelessness projects, race equality councils, disabled people's centres for independent living, child protection agencies, community mental health teams, women's aid centres, the police, the probation service, and drug treatment agencies. You will be able to find out at first hand how such agencies operate, and the problems they face.

History of Social Policy

We can better understand contemporary social issues and policies through an examination of history. What are the key moments and influences in the history of social policy and the welfare state? How can these developments help us understand the nature of present day social policy and welfare provision?

Deviance and Social Control

The module examines key issues in debates concerning deviance and social control, including: the history of deviance and theories of social control; the role of the police; policing prostitution; drugs and social control; social services and social workers as agents of social control. Students will gain an understanding of the historical development of criminology and deviance as topics of study as well as becoming familiar with areas of deviance where policies involving social control are deployed. Additionally you will gain an understanding of the functioning of selected agencies of social control.

YEAR TWO CORE MODULES

Equal Opportunities & Diversity

This module explores equal opportunities and diversity in Britain across six strands of inequality: gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religious belief, and age. It identifies disadvantages experienced across these strands and examines the legislation and social policies enacted to deal with inequality. Finally, it looks at the impact of the European Union and other proposals for equal opportunities and diversity in Britain.

Research Methods: Data Collection

It is one thing to learn about research carried out by others. This module teaches you how to do it yourself! How do you select a sample; what is participant observation; should you use a postal or self-completion questionnaire or an interview schedule; when should you use a quantitative approach? You certainly don't have to be a statistician to be a social scientist but this module helps you understand how data are collected and interpreted.

Criminological Theory

This module examines the historical and philosophical development of theoretical criminology as well as providing an introduction to the major sociological theories relating to crime and deviance. Key aspects of criminological theory which will be studied include classical understandings of crime and criminals, various positivist approaches, social control, the influence of politics, post modernism, cultural criminology and green criminology.

Operational Policing Issues

The module looks at a wide range of contemporary topics, such as the role of the modern police in a democratic society; changes in policing styles; the nature of contemporary policing styles; the conflict of loyalties and interests that police officers often face and that may lead to illegal action; the nature and causes of police deviancy; the role of community policing; the nature of police accountability; police professionalism and hegemony; policing and race relations; the service role.



YEAR THREE CORE MODULES

Theory and Concepts in Social Policy

In this module you take a closer look at the welfare theories that inform politics including the new Right, New Labour, Marxism, feminism and anti-racism. You also consider environmental perspectives. All of these approaches have their own interpretations of what is meant by concepts such as 'need', 'equality', 'citizenship', 'social exclusion'. The module aims to help students subject these theories and concepts to rigorous analysis.

The Criminal Justice System in England and Wales

The module covers the following areas and issues: sentencing theory and practice, which will involve an actual sentencing exercise; the treatment of the defendant in the adult criminal courts; the role and working of the magistrates, crown and youth courts; plea bargaining; individualised justice; pre-sentence reports; the organisation of the prison system; the prison regime; prison overcrowding; the recidivism rate; alternatives to imprisonment; non-custodial sentences.

Dissertation

This is the opportunity for you to select an area of Criminology or Social Policy for an in-depth study. Dissertations represent a very important part of the degree. You are supervised on a one-to-one basis by a tutor who will help in the organisation of your dissertation. Some students choose a topic related to their future careers, others an issue which fascinates and interests them. The dissertation is a real test of the skills and knowledge that you will have acquired in your modules. It will also enable you to work with greater autonomy and freedom, and to develop your own expertise in a particular area of Criminology or Social Policy that interests you.

Assessment

Like most other universities, Loughborough has a semester structure for the academic year. Assessment takes place at the end of each semester by coursework, examinations or a combination of the two. The final degree grade is arrived at by combining the results of the assessment in year 2 (40%) and year 3 (60%).



The Criminology and Social Policy Programme Team

Who teaches you will depend mainly on which modules you choose in each of your three years. Here are some details of the current team - they are responsible for most of the core (compulsory) modules that you will take during your degree, as well as teaching many of the optional modules. Members of this team are nationally and internationally renowned for their specialist knowledge and expertise, and have published numerous books and articles.

