

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

KEY FACTS

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| Programme name | BSc Psychology with Criminology |
| Award | BSc |
| School | School of Health & Psychological Sciences |
| Department or equivalent | Department of Psychology |
| UCAS Code | L3C8 |
| Programme code | USCRPS |
| Type of study | Full Time |
| Total UK credits | 360 |
| Total ECTS | 180 |
| Partner (partnership programmes only) | NA |
| Type of partnership | NA |

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Criminology & Psychology are complementary fields. Understanding the human behaviour and factors contributing to general patterns of behaviour, psychological functioning and experience are key to understanding and predicting criminal behaviour and formulating criminal justice responses to crime. This degree will give you an understanding of crime, crime control and criminal justice alongside the biological, social, clinical and cognitive factors that influence behaviour.

The department of Psychology already offers a very popular degree in Psychology. However Psychology is the 3rd most popular degree subject to take in the UK (Complete University Guide, 2014), and with 1000s of students graduating with a degree in psychology each year, if you have an interest in criminology and a career in the criminal justice field, this degree will set you apart. We offer a high quality degree and equip you with the skills needed for a competitive market. This includes British Psychological Society (BPS) accreditation of the degree pathway that leads to a Graduate Basis for Registration of the BPS (GBR) if you obtain at least a lower second class honours degree and successfully complete the psychology project in the third year of your degree.

This BSc in Psychology with Criminology is taught within two strong, research-based departments, encouraging analytical and critical thinking, the careful appraisal of evidence and the application of various technical skills. You will learn about a broad range of topics within the discipline of psychology, including the application of psychological knowledge in a range of professional areas, and you will learn to appreciate how the subject progresses through the careful use of research methods. A wide range of transferable skills are also incorporated into the programme to enhance your employment prospects. In addition to modules in psychology, you will be taking Criminology modules taught by Criminologists in the Department of Sociology.

Through these modules you will develop a 'criminological imagination', as you are introduced to the different theoretical and applied approaches to understanding crime, criminal behaviour and criminal justice. You will develop the research expertise to investigate crime and criminal justice data, and the proficiency to engage critically with

real-world criminal justice policy debates. You will acquire criminological expertise and skills to give you the competitive edge in applying for careers in government departments concerned with crime and crime control, the core professions allied to the criminal justice system and related fields, or for postgraduate studies.

In sum, the interdisciplinary BSc Psychology with Criminology degree equips you for a career across a broad range of sectors in the fields of criminology and psychology, and its' intersections. The programme is also an excellent preparation for further study in psychology or criminology at MSc level, but is also very well suited for those interested in pursuing careers across a broad range of sectors.

Aims

- 1) Provide a full range of different core and elective topics for you to learn.
- 2) Offer you a curriculum that is up-to-date and informed by the research interests of the teaching staff.
- 3) Provide you with a solid grounding in a range of research methodologies and statistical data analysis techniques.
- 4) Encourage you to develop your analytical and critical capacities as applied to the relation between theory, evidence and method.
- 5) Encourage you to develop a capacity and an enthusiasm for self-directed learning in order to prepare you for a diverse range of careers as well as for further study and lifelong learning in a rapidly changing social world.
- 6) Encourage you to develop transferable skills including strong communication and presentation skills, group working skills, and time and work management skills.

WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?

On successful completion of this programme, you will be expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding:

- Demonstrate specialised knowledge of a number of research areas in psychology, and the ability to evaluate critically different theories/models and the evidence for them.
- Demonstrate specialised knowledge of key concepts and theoretical approaches within criminology and the ability to evaluate their use in a wide range of different contexts.
- Analyse, evaluate (using evidence-based reasoning) and appreciate the concepts within cognitive psychology, biological psychology, theories of personality, group influences and decision-making, and developmental psychology.
- Show an appreciation of the changing role of crime and justice in social life and the diverse ways in which they may be articulated with other social, economic and political relationships in different societies such as for example, the UK, the USA, Japan and South East Asia.
- Demonstrate the ability to distinguish between the ways in which concepts and

perspectives from criminology and related disciplines – including psychology– can be used to analyse and evaluate different forms of criminality, criminalisation and criminal justice.

