

Course Information

Award: BSc (Hons) Criminology and Forensic Investigation

UCAS Code:
LF64

Location:
South Essex College of Further and Higher Education
University Centre
Luker Road,
Southend-on-Sea
Essex
SS1 1ND

Awarding body:
University of East Anglia

Professional body accreditation:
N/A

Duration:
3 years (full time)

Academic year:
Oct 2019 – May 2022

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.

Entry Requirements

Entry requirements 2019-20:
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
- 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.

International applicants

If English is not your first language you will need an IELTS score of 7.0 with a minimum score of 6.5 in each component (Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking), or an equivalent English Language qualification.

Additional requirements:

Credit transfer and accreditation of prior learning or experience:

If you have achieved a qualification such as a foundation degree or HND, or have gained credit at another higher education institution, you may be able to enter the course at level 5 or level 6. Other qualifications and relevant work experience may also count for academic credit. Further information is available at in the Higher Education Admissions Policy & APL Policy for students studying on the University of East Anglia Degree.

Course Overview

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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 students to analyse contemporary issues from a range of multidisciplinary perspectives, providing essential transferable skills for employment. In addition, the course provides students with a well-rounded knowledge base, application and experience of work-related skills for progression onto higher level 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 1 you will take 3 modules weighted at 20 credits and two modules weighted at 30 credits. In Year 2, you will take 6 modules weighted at 20 credits each. In Year 3, the Dissertation is weighted at 40 credits, and you will take two modules at 30 credits and one at 20 credits.

A copy of the rules and regulations governing the course is available

<https://www.southessex.ac.uk/higher-education/higher-education-policies>

Module Information

Year 1 for full-time students (Level 4)

Semesters 1 and 2

CF101 Introduction to Criminology 30 credits

CF103 Introduction to Policing 30 Credits

CF104 Introduction to Forensic Science 30 credits

Semester 1 only

CF105 Academic Skills and Applied Practice 20 Credits

Semester 2 only

CF102 Crime Scene Investigation 20 Credits

Year 2 for full-time students (Level 5)

Semesters 1 and 2

CF201 Criminological Research Methods 20 credits

CF202 Criminal Investigation and the Justice System 20 Credits

Semester 1 only

CF203 Cybercrime and Society 20 Credits

CF205 Role of an Expert Witness	20 Credits
Semester 2 only	
CF204 Serious Offenders and Imprisonment	20 Credits
CF206 Forensic Taphonomy and Entomology	20 credits

Year 3 for full-time students (Level 6)

Semesters 1 and 2

CF301 Dissertation	30 credits
CF302 Professional Development	20 Credits
CF303 Terrorism, Security and Political Violence	30 credits
CF304 Critical Incidents in Fatality Management	30 Credits

Teaching and Learning

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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.

Overall workload

Your overall workload consists of class contact hours spread over two days, independent learning and additional activities such as educational visits (where scheduled).

Level 4: 48 per cent of your time is spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity
52 percent of your time is spent in guided independent study

Level 5: 48 per cent of your time is spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity
52 percent of your time is spent in guided independent study

Level 6: 32.5 per cent of your time is spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity
55 percent of your time is spent in guided independent study
12.5 per cent of your time is spent on placements

Assessment & Feedback

Assessment

There is a formal or 'summative' assessment at the end of each module. Assessment methods include written examinations and a range of coursework assessments such as essays, reports, portfolios, presentations and the final year dissertation. The grades from formal assessments count towards your final module mark.

Percentage of the course assessed by coursework

Year 1*

25 per cent coursework 1 per cent written exams 8 per cent practical exams

Year 2

83 per cent coursework 17 per cent written exams

Year 3

100 per cent coursework

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).

Course Cost

Fees

For the academic year 2019-20 the tuition fees for this course are: £8,000

UK/EU Overseas

Full-time

The following course-related costs are included in the fees:

- Loan of Personal Protective Equipment required for practical sessions.
- Compulsory visits to museums and other institutions in the UK.
- An allowance of printing credit.

The following course-related costs are not included in the fees:

- Additional printing costs above your allocation.
- The cost of books that you might wish to purchase.
- Any optional trips.

Accommodation and living costs not included in the fees

This information can be obtained from our Accommodation Services home page

<https://www.southessex.ac.uk/higher-education/accommodation>

Sources of financial support

If you receive funding from Student Finance you may be eligible to apply for additional benefits.

Details can be obtained from our Student Services home page

<https://www.southessex.ac.uk/higher-education/fees-and-funding>