



Studying Criminology and Law together provides a fascinating approach to two complementary fields in the Social Sciences.

As well as gaining a detailed and in-depth understanding of the criminal justice system, you will examine related elements of the legal system and critically analyse their connection with criminal behaviour in terms of the individual and wider society, focusing on the political, psychological and social aspects of criminology.

Modules are:

Level 4

Skills for Interdisciplinary Study

Whether it has been years since you studied or you have barely taken a breath since your last essay, this module is the gateway to your brand new course. We will be looking both at developing your skills as a learner and also helping you look at problems from different perspectives. You will be introduced to your online academic community and discover more about the key skills needed for your course. You will, at the same time, be developing the personal skills demanded by employers to help you to improve your career prospects.

Crime & Society

This module will provide you with an introduction to the study of criminology from its beginnings in the 1700s right up to all the latest thinking about crime and criminal justice. You will discover why they call criminology a 'rendezvous discipline', with its mix of sociology, psychology, law and political philosophy. You will start to explore theories about crime and models of criminal justice, as well as looking at explanatory factors for crime, such as social class, gender, family, health, education and race and ethnicity, and consider some criminology sub-branches, such as victimology.

Criminal Justice System

Here you will be introduced to the criminal justice process in England and Wales. You will consider the concept of justice, processes within the Criminal Justice System and the consequences of criminal justice. The implications of discrimination in terms of age, gender, class and race will be considered, and you will also explore competing views of the aims and objectives of policing, prosecution, the courts and correctional services. You will be introduced to the complexity of the criminal justice remit including issues ranging from property crime to contemporary slavery and cybercrime; and discuss the problem of dealing with new challenges in a period of shrinking resources.



English Legal System

How much do you know about how law is made and applied in England and Wales? Well, this will fill in the gaps. You'll find out about the differences between case law and legislation, you'll analyse how the legal system and parliament rub along together - not to mention how the EU fits in. You'll also start learning the jargon, to help you understand about the judiciary, delegated legislation and categories of law.

Criminal Law

Once you've nailed the basics of criminal law, you'll weigh up criminal liability, offence development and different defences - in both case law and legislation. You'll even look at the future of criminal offences - and get practical by using real-life scenarios.

Law & Ethics

The law is one thing - but what about ethics? This module will put the spotlight on civil and human rights, how to advise your clients and where your responsibilities lie. We'll throw you a few knotty problems to get your teeth into, too.

Level 5

Research and Ethics in Action

This project gives you the chance to showcase your abilities in a piece of work that you design. You will scope out a project and design a methodology to undertake it, learning how to consider different perspectives and developing a range of skills with wide application in the workplace. You will also be required to consider the ethical issues of the work that you are undertaking, which will also give you a chance to think about how we should

incorporate ethics into our decision making. At the end of the module, you will apply all this in a practical way in your final project.

Contemporary Debates in Criminology

Issues relating to crime and justice are discussed on a regular basis in the media. This module will consider a range of topics currently being debated. These might include: hate crime; the age of criminal responsibility, including high-profile cases of juveniles committing serious offences; global organised crime and terrorism; and miscarriages of justice. Beneath all these topics are deeper issues about how the State should function, including policies that address social exclusion, the integrity of police investigations and civil liberty vs surveillance

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

You'll have touched on this in the first year but here you'll really get to grips with human rights. What rights and freedoms do we really have? How much power do the police wield? What's the relationship between individuals and the state?

Tort Law 1 (Negligence)

The law of tort is considered in Tort 1 and Tort 2. In law, tort is a civil wrong and you'll learn about lots of them. You'll apply a critical eye to the best-known area of tortious liability and negligence. Is a duty of care owed to the injured person? Has someone breached that duty? Did that cause the injury? Could you have known the injury might happen? And what can be done about it?



Tort Law 2 (Other Torts)

Round two and the world of tortious liability will become your oyster. We're talking things like trespass, defamation and nuisance. With your critical hat on, you'll think about all the aims, principles and issues - and you'll show you can get stuck into a spot of legal research.

Policing and Police Powers

The aim of this module is to enable you to understand the variety of police work carried out in England and Wales, including policing functions, strategies and accountabilities. You will also consider the wider implications of youth and community police relationships, international aspects of policing and the complex task of striking a balance between surveillance and civil liberties. Public order policing, community policing, police effectiveness, and information on police recruitment and working culture are also explored as part of this module.

Level 6

Cybercrime

In October 2015 it was reported that the rate of UK crime more than doubled. The reason for this was the inclusion of a staggering 7.6 million incidences of online fraud and cybercrime. In this module, you will consider the technological developments making this possible and explore links with other areas of the criminal justice system as well as how it relates to other parts of the programme.

Youth Justice

Beginning with a study of the historical development of the youth justice system, this module will give you the opportunity to think about how our society deals with young people and criminal behaviour. We will examine all the main current schools of thought and use them to analyse today's youth justice system.

Crime Prevention

Until recently, crime prevention has been considered as falling into administrative and policy areas. In this module, though, you will discover all the latest thinking, which takes criminological ideas about the causes of crime and applies them to the practical aspects of crime prevention. You will debate the strengths and weaknesses of these approaches and think about the merits of situational vs social measures in crime prevention. You will look at how communities, policing and the environment influence crime control and also have the chance to work practically to generate real ideas to put into practice.

Law of Evidence

Set your eye on the law relating to collecting and using evidence - and what proof really means. This module takes in important cases, as well as the Human Rights Act 1998.

Research Planning & Project

This is the final module of your degree and gives you the opportunity to specialise in an area of the programme that has interested you the most. It is a major piece of independent work and throughout your study we will provide you with the skills that you need to complete it. Working with your supervising tutor, you will choose an interdisciplinary area related to your degree to research. You will have the opportunity to apply all the skills you have learned throughout the programme to demonstrate your ability to design and implement a piece of work. This provides a showcase for your abilities and something that evidences the sorts of skills demanded by employers. Your work will help you to understand the sometimes contradictory purposes of youth justice, take an informed look at current issues, and explore how policy and practice reflect our shifting ideas of justice for young people.



Course duration and hours of study

This varies depending on your rate of progress – you can access modules at a pace that is convenient for you. Once you have accessed a module, there is a minimum and maximum time that you will need to finish the module within.

You can find out more information on the course page, visit www.arden.ac.uk. Alternatively, please call our admissions team on:

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0800 268 7737 for more details.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for this course you must have either:

Two subjects at GCE A level or equivalent, plus passes at grade C or above in three subjects at GCSE level or equivalent; or completed a recognised Access Programme or equivalent.

For students whose prior learning was not taught in English:

IELTS 6.0 or equivalent.

If you have work experience

We're happy to consider an application from you if you can show us you have the motivation to study the programme.



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