DR JO ALDRIDGE

Senior Lecturer in Social Policy and Criminology

Jo joined the Department of Social Sciences in 1991 as a Research Associate and later became a Research Fellow. Her research and academic interests focus on vulnerable children, young people and risk, children's rights and mental illness and the family. In 1993 she co-founded the Young Carers Research Group (YCRG) here at Loughborough and she is now the group's director. Jo has conducted a number of important studies of the lives of young carers. Her doctorate was on young caring and parental illness and disability. Her most recent research and published work *Children Caring for Parents with Mental Illness* (The Policy Press) focuses on children who care for, and are co-resident with, parents with serious mental health problems. Jo is currently managing an ESRC funded study on the use of photographic participation and elicitation methods among children whose parents have severe and enduring mental illness. Her other research and academic interests include, the experiences of people with learning difficulties and Autistic Spectrum Disorders in high secure units, and children and young people's transitions into adulthood.

PROFESSOR BARBARA BAGILHOLE

Professor of Equal Opportunities and Social Policy

Barbara studied as a mature student at Nottingham University where she received her PhD. Before coming to Loughborough University she worked in research and taught in both further and higher education. She also worked for five years as a practitioner in equal opportunities in local government. Her main academic interest is equal opportunities and diversity and social policy (across gender, race, disability, religious belief, sexual orientation and age), which she teaches at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Her

publications include *Women in Non-Traditional Occupations: Challenging Men* (Palgrave), *Equal Opportunities and Social Policy: Issues of Gender, 'Race' and Disability* (Longman), and *Understanding Equal Opportunities and Diversity: The social differentiations and intersections of inequality (Policy)*. She has published extensively on these topics in both academic and professional journals, and in papers at national and international conferences. Recent interesting developments have been to work collaboratively with colleagues in the Department of Civil and Building Engineering on the topic of women and science, engineering and technology, both nationally and internationally, including a British Council Award to work in India. She has recently returned from study trips to India, Norway, Portugal, The Netherlands, Singapore and Spain. Barbara is also a Member of the European Network on Womens Studies.

DR MARTYN CHAMBERLAIN

Lecturer in Criminology and Social Policy

Martyn's doctoral research was concerned with contemporary reforms in professional governance and his academic research interests lie in risk, governance and surveillance studies as well as environmental and green criminology. He has a long-standing interest in the care and treatment of mentally disordered offenders. His latest book, *Doctoring Medical Governance: Medical Self-Regulation in Transition*, was shortlisted for the 2010 British Sociological Association Book of the Year Award for making a significant and original contribution to the sociological study of medicine.

DR JACK DEMAINE

Senior Lecturer in Social Policy

Jack's academic interests are in education policy and politics; race and ethnicity; and citizenship education with particular reference to the European Union. He has written widely on education policy and on the politics of education. He is executive editor of the journal *International Studies in the Sociology of Education*. His publications include *Contemporary Theories in the Sociology of Education* (Macmillan), *Beyond Communitarianism: Citizenship, Politics and Education* (Macmillan), *Education Policy and Contemporary Politics* (Palgrave), *Sociology of Education Today* (Palgrave) and *Citizenship and Political Education Today* (Palgrave). Jack has been Visiting Research Fellow in the Department of Sociology at the Australian National University, and he has taught in the sociology departments at Southern Illinois University, the University of Nottingham and the University of Liverpool.

PROFESSOR GRAHAM FARRELL

Professor of Criminology

Graham Farrel (PhD Manchester University, is Professor of Criminology. He joined the department in 2004 and was previously an Associate Professor in the Division of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati, prior to which he was Deputy Research Director at the Police Foundation in Washington D.C. where he completed research sponsored by the US Department of Justice. He was a Visiting Professor at Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice and Research Director of the Center for Crime Prevention Studies in 1997-8. In the early to mid-1990s he worked at the United Nations office in Vienna including on reports presented to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on behalf of the Secretary General. Previously, at the Centre for Criminological Research at Oxford University he worked on a study of race relations in prisons. He was a member of the research committee of the World Society of Victimology, and has undertaken a range of studies and consultancy for the Home Office. Graham is Director of the Midlands Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice. He is an Associate of the Jill Dando Institute of Crime Science and he publishes primarily in the areas of crime prevention, repeat victimisation, and drug policy, as well as on other criminal justice issues.