- Evaluate the different ways in which criminality, criminalisation and criminal justice are affected by local and global political, economic and cultural transformation and patterns of social inequality.
- Demonstrate a systematic understanding of research methods, including qualitative and observational research methods, and the design and advanced statistical data analysis of experimental and correlational research.

Skills:

- Carry out an extensive piece of independent empirical research, including selecting a research question, searching and summarising previous literature, planning and conducting an empirical investigation, and demonstrating awareness of ethical and methodological issues.
- Present and evaluate research findings.
- Evaluate evidence from a methodological perspective.
- Use a broad range of relevant computer skills, including word processing, statistical software, presentation graphics and appropriate use of internet resources.
- Demonstrate scientific reasoning.
- Demonstrate independence of thought and taking responsibility for your own learning and skill development.
- Provide evidence of accurate exposition and critical analysis of research findings in a wide variety of different contexts.
- Demonstrate the capability to retrieve and synthesise information from a number of different sources in order to understand the complexities of issues relating to crime, criminality, criminalisation and criminal justice.
- Demonstrate the ability to assess the value and relevance of the ideas of others; to evaluate complex arguments and their factual support.

Values and attitudes:

- Identify and respect ethical issues in social science research.
- Appreciate the importance of honesty in the conduct of scientific research.
- Appreciate the value of the scientific approach to the study of mind and behaviour.
- Respect and acknowledge the work of others.
- Acknowledge and value diversity of opinion and ideas, and respect individual differences.

This programme has been developed in accordance with the QAA Subject Benchmark for Psychology and Sociology.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

The Programme has been designed to meet the Subject Benchmarking Statement for Psychology and Sociology, published by the QAA and the requirements for First Qualifications in Psychology by the BPS. The Teaching and learning strategy is adapted to the different levels of the Programme.

Programme Stage 1: We encourage the development of independent learning skills, requiring you to take responsibility and initiative for their own learning. You will need to acquire knowledge of the key phenomena and concepts in psychology at level 4. Lectures are used to provide you with facts, commentary and explanation of key content areas. Lab-based teaching is used to help you develop skills and understanding of research methodology, statistics and report writing. You will have tutorials with your Criminology & Psychology personal tutor to develop professional skills needed to develop good academic skills and complete various assessments. You will use self-directed CAL tutorials to assist your development of general skills in ICT and web-based information use. You will be assessed through a mix of term-time assessments, exams and coursework.

Programme Stage 2: Core areas of knowledge are covered through lectures. Research methods skills are developed through group project work. You will be expected to read more widely in the primary literature and learn more about the different theories and models used to explain key phenomena. Evaluative skills are important at level 5, involving an appreciation of how evidence is used to support or refute theory. You will be assessed through a mix of term-time assessments, exams and coursework.

Programme Stage 3: Teaching focuses on topics in psychology and criminology related to current research interests of the academic staff, and also related to professional postgraduate training. The learning and teaching strategy differs from module to module. Many involve student-led seminar presentations and problem-based assessments. You will be expected to develop understanding at a deeper critical level of the relation between theory, evidence and methodology. Theories are also evaluated on the basis of predictive power, specificity and internal coherence. Modules relating to professional applications of psychology aim to provide a clear and critical understanding of the validity and value of psychological theory in an applied setting. You will be assessed through a mix of term-time assessments including seminar presentations, exams and coursework. For Programme Stage 3 you must choose a minimum of 3 Criminology electives.

You will typically complete 6 modules per year. Modules vary in contact hours but usually involve one 2-hour lecture per week and an associated tutorial/clinic hour. Research methods modules have more contact time. Typically one 2-hour lecture, one statistics workshop, 1 laboratory class per week. In addition, you will be expected to undertake self-directed study hours for each module of approximately 10 hours per week. Some of these hours will include use of online learning tools such as Moodle.

WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

Assessment and Assessment Criteria

Assessment methods include essays, problem-based assessments, presentations, class tests, lab reports, lab classes and end of year exams. The assessments are varied for

each module and all details regarding the assessment, the grading of assessment and what is expected of you is provided in each module handbook.

