

COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT

Academic School / Department:	Humanities & Social Sciences
Programme:	Criminology
FHEQ Level:	4
Course Title:	Introduction to Criminology
Course Code:	CRIM 4101
Total Hours:	160 (Lev 3-5) (4 US Credit)
Timetabled Hours:	45
Guided Learning Hours:	15
Independent Learning Hours:	100
Credit	16 UK CATS credits 8 ECTS credits 4 US credits

Course Description:

The course immerses students in the fundamental theories and evidence that shape the field of criminology. It explores various approaches to understanding crime, criminal justice, and policing, engaging with a range of crime types including juvenile delinquency, white-collar crime, rioting, and crimes against women and minorities. Additionally, the course examines organised crime, addressing the unique challenges and complexities it presents. Finally, it highlights the increasing importance of cybercrime in contemporary society.

Prerequisites:

None

Aims and Objectives:

- To critically engage students with the key theories used in the study of criminology.
- To critically engage students with data and evidence concerning crime.
- To provide a background for eventual careers in fields (including work in government, international organisations, business, and the media) which require articulate, clear-thinking individuals with a grasp of contemporary crimes, criminal institutions, and crime prevention strategies.
- To provide a framework to assist concerned citizens to think critically about issues that are of increasing importance in the 21st century.
- To promote critical engagement with a wide range of literature, and the development of both a succinct writing style, and the ability to present complex arguments orally.

Programme Outcomes:

A4I; B4I; C4I

A detailed list of the programme outcomes are found in the Programme Specification. This is located at the archive maintained by Registry and found at:

<https://www.richmond.ac.uk/programme-and-course-specifications/>

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, successful students should be able to:

- Demonstrate broad knowledge and understanding of the core theories and methods in Criminology.
- Demonstrate a broad understanding of key issues in the discipline of Criminology.
- Demonstrate broad communication skills (including digital literacy) in deploying ideas and information across a range of different formats and media.

Indicative Content:

- Major theoretical approaches to criminology & evolution of the field.
- Measuring crime: a critical evaluation of sources of data and of trends and patterns in crime.
- Understanding types of crime: juvenile delinquency, 'white collar' crime, rioting, crimes against women and minorities. cyber-crime.
- Victimology.
- Crime and criminal organisation .
- Institutions of criminal justice and crime prevention strategies.
- Contemporary Issues in Criminology (i.e. intersectionality, environmental crimes).

Assessment:

This course conforms to the University Assessment Norms approved at Academic Board and located at: <https://www.richmond.ac.uk/university-policies/>

Teaching Methodology:

This course will be delivered face to face through a combination of lectures and interactive sessions. In addition to classroom activities, there are guided learning elements that are tutor led and arranged through Blackboard. These activities can be asynchronous online sessions, flipped classrooms, set readings with discussion boards or set guest lectures for example. Set activities are monitored by the instructor to ascertain student engagement. Students are encouraged to prepare for class and to play an active part, to raise questions, following-up ideas and interact with a wide range of provided material.

Indicative Text(s):

- Carrabine, E. *et al.* (eds.) (2020) *Criminology: A Sociological Introduction*. 4th edn. London: Routledge.
- Liebling, L., Maruna, S. and McAra, L. (eds.) (2023) *Oxford Handbook of Criminology*. 7th edn. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Lilly, J.R., Cullen, F.T. and Ball, R.A. (2018) *Criminological Theory*. 7th edn. USA: Sage.
- Newburn, T. (2017) *Criminology*. 3rd edn. London: Routledge.
- Seigel, L. (2017) *Criminology: Theories, Patterns and Typologies*. 13th ed., 2017. USA: Wadsworth Publishing.

See syllabus for complete reading list.

Change Log for this CSD:

Nature of Change	Date Approved & Approval Body (School or AB)	Change Actioned by Registry Services
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