DR LOUISE GROVE

Lecturer in Criminology and Social Policy.

Louise's interests include crime prevention, victimology and methods of evaluation, penal reform and wildlife crime. She joined the Criminology and Social Policy team after completing her PhD in the Department of Social Sciences here at Loughborough University. Louise's PhD thesis was titled *Synergies of Syntheses: A Comparison of Systematic Review and Scientific Realist Evaluation Methods for Crime Prevention*. Her research involved examining repeat victimisation prevention programmes. She has links with several criminal justice organisations, including Victim Support, Leicestershire Police, and the Howard League for Penal Reform. Louise has several published articles on repeat victimisation and crime prevention.

PROFESSOR RUTH LISTER

Emeritus Professor of Social Policy

Ruth has spent much of her working life practising social policy through her work with the Child Poverty Action Group where she worked for 16 years, the last 8 as Director. She was appointed Professor of Social Policy at Loughborough University in 1994 having previously been Professor and Head of the Department of Applied Social Studies at the University of Bradford. Ruth's interests focus mainly on poverty, citizenship, gender, and welfare reform. She has published and spoken widely on these topics. Her most recent books include, *Citizenship: Feminist Perspectives* (Palgrave); *Understanding Theories and Concepts in Social Policy* (The Policy Press) and *Poverty* (The Polity Press). Ruth has maintained a public profile through, for instance, her membership of the Commission on Social Justice, the Northern Ireland Opsahl Commission, the Commission on Poverty, Participation and Power, the Fabian Commission on Life Chances and Child Poverty, and as a member of the government's National Equality Panel. Ruth was awarded a CBE in 1999. She is a founding academician of the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences and was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2009. Ruth received a Life Time Achievement Award from the Social Policy Association in 2010.

DR MIKE STEPHENS

Senior Lecturer in Criminology and Social Policy

Mike specialises in the area of criminal justice, especially the police. Mike's research on the police has focused on police leadership and training, and the handling of mentally ill people when they come into contact with the police. On several occasions he has been a Visiting Fellow at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he has researched how the local police respond to mental health emergencies. He has published widely on operational policing issues and other criminal justice matters. He also teaches modules covering the courts, prisons, and civil liberties. His latest book, *Crime and Social Policy*, is concerned with the operation of the police and criminal justice agencies. Most recently, Mike has been researching the DNA database.

PROFESSOR HARRIET WARD

Professor of Child and Family Research

Harriet Ward is a qualified social worker. She came to Loughborough from the University of Leicester where she was a senior lecturer in social work. Harriet is now Professor of Child and Family Research at Loughborough and Director of the Centre for Child and Family Research (CCFR). The principal function of the research centre is to carry out policy - relevant research on services for vulnerable children and adults, in particular children looked after away from home. Harriet has close links with the University of Ottawa, Université Laval, Quebec and the University of Quebec at Montreal where she holds an honorary position. She also works collaboratively with other researchers from the Universities of Leicester, Bristol, York, Open University, Thomas Coram Research Unit, Cardiff, Glasgow and Royal Holloway, London. Harriet has been commissioned by Jessica Kingsley publishers to edit a series of five books – the Child Welfare series.

Admission to the Programme

All applicants should obtain an application form from UCAS. Your school or college will have a copy of the handbook, or you can write directly to:

The Secretary, UCAS,
Rosehill, New Barn Lane,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL52 3LZ UK

The UCAS Code for Loughborough is **LBRO L79** and
for Criminology and Social Policy: **ML24 BSc/CrSP**



'A' Level Applicants

We welcome applications from students taking A Levels or a mixture of A and AS Levels. We do not recommend nor favour any particular subjects over others and we accept General Studies as a subject in its own right. A typical offer for Criminology and Social Policy is 300 points EITHER from 3 A levels OR from 2 A levels and 2 different AS levels (NB: the points levels can change).