To satisfy the requirements of the course and achieve a degree in BSc Psychology with Criminology you are required to complete and pass a 30 credit empirical Psychology Project in Programme Stage 3. Your Project can take on a Criminology and Psychology theme and apply the theory of Psychology to the criminology field.

Assessment Criteria are descriptions, based on the intended learning outcomes, of the skills, knowledge or attitudes that you need to demonstrate in order to complete an assessment successfully, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured. Grade-Related Criteria are descriptions of the level of skills, knowledge or attributes that you need to demonstrate in order to achieve a certain grade or mark in an assessment, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured and placed within the overall set of marks. Assessment Criteria and Grade-Related Criteria will be made available to you to support you in completing assessments. These may be provided in programme handbooks, module specifications, on the virtual learning environment or attached to a specific assessment task.

Feedback on assessment

Feedback will be provided in line with our Assessment and Feedback Policy. In particular, you will normally be provided with feedback within three weeks of the submission deadline or assessment date. This would normally include a provisional grade or mark. For end of module examinations or an equivalent significant task (e.g. an end of module project), feedback will normally be provided within four weeks. The timescale for feedback on final year projects or dissertations may be longer. The full policy can be found at:

https://www.city.ac.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0009/452565/Assessment-and-Feedback-Policy...pdf

Assessment Regulations

In order to pass your Programme, you should complete successfully or be exempted from the relevant modules and assessments and will therefore acquire the required number of credits. You also need to pass each Programme Stage of your Programme in order to progress to the following Programme Stage.

Each Programme Stage is weighted differently with a gradual increase in the level of contribution each Programme Stage offers. Programme Stage 1 is weighted at 10%, Programme Stage 2 at 30% and Programme Stage 3 at 60%.

The Pass mark for each module is 40% and all modules require you to achieve a minimum mark of 30% in the individual components (and 40% for research methods modules). *Details will be found in the module specification.*

If you fail an assessment component or a module, the following will apply:

1. Compensation: where you fail up to 30 credits or one sixth of the total credits within a Programme Stage, whichever is greater, you may be allowed compensation if:

- Compensation is permitted for the module involved (see the What will I Study section of the programme specification), and
- It can be demonstrated that you have satisfied all the Learning Outcomes of the modules in the Programme Stage, and
- A minimum overall mark of no more than 10% below the module pass mark has been achieved in the module to be compensated, and
- An aggregate mark of 40% has been achieved for the Programme Stage, and
- The total volume of credits compensated over the entire degree does not exceed 45 credits.

Where you are eligible for compensation at the first attempt, this will be applied in the first instance rather than offering a resit opportunity.

If you receive a compensated pass in a module you will be awarded the credit for that module. The original component marks will be retained in the record of marks and your original module mark will be used for the purpose of your Award calculation.

2. Resit: where you are not eligible for compensation at the first attempt, you will be offered one resit attempt.

If you are successful in the resit, you will be awarded the credit for that module. The mark for each assessment component that is subject to a resit will be capped at the pass mark for the module. This capped mark will be used in the calculation of the final module mark together with the original marks for the components that you passed at first attempt.

If you do not meet the pass requirements for a module and do not complete your resit by the date specified you will not progress to the next Programme Stage and the Assessment Board will require you to be withdrawn from the Programme.

If you fail to meet the requirements for a particular Programme Stage or the Programme, the Assessment Board will consider whether you are eligible for an Exit Award as per the table below.

If you would like to know more about the way in which assessment works at City, please see the full version of the Assessment Regulations at:

http://www.city.ac.uk/data/assets/word_doc/0003/69249/s19.doc

WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?

Bachelor's Degree with Honours:

| Programme Stage | HE Level | Credits | Weighting (%) | Class | % required |
|-----------------|----------|---------|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| 1 | 4 | 120 | 10 | I | 70 |
| 2 | 5 | 120 | 30 | II upper division | 60 |
| 3 | 6 | 120 | 60 | II lower division | 50 |
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Ordinary Degree:

| Programme Stage | HE Level | Credits | Weighting (%) |
|-----------------|----------|---------|---------------|
| 1 | 4 | 120 | 10 |
| 2 | 5 | 120 | 30 |
| 3 | 6 | 60 | 60 |

| Class | % required |
|------------------------|------------|
| With Distinction | 70 |
| With Merit | 60 |
| Without classification | 40 |

