BA (Hons) Criminology with Psychology [Top Up]

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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Criminology and Psychology	Bachelors Degree (Level 6)	-	1 year full-time/2 years part-time	September 2027

The Course

This is a course that lends itself to understanding theory of crime psychology whilst engaging you in real-world practical experiences. The modern investigator requires a range of skills both criminological and psychological. The balance of delivery prepares you for processes at a crime scene, investigative techniques and file/report construction to present your findings. Written collaboratively with the Criminal Justice System, this Top Up degree will prepare you for a range of roles and/or further studies in this specialist investigative area.

Course Aims

- Demonstrating a detailed and sophisticated knowledge of ethical, cultural influences and contemporary contexts within social sciences Develop and deliver an agreed outcome based on the critical evaluation of research information Employing relevant digital information and communication technologies proficiently to generate ideas, present arguments and outcomes through collaborative practices and conference presentations Employing selected research methodologies to generate ideas and be able to present a range of social solutions to solve specific challenges Solving social problems in practical and conceptual ways Communicating investigative and factual material, providing an informed critical insight into the context and social thought process for a successful result The acquisition and demonstration of conceptual knowledge within core areas of psychology. Understanding the empirical bases of the discipline. Evaluating the psychological interventions within the Criminal Justice System Demonstrating sustainable development focusing on interconnections and interdependencies between economic, social and environmental factors

What You Will Study

- Investigation: Under the Microscope - this module will allow for real-world investigation, combining both criminological and psychological skills, whilst considering the failings in investigations and the subsequent consequences.
- Criminal Psychology and Penology - you will consider the penal system and 'What Works?' What are the implications of incarceration and what are the alternatives?
- Dissertation - This is an independent research project of your choice.
- Visual Criminology: Social Media and Visual Narratives – this module will address the contemporary approach to criminology through the means of social media. What are the implications and how is this converted into the new genre of creativity in social sciences?
- Crime and Corruption in the 4th Industrial Revolution - cybercrime, phishing, scams and data management will develop your greater understanding of the next generation of technology services.

Entry Requirements

You will need a Foundation Degree in a Social Science related subject (or related HND) or Ordinary Degree plus a Satisfactory Reference.

Life and/or experience of non-traditional students will be taken into account when considering applications. The successful completion of an entry task may be required when considering applications without the required formal entry qualifications.

If your first language is not English, or a Tier 4 student visa to study is required and GCSE grade C/4 English or equivalent is not held, English language proficiency level such as International English Language Testing System (IELTS) 6.0 overall (with a minimum 5.5 in each skill) will need evidencing.

Teaching and Learning Approach

This programme is delivered with a variety of learning and teaching approaches to include all students' learning styles and preferences. For all modules, theory lectures are delivered that aim to deliver the core content and provide the underpinning knowledge. To complement the theory lectures, students have group seminar sessions that are used to reinforce concepts delivered theoretically. The teaching methods focus on facilitating a student centered approach to enhance the independent learning that takes place outside of the classroom.

Time Required on Campus

As a full-time course, this programme includes approximately 10 to 16 hours a week of teaching, including lectures, seminars, debates and tutorials. You are also expected to carry out a significant amount of private study in addition to contact time (25-30 hours a week). Studying part-time you will have approximately 5-7 hours of contact time each week, including lectures, seminars, practicals and tutorials. You are also expected to carry out a significant amount of private study in addition to contact time (18-20 hours a week). Students can expect to receive their timetables during induction week.

Work Experience

Work experience is not an integral part of the programme, but you may wish to continue to undertake work experience as this is invaluable to your CV and career direction.

How You're Assessed

This programme offers a varied approach to assessment that aligns with industry including Documentary; Case Study; Essay; Research Project; Visual Portfolio; Micro Teach and delivery at a conference. Opportunities for feedback on assessments are available prior to the final submission to support student development and achievement. Staff aim to return assessed work within a 20-working day timeframe (not including holidays) in order that students can most benefit from the feedback.

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- There may be additional costs for DBS if you are seeking additional experience within relevant sectors. The cost will be dependent on the level of check completed, and would be at your expense. You can check the current cost on the www.gov.uk website.
- A suitable electronic device, e.g. a laptop or tablet, with internet connectivity is required for accessing online learning.
- Any educational visits/trips and enrichment activities will be additional to the course fees. You will be made aware of these optional visits and associated costs as required.
- On successful completion of the programme, you will have the opportunity to graduate at a ceremony wearing formal dress. The hire of the formal dress is an additional cost.

Progression

Graduates have the potential to complete further higher study (i.e. Masters or PhD) in a range of subjects, including Criminology, Psychology, or Sociology. Graduates would also be in a strong position to progress onto a variety of different graduate schemes offered by organisations such as the Police, Probation Service, or Social Services, such as the 'Think Ahead' fast-track mental health social work scheme, the Police Now 'National Graduate Programme', or the 'Unlocked Graduates' prison leadership devleopment programme to name a few.

Careers

On successful completion of this programme, graduates can go on to careers such as a Police Constable or Detective; Prison Officer; a clinical or criminal psychologist, support worker for ex-offenders assisting with employment, housing and family integration processes; court usher, administrator, Youth Justice worker and victim support advisor.

Financial Information

Find the full details of the fees associated with this programme and the financial support available on our https://www.bishopburton.ac.uk/degree-level-courses/information/fees-and-finance.

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