Postgraduate programmes in
Criminology and Criminal Justice
Psychology Law

With academic direction from:

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World class. Worldwide.
Join the World Class

1. **Gain an in-depth understanding of criminology, criminal justice and psychology law**
   You will learn how to apply specific qualitative and quantitative methodologies to generate new knowledge informing your understanding of criminology and psychology law.

2. **Progress to a master’s qualification**
   You can apply to the programme through two entry routes depending on your qualifications. The performance-based admission entry route allows you to apply if you do not meet the requirements for direct entry. You can also progress to a master’s qualification if you have registered for the postgraduate diploma or postgraduate certificate.

3. **Delivered by experts in the field**
   These MSc programmes have been developed with Royal Holloway, University of London. You will learn from highly experienced professionals and practitioners, combining academic excellence with industry-related knowledge and expertise.

4. **Opportunities to take your career further**
   You will develop skills that are applicable across a range of roles in public sector organisations including, but not limited to, central government, the police, the courts, prison and probation services, charities that work with offenders or victims of crime and social welfare services.

5. **A mark of excellence**
   You will earn an internationally recognised qualification from the University of London. The University has a track record of teaching, innovation and research dating back 160 years.
Key dates

Applications and registration open:
1 December 2021

Applications close:
7 March 2022

Registrations close:
21 March 2022

Programme starts:
4 April 2022
A University of London degree from anywhere in the world

Welcome to the MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice and MSc Psychology Law.

Our innovative programmes will give you the competitive edge you need to succeed in these diverse and challenging fields.

In an age of global insecurity there is increasing demand for professionals, practitioners and researchers who can work across disciplinary boundaries and engage with complex problems in crime causation and management.

These postgraduate programmes are designed for committed individuals who are involved or aspire to participate in important debates around criminal behaviour, penal policy, public safety and social justice. Our unique programmes will equip you with the specialist knowledge and skills you need to make a difference in the demanding fields of criminology, criminal justice and psychology law.

Taught by highly-experienced professionals and practitioners from a range of disciplines, our MSc programmes provide you with a sought-after combination of breadth of study and specialisation. We will give you the historical and criminological imagination required to appreciate the complexity of criminal justice and psychology law within a global context. You will learn both how to evaluate and how to challenge received explanations of current issues and controversies.

Our approach is global because criminal justice and psychology law deal with transnational debates. Recent events across the world have shown the vital importance of equality in the distribution of justice.

As a graduate from our MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice or MSc Psychology Law, you will be an ambassador for these values wherever your career takes you.
A trusted name in global education

The University of London is one of the world’s leading universities, internationally recognised for its high academic standards.

This reputation is based on the outstanding teaching and research of our 17 Member Institutions.

Among former students are six Nobel Prize winners, including Nelson Mandela and Charles Kao, a pioneer in the development of fibre-optics.

London made global

Founded in 1836, the University of London is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK and is internationally regarded as a centre of academic excellence. In 1858, we made our degrees available to study anywhere in the world.

Today, we have more than 48,000 students in over 190 countries, studying on 100-plus degrees, diplomas and certificates.

A prestigious leader in research

The programme has been developed with Royal Holloway, University of London, a UK top 25 university (The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021).

As one of the UK’s leading research-intensive universities Royal Holloway is home to some of the world’s foremost authorities in law, arts, business, economics and the sciences.
A contemporary approach to studying

The MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice and MSc Psychology Law programmes address criminological and criminal justice issues and complex social problems associated with the causes, management and administration of crime and offending behaviour. These issues are considered within the broader criminal justice societal context.

By studying these programmes, you will:

- gain advanced critical thinking skills and the ability to identify and solve complex problems in a range of psychology law and public policy environments
- develop an extensive, policy-oriented and vocationally relevant knowledge of psychology law and criminal justice
- demonstrate a systematic understanding of the causes of crime and offending in the criminal justice context
- demonstrate a sound knowledge of the texts, theories and methods used to enhance understanding of the issues, processes and phenomena within the criminal justice system.

