FdA Criminology with Psychology

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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Criminology and Psychology	Foundation Degree (Level 5)	Full-Time	2 years full-time/4 years part-time	September 2027

The Course

The aim of the FdA Criminology with Psychology is to prepare students for roles in both the Criminal Justice System and independent investigation organisations through theory and applied processes. The programme encourages professionalism in industry and develops skills required by employers, whilst supporting new policies and procedure. For those wishing to become a police constable, the market of courses through local and national universities have been secured, the design of this program will entice those wishing to join the direct entry detective route or similar investigative roles in society.

Course Aims

- • Evaluating and utilising knowledge and understanding of historical and cultural criminological and psychological theory in real-world problems • Sourcing, selecting, retrieving, analysing, and managing research information to inform the development and delivery of an agreed outcome • Utilising digital information and communication technologies effectively • Communicating facts, employing a range of presentation of findings and discipline-specific materials and processes to articulate information verbally, visually and literacy • Engaging with challenging and unfamiliar situations in an ethical and reflective manner • Collaborate successfully with a diverse community to ascertain and contribute to learned skills and/or community engagement. Working with autonomy and responsibility whilst supporting oneself and highlighting self-awareness and development. • Appraising practical and theoretical concerns within psychology, practicing effective and ethical information management. • Applying the principles of environmental and sustainable design in a social setting, reduce crime, improve community cohesion and increase awareness of sustainability • Developing skills for effective decision making in work-related and work-based contexts, and for career planning, progression and personal development

What You Will Study

Year 1

- Social Science Skills
- Understanding the Societal Consequences of Criminal Behaviour
- Essential Criminology
- Foundations of Psychology
- Crime Scene Management with Forensics
- Professionalism in Industry

Year 2

- Psychology and Crime in Practice
- Research Methods for Social and Behavioural Sciences
- In the Field
- Globalisation: Impact of Transnational Crime
- Criminal Profiling and Offender Psychology

Entry Requirements

You will need:

A minimum of 72 UCAS points

Plus:

GCSE English 4 or above or equivalent and a suitable reference

UCAS points may be from qualifications such as T Levels, A Levels, BTEC Level 3 Extended Diplomas, Access to Higher Education Diplomas, and City and Guilds Advanced Technical Diplomas amongst others. Please use the UCAS Tariff points calculator to determine the UCAS points value of your qualifications.

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

Advanced entry may be possible due to prior experience or certificated learning; applicants will need to complete the recognition of prior learning approval process.

Teaching and Learning Approach

This programme is delivered with a variety of learning and teaching approaches to include all students' learning styles and preferences. The pedagogic approach to social science education is essentially integrative and holistic, enabling the student to draw upon all learning to identify and solve complex problems. For all modules, theory lectures are delivered that aim to deliver the core content and provide the underpinning knowledge. To complement the theory lectures, you will have group seminars that are used to reinforce concepts delivered theoretically. The teaching methods focus on facilitating a student-centred approach to enhance the independent learning that takes place outside of the classroom.

Time Required on Campus

The full-time pathway includes approximately 12 to 16 hours a week, incorporating 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 5-9 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). You can expect to receive your timetable during induction week.

Work Experience

You are expected to source a work placement to cover 70 hours of volunteering in a relevant industry, which may be a chosen career path.

How You're Assessed

Assessment includes written assignments, presentations, reflections, team tasks, role play, micro teach, laboratory assessment, practical/placement and a vlog or blog. Opportunities for feedback on assessments are available prior to the final submission to support your development and achievement. Staff aim to return assessed work within a 20-working day timeframe (not including holidays) so that you 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, students 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

Upon successful completion of the FdA Criminology with Psychology you may progress to the BA (Hons) Criminology with Psychology (Top Up).

Careers

The whole programme is designed with the Criminal Justice Sector and gives employment opportunities throughout the sector. Our alumni have gone on to gain employment as Police Constables, Prison Officers, Probation Officers and support networks for ex-offenders. Current students are volunteering as Police Specials.

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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