We accept General Studies at either level. Normally all candidates to whom we wish to make an offer will have the opportunity to visit the University to look over the attractive campus and to talk to staff and current students about the degree course.

Applications from Mature and Access Students

We welcome applications from mature students with work experience or other qualifications and from students following Access courses. If you have any initial queries please get in touch with the Programme Director who will be pleased to answer them for you.

Other Qualifications

We welcome applications from students with BTEC and VCE qualifications, the Scottish Certificate of Education, Open University foundation course credits and the International and European Baccalaureates.

Overseas Applicants

We welcome applications from students resident outside the UK who may wish to study for the degree or to take modules for one or two semesters. The University's modular system facilitates the easy transfer of module credits for overseas degrees.

Useful Information

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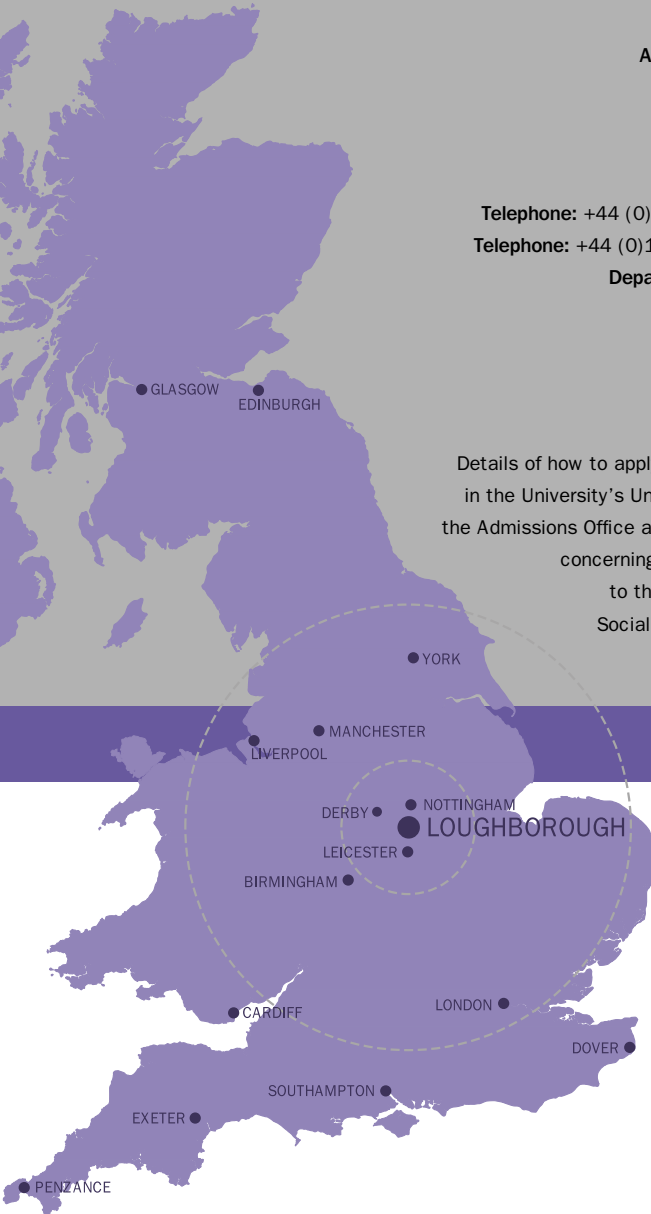
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Details of how to apply for the degree programme are set out in the University's Undergraduate Prospectus, available from the Admissions Office at the above address. All other enquiries concerning the degree programme should be sent to the Programme Director, Criminology and Social Policy, Department of Social Sciences, at the above address.



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