Diploma of Higher Education:

| Programme Stage | HE Level | Credits | Weighting (%) |
|-----------------|----------|---------|---------------|
| 1 | 4 | 120 | 30 |
| 2 | 5 | 120 | 70 |

| Class | % required |
|------------------------|------------|
| With Distinction | 70 |
| With Merit | 60 |
| Without classification | 40 |

Certificate of Higher Education:

| Programme Stage | HE Level | Credits | Weighting (%) |
|-----------------|----------|---------|---------------|
| 1 | 4 | 120 | 100 |

| Class | % required |
|------------------------|------------|
| With Distinction | 70 |
| With Merit | 60 |
| Without classification | 40 |

WHAT WILL I STUDY?*

Programme Stage 1

Programme Stage 1 consists of 8 compulsory 15 credit modules in Psychology and Criminology.

| Module Title | SITS Code | Module Credits | Core/ Elective | Compensation Yes/No | Level |
|---|-----------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-------|
| Cognitive Approaches to mind and behaviour | PS1003 | 15 | C | Y | 4 |
| History and Theory of Psychology | PS1004 | 15 | C | Y | 4 |
| Biological approaches to mind and behaviour | PS1005 | 15 | C | Y | 4 |
| Lifespan Psychology | PS1006 | 15 | C | Y | 4 |
| Research Design and Analysis (Quantitative Methods) | PS1007 | 15 | C | Y | 4 |

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| Research Design and Analysis (Laboratory Methods) | PS1008 | 15 | C | Y | 4 |
| Criminology | SG1019 | 15 | C | Y | 4 |
| Criminal Justice | SG1023 | 15 | C | Y | 4 |

Programme Stage 2

All modules in Programme Stage 2 are compulsory

| Module Title | SITS Code | Module Credits | Core/ Elective | Compensation Yes/No | Level |
|---|-----------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-------|
| Research Methods in Psychology | PS2009 | 15 | C | N | 5 |
| Statistical Methods in Psychology | PS2010 | 15 | C | N | 5 |
| Cognitive Psychology | PS2002 | 15 | C | N | 5 |
| Biological Psychology | PS2004 | 15 | C | N | 5 |
| Developmental Psychology | PS2005 | 15 | C | N | 5 |
| Social Psychology | PS2006 | 15 | C | N | 5 |
| Personality and Differential Psychology | PS2007 | 15 | C | N | 5 |
| Victimology | SG2058 | 15 | C | N | 5 |

Programme Stage 3

Programme Stage 3 consists of a 30 credit Psychology Project, and six 15 credit electives. You must choose a minimum of 3 Criminology modules for your electives. You have the opportunity to take PS2008 Introduction to clinical Psychology as a Stage 3 elective. Please note, if you want to choose Clinical Skills, you must take PS2008 Introduction to Clinical Psychology. It is a co-requisite.

| Module Title | SITS Code | Module Credits | Core/ Elective | Compensation Yes/No | Level |
|--|-----------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-------|
| Project in Psychology | PS3001 | 30 | C | N | 6 |
| Memory and the law | PS3028 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Introduction to Clinical Psychology | PS2008 | 15 | E | Y | 5 |
| How the Neurosciences inform Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy | PS3027 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Introduction to Counselling Psychology | PS3030 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Forensic Psychology | PS3032 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Decision Making & Behavioural Economics | PS3003 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Approaches to Autism | PS3007 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Health Psychology and Behaviour Change | PS3012 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |

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| Organisational Psychology | PS3013 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Social and Cognitive Neuroscience | PS3019 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Introduction to Educational Psychology | PS3022 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Social Psychology for Behaviour Change | PS3033 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Emotions | PS3034 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Critical Psychology: Opportunities for a Progressive Discipline | PS3035 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Clinical Skills | PS3037 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| From Genes to Behaviour | PS3038 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Practicing Psychology: Voluntary Experience | PS3100 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Youth crime | SG3038 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Policing | SG3036 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Criminal Behaviour | SG3037 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Crime, Culture and the City | SG3076 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Criminal Justice in Crisis | SG3082 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Leisure the Body and Deviance | SG3083 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Micro-Placements | SA3000 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |
| Industry Projects | SA3100 | 15 | E | Y | 6 |

**Please note that this is an indicative list. These modules are subject to change depending on staff availability, student demand and some are offered on a biennial basis. There is no guarantee that every elective module listed above will run.*

TO WHAT KIND OF CAREER MIGHT I GO ON TO?