In some countries, qualifications earned by distance and flexible learning may not be recognised by certain authorities or regulators for the purposes of public sector employment or further study. We advise you to explore the local recognition status before your register.
How you study

These MSc programmes are offered fully online and allow you to flexibly fit your studies around your schedule. You can choose to study individual modules on a pay-as-you-go basis and build up your qualification at your own pace.

The programmes explore a range of qualitative and quantitative strategies used to evaluate and solve complex problems, and make informed evidence-based decisions on criminological and criminal justice issues.

Each module will be taught over a 20-week session followed by a separate assessment window.

Programme structure

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All modules from the MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice and MSc Psychology Law programmes, excluding the project module, are available to study on a stand-alone basis, subject to module availability. For further information on available modules, please visit: [london.ac.uk/criminology-psychology-law](http://london.ac.uk/criminology-psychology-law)
Online support

The programmes are delivered online and there is no requirement to come to the UK as part of your studies. Our flexible online programmes allow you to work around your own schedule and lead to a globally-recognised qualification.

When you register, we will create your Student Portal account. You can then access your University of London email account and other key resources including:

- The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which offers online learning support and study materials, access to online academic support and discussion areas which allow you to communicate with fellow students.
- The Student Guide provides information which is common to all students and gives guidance on a range of issues relating to your study experience.
- The Online Library provides over 100 million academic electronic items comprising ebooks, ejournals, conference proceedings etc.

In addition, you can request items which are not held in the library via the Online Library’s Inter-Library Loan service with the British Library.

- Senate House Library provides free reference for all registered distance and flexible learning students.

Module leader support

You will receive online module leader support while studying these programmes. Module leaders introduce the modules, respond to queries, monitor discussions and provide guidance on assessments.

Assessment

The format and mode of assessment for these programmes may change due to events or circumstances beyond our control. You will be informed of their assessment arrangements via the VLE, once confirmed. For the latest information on assessment, please visit: london.ac.uk/exams

Study materials

All essential resources, activities, videos, discussions and support are provided through the VLE. This allows you to fit your studies around your work commitments. There is no need to purchase additional textbooks.

Time commitment

The flexible approach to learning allows you to complete the MSc in a minimum of two and a half years (subject to module availability) to a maximum of five years.

You can study at your own pace, adjusting the intensity of learning to suit your needs.
Entrance requirements and further information

**Entrance requirements**

**Entry route 1 – Direct entry route**
To qualify to register for direct entry to the MSc, PGDip or PGCert, you will need a:

- bachelor’s degree which is considered at least comparable to a UK second class honours degree **or**
- postgraduate qualification from an institution acceptable to the University.

Directly related professional work experience and/or directly related professional qualifications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Entry route 2 – Performance-based admissions route**
If you do not meet the requirements for direct entry, you can apply for the MSc via the performance-based admissions (PBA) route.
To qualify for entrance via the PBA route, you will need:

- a bachelor’s degree from an institution acceptable to the University **or**
- an aegrotat (certificate) from an institution acceptable to the University.

Students on the PBA route may transfer to the MSc on successful completion of one module (30 credits).

**Entrance to the individual modules**
To qualify to register for an individual module you will need a bachelor’s degree from an acceptable institution or aegrotat (certificate).

**English language requirements**
You must satisfy the English language requirements for the programmes. For more information on the requirements please visit: bit.ly/english-reqs

If you do not meet the English language proficiency requirements but believe that you can demonstrate the requisite proficiency, the University may, at its discretion, consider your application.

**Computer requirements**
The University of London sets minimum basic computer requirements because your study resources are accessed via the Student Portal.
For these programmes, you will need regular access to a computer with an internet connection. You will also need a media player (such as VLC) to play video files.
For more information about computer requirements, please visit: bit.ly/computer-reqs

**How to apply**
Please refer to the MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice and MSc Psychology Law webpages for details on how to apply: london.ac.uk/criminology-psychology-law

**Fees**
The total fee payable to the University of London for 2022–2023 will be published on our website. On average, fees incur a five per cent year-on-year increase. For the latest information on programme fees, please visit: london.ac.uk/fees

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