



south essex college



Criminology & Forensic Investigation BSc (Hons)

Southend Campus

This programme, which is aimed at those looking to progress to a career in criminology, forensic investigation or investigative policing, will enable you to understand the core causes of criminal behaviour and the principles of crime scene investigation.

Overview

Important This course is subject to validation by the University of East Anglia (UEA).

Important You can read a comprehensive guide to this course containing full details in our [Course Information Guide](#).

This course is underpinned by the four key distinct disciplinary strands of Forensic Investigation, Criminology, Criminal Justice and Work Related Skills/Experience. These four strands enable you to analyse contemporary issues from a range of multidisciplinary perspectives, providing essential transferable skills for employment. In addition, the course provides you with a well-rounded knowledge base, application and experience of work-related skills for progression onto higher level

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educational courses or to relevant industry employment.

The course operates on a modular basis, all of which are compulsory. You will take 120 credits each year. In Year one you will take three modules weighted at 20 credits and two modules weighted at 30 credits. In Year two, you will take six modules weighted at 20 credits each. In Year three, the Dissertation is weighted at 40 credits, and you will take two modules at 30 credits and one at 20 credits.

About this course

Why should I do this course?

- Staff have connection with industry and bring in a variety of guest lecturers across the different fields
- A number of opportunities for visits including attending court cases and working with human skeletal remains
- Small class sizes with increased access to tutors and facilities mean that you will get the support you need to complete your studies
- A third of our graduates go on to further studies in related areas such as pathology, psychology and social work
- A diverse mixture of assessment types allows for more vocational, practical training better preparing you for the demands of the field

What's covered?

Year one units

- Introduction to Criminology
- Introduction to Policing
- Introduction to Forensic Science
- Academic Skills and Applied Practice
- Crime Scene Investigation

Year two units

- Criminological Research Methods
- Criminal Investigation and the Justice System
- Cybercrime and Society
- Role of an Expert Witness
- Serious Offenders and Imprisonment
- Forensic Taphonomy and Entomology

Year three units

- Dissertation
- Professional Development
- Terrorism, Security and Political Violence
- Mass Disaster Studies

Work placements

40 hours at Level 6 of formally agreed workplace learning within a relevant criminological or forensic investigation field.

Timetables

Timetables are normally available a month before registration. Please note that although we endeavour to make timetables as student-friendly as possible, teaching can be scheduled on any day of the week. However, Fridays are usually non-contact days.

Teaching

You are taught through a combination of lectures, seminars and laboratory practicals. Seminars enable you to discuss and develop your understanding of topics covered in lectures. In addition, you will have timetabled tutorials.

Independent learning

When not attending timetabled sessions, you will be expected to continue learning independently through self-study. Typically, this will involve reading journal articles and books, undertaking research, preparing presentations and preparing for examinations. Your independent learning is supported by excellent library facilities.

Guest speakers

There are several guest speakers during the programme, for example:

- A crime scene Investigator from Essex Police
- A forensic psychologist
- A Detective Chief Inspector

Visits

There are a number of visits as part of the programme, these are optional and not included in the cost of the programme, they include:

- A visit to the Central Criminal Court
- A visit to the British Library

Contact hours

- 13 hours per week in years 1 and 2
- 10 hours per week in year 3

Contact hours include two hour lectures, one hour seminars and one hour tutorials.

How will my work be assessed?

There is a formal or 'summative' assessment at the end of each module. Assessment methods include:

- Written examinations
- Essays
- Reports
- Portfolios
- Presentations
- Final year dissertation

The grades from formal assessments count towards your final module mark.

Feedback

You will receive feedback on all formal assessments undertaken by coursework and practical activities. Feedback on examination performance is available on request from the module leader. Feedback is intended to help you learn and you are encouraged to discuss it with your module leader. We aim to provide feedback within 20 working days for formal assessments (coursework and practical activities).

What can I do after this?

Potential career routes include working in main stream policing (possibly as an officer or crime scene technician), the criminal justice and prisons system, or in businesses that may be at risk from financial fraud or cyber-crime. Graduates from this degree programme may also seek employment in related areas such as teaching or probation after a period of further study.

Further study options include:

- MSc Crime and Forensic Science
- MSc Forensic Analysis
- MSc Anatomy
- MSc Forensic Psychology
- MA Social Work

You could also train to teach the subject by studying the PGCE, available at University Centre Southend.

Graduate destinations

Employment from previous graduating cohorts have included roles within Essex and Metropolitan Police, disaster victim identification, counter terrorism within financing, teaching, domestic abuse co-ordinators, laboratory testing, prison workers, crime scene investigators and within human rights groups such as Amicus. Students have also progressed on to higher level training and have entered Masters Qualifications in Criminology, Terrorism Studies, Digital Forensics, Anthropology and Research. In addition, graduates of the programme have also undertaken teacher training and have achieved either QTS or QTLS, enabling them to take up roles in mainstream schools across the primary, secondary and further education sectors.

Entry requirements

- 64 UCAS Tariff Points or above
- At least two A levels
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma/Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Certificate [QCF]
- BTEC National Award/Certificate/Diploma [NQF]International Baccalaureate
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma (minimum 30 credits at Merit or above)

For any qualification not identified above the HE Admission Team will determine equivalences through UKNARIC.

GCSE English Language and Maths at Grade C (old specification) or Grade 4 (new specification) or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as Functional Skills.

Applicants wishing to be considered for entry to the second or third year of study, or wishing to import credits or evidence of prior learning into the course for which they are applying, will be considered in accordance with the awarding bodies policy on Accreditation of Prior (Experiential) Learning.

Applying

Full-time courses

Applications for full-time courses should be made through the [Universities and Colleges Admissions Service \(UCAS\)](#), quoting institution code S43 and the UCAS code for your chosen course.

Part-time courses (incl. short full-time)

Applications for all part-time Honours Degree, Foundation Degree, PGCE, CertEd (full-time and part-time), Certificate of Higher Education and Diploma of Higher Education courses at South Essex College should be made directly to the College using the online application form or by completing a paper application form and mailing it to our freepost address:

HE Admissions
South Essex College
Freepost SMU 110
Luker Road
Southend on Sea
Essex
SS1 1BR

Need more info? Take a look at [applying for your course »](#)

Course options

| Venue | Starts | Attendance | Duration | Provision | Cost | Cost Details |
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| Southend Campus (Luker Road) | Monday, September 28, 2020 | Full time | 3 years | Higher Education | £8000.00 | Fees are per academic year for home and EU students. |