Upon successful completion, this accredited psychology degree gives you graduate basis chartered membership to become a chartered psychologist in any field of psychology including, but not limited to, criminal psychology. This BPS accredited degree enables you to apply for postgraduate training in psychology, including criminal or forensic psychology, and criminology.

The interdisciplinary nature of the degree, combining criminology and psychology gives you a well-round profile and uniquely qualifies graduates to work in psychologist roles within criminal justice organisations such as police forces, the Home Office, Ministry of Justice, Probation Service or Police and Crime Commissioner Offices. You may also consider a career in the third sector working with victims, witnesses or offenders, as well as in research and policy making roles where the solid methodological training a BPS accredited degree affords are of a great advantage. Examples of relevant third sector organisations are Victim Support, Women's Aid, refuge, ADVANCE, Narco, or Mind.

If you would like more information on the Careers support available at City, please go to: <http://www.city.ac.uk/careers/for-students-and-recent-graduates>.

WHAT STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

As an Undergraduate student you can undertake a period of study abroad whilst completing the programme. This is possible through the SASS Exchange Programme, a year of study at one of our European and/or international partner universities via a sandwich year, which is undertaken between completing Programme Stage 2 and entering Programme Stage 3, extending the degree to four years.

The resulting degree title awarded would be: BSc Psychology with Criminology with Study Abroad.

Participation in the SASS Exchange Programme is through an application process. You are encouraged to investigate the opportunities available to you within your Department in your first year at City.

Information and support for this programme is provided by the SASS Exchanges Team (SASS.Exchanges@city.ac.uk).

WHAT PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

As an Undergraduate student you can undertake a one year work placement whilst completing the programme. This is possible through joining the Integrated Professional Training Programme, which is a sandwich year that is taken between completing Programme Stage 2 and entering Programme Stage 3, extending the degree to four years.

The resulting degree title awarded would be: BSc Psychology with Criminology with Integrated Professional Training.

In identifying relevant placement opportunities you should consider your long-term plans for employment; whether the work placement proposed is relevant to final year modules; whether it might provide experience on which a project could be based.

Information and support for this programme is provided by the SASS Placements Team (SASS.Placements@city.ac.uk).

1) You should discuss your plans with the relevant Department Placement Officer at the earliest opportunity, preferably during the autumn term of their second year.

2) The work placement must extend over a minimum of 9 months and a maximum of 12 months (including holidays allowed by the employing body). The Placement should normally run between the 1st September and the 31st August in the following year.

3) The placement must be approved by City as providing suitable supervision and training.

4) Participant students are required to pay an administrative charge to cover the School's costs associated with the work placement. This will be in the form of a reduced tuition fee for the placement year, which will cover continued enrolment with City and access to all of its facilities.

WILL I GET ANY PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION?

Accreditation Body: British Psychological Society

Nature of Accreditation:

Provides the necessary first degree qualification for further training on BPS accredited Master's and Doctoral level courses. Graduate Basis for Registration for the BPS. You must achieve a minimum of a lower second class honours degree and successfully complete the Psychology Project.

This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist and Provides the necessary first degree qualification for further training on BPS accredited Master's and Doctoral level courses.

HOW DO I ENTER THE PROGRAMME?

Entry Requirements 340 UCAS tariff points. Typically gained from 'A' Level grades AAB. Other qualification combinations achieving 340 UCAS tariff points will be considered.

English Language and Mathematics or Statistics at GCSE grade B (or equivalent).

RPL/RPEL Requirements: Students may apply for RPL/RPEL for a minimum of one module and a maximum of 120 credits (direct entry to Year 2). Students who wish to gain direct entry onto Year 2 of the degree must be able to demonstrate that they have passed Year 1 of an equivalent BPS approved programme at another institution. They must also demonstrate that they have met the learning outcomes for Programme Stage 1 of the City Psychology with Criminology degree.

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