

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Criminology and Sociology – 2023 Entry

Duration of programme: 4 years (where students join the programme in year 1)

Award on successful completion: Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Location of delivery: Abertay University, Bell Street, Dundee

Accreditation:

Composition of the programme: 120 SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) credits in each academic year, delivered in modules of 20 credits each, with 3 modules taken in term 1, and 3 in term 2 each year. In years 1 and 2, students have the opportunity to take modules outside their main subject. A 40 credit independent dissertation is included in the final year.

Contact hours and workload: Each academic year typically requires 1200 hours of student effort; on average across the 4 years of this programme, 20 % of that time is in lectures, seminars and similar activities; the remainder is independent study.

Assessment methods: A variety of assessment methods are used, which include Reports, Essays, Set Exercises, Presentations and Exams.

Academic staff: This programme is delivered by staff in the Division of Sociology in BLS School. Staff profiles can be viewed at http://www.abertay.ac.uk/studentlife/schools/BLS/staff/

Core modules in the programme:
Introduction to Crime and Punishment
Criminal Justice Theories & Processes
Contemporary Social Issues
Criminological Theories
Classical Social theory
Social Research in Action 2
Contemporary Social Theory
Penal Institutions
Gender, Crime & Victimology
Social Research in Action 3
Dissertation
Political Sociology
Other modules that may be offered, but are subject to change over time:
Media & the Digital Society
Social Research in Action 1: Scotland
Intro Policing Module
Gender & Sexuality
Cybercrime & Policing Technology

Drugs, Addiction & Society
Sociology of Race & Ethnicity
Criminalisation in the 21 st Century
Work Placement
Zemiology, Harm & Power
Cultural Criminology
Death Killing and Conflict
Problems of Human Survival in the 21 st Century
Human rights
Environmental Criminology

Developments in the discipline

The curriculum within all Criminology and Sociology modules is expected to develop over time, to maintain real world connection and salience. The discipline of Criminology is continually evolving across all its substantive areas of study. However, the key subject areas are unlikely to change. New developments are readily incorporated into the core curriculum without having to change fundamentally module structures.