

BA with Honours in Criminology – 2016 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

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. The final year includes a 40 credit independent project.

Contact hours and workload: Each academic year typically requires 1200 hours of student effort; on average across the 4 years of this programme, 19% of that time is in lectures, seminars and similar activities; the remainder is independent study.

Assessment methods: Assessments include essays, reports, critical reviews, case studies, examinations, presentations and a final year dissertation. Around a third of the course is assessed through examination, although the precise proportion will be dependent on each student's module choices.

Academic staff: This programme is delivered by staff in the Division of Sociology in the School of Social and Health Sciences. Staff profiles can be viewed at <http://www.abertay.ac.uk/studentlife/schools/shs/staff/>

Core modules in the programme:
Crime and Punishment
Classical Social Theory
Criminal Justice Processes
Theories of Crime and Deviance
Contemporary Criminological Theory
Police, Policing and Police work
Researching Society
Penal Institutions
Sociology Honours Project
Contemporary Issues in Criminological Research
Other modules that may be offered, but are subject to change over time:
Criminal Law and Evidence
History and Social Change
Contemporary Social Issues
Controlling Crime
Introduction to Law
News, Truth and Power
The Social Construction of Surveillance and Cyber crime
Sociology of Gender
Race, Ethnicity and Migration
Death, Killing and Conflict

Propaganda, PR and Misinformation
Screening Crime: From Detectives to Serial Killers
Political Sociology
Community Links
Policing and Criminal Justice in the 21st Century
Human Rights

Developments in the discipline

The curriculum within all Criminology and Sociology modules, including core modules, is expected to evolve over time, to maintain a real world connection. The discipline of Criminology is continually evolving, with most new developments coming in policy, criminological and social theory. However, the core subject disciplines are unlikely to change. New developments are readily incorporated into the core curriculum without having to fundamentally change the module structure.