CRIMINOLOGY AT KENT

Criminology examines questions such as: what is crime and who makes this definition? Why do people commit crime? What causes crime rates to rise or fall and who benefits? How should you deal with offenders and how can crime be prevented both effectively and ethically? If you’re interested in finding answers to these questions, come to Kent.
## WHY STUDY CRIMINOLOGY AT KENT?

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<td>University is different from school. You need to be self-motivated and well organised to succeed. We help you by assigning you an academic adviser, running a peer mentoring programme and offering help with academic skills, such as essay writing.</td>
<td>Being confident in working with data and making sense of it is a great skill that appeals to employers. You can benefit from the expertise of the Q-Step Centre at Kent by studying social analytics and quantitative research skills as part of your degree.</td>
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<td>Kent Union is run by students, for students, to help you make the most of university life. As well as running clubs, societies and social events, the student union is there to support you with advice on a wide range of issues and to ensure your voice is heard.</td>
<td>Kent is a campus university, so everything you need is within walking distance. You can watch a play or a film at the Gulbenkian arts centre, dance at The Venue nightclub, keep fit at our sports centre and meet friends at one of the many campus cafés and restaurants.</td>
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<td>Kent has strong links with local probation and youth justice agencies, police and social services, which means that you get the opportunity to meet leading practitioners in the field at guest lectures and seminars.</td>
<td>Employability is a priority at the University of Kent. By studying, you sharpen skills that are useful in working life, such as time management and developing an argument. We help you to develop a great CV and present yourself effectively to potential employers.</td>
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Stimulating programme

Criminology is a fascinating field to study: you examine crime, its causes, its perpetrators and its victims, as well as those responsible for enforcing the law. You are taught by experts in classical and contemporary theory who, as your understanding grows, challenge you to apply theory to practice and offer new ideas on preventing crime, reducing injustice and helping society to cohere. With modules on areas including gender and crime, digital culture, forensic psychology and youth crime, you can follow your own interests and pave the way for an interesting and absorbing career.

Independent rankings

The Times Good University Guide 2019
• Criminology at Kent ranked 6th overall

National Student Survey 2018
• Over 93% of Kent final-year students studying Law and related subjects such as Criminology who completed the survey were satisfied with the quality of their course

Research Excellence Framework
• Based on our results in the most recent Research Excellence Framework, the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research was ranked 2nd in the UK for research power

Teaching Excellence Framework
• Kent was awarded gold, the highest rating, in the UK government’s Teaching Excellence Framework*

*The University of Kent’s Statement of Findings can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement
Alejandro Javierre is in the second year of his Criminology with Quantitative Research degree.

Why did you choose Kent?
I knew I wanted to do criminology, so I looked at different universities and Kent had the most interesting range of modules. Then I came to an Open Day and decided that Kent was where I wanted to go.

Why criminology?
I studied psychology at A level and my favourite part of the course was forensic psychology, so I thought criminology would be something that I’d enjoy.

How did you find the move from A level to degree-level study?
It is quite a jump, but there’s lots of support available. Some lecturers ran workshops to help with essay writing and there’s also the Student Learning Advisory Service which runs classes to help you, so you get the hang of it pretty quickly. Also, you have an academic adviser who you can talk to, mine was very helpful.

Have you had a favourite module so far?
That’s a difficult question. In one module we looked at crime and society, it linked some of the ideas and theories in criminology to actual practices and real-life events. So for example one week we looked at graffiti and how criminology theories apply to that. It was fascinating and the examples really help to fix the theories in your head.

I also went to a summer school on quantitative research run by the University. It was fun and challenging; you analyse statistics and data and learn how to compare them and uncover what they actually mean. I hadn’t chosen to do quantitative research initially because I had only studied maths up to GCSE, but the way we were taught in the School made it very easy to pick up. I really enjoy the quantitative research side of my degree and it will open up a whole new area of potential careers.

How would you describe your lecturers?
They’re extremely passionate about their subject, and very keen to engage with students. You can see how their research feeds into their lectures which makes them incredibly interesting. They’re always willing to talk to you and respond within a few days if you email them.

What about your fellow students?
We’re quite a mixed group and I enjoy meeting people from different places and backgrounds. The debates in seminars are always interesting and sometimes carry on after the seminar. In my first year I had a peer mentor who really helped me, so this year I decided to become a peer mentor and do the same for someone else.

Have you joined any societies?
I work as a sub-editor for the student newspaper InQuire, I edit articles for the website and for the printed version of the newspaper, and write news articles. It’s great experience and I really enjoy doing it. I’m also vice president for the Turing College Committee and I’m a student rep, which involves talking to the other students and then raising any concerns at various meetings. It was a bit intimidating at first, but the academic staff are so approachable and friendly that it soon becomes easy.

What about the facilities on campus?
The library is amazing and having a really large nightclub on campus is great.

I like Canterbury too. It’s quite a small city but at the same time there’s enough going on so that you always have something to do.

What next?
I’m definitely considering a Master’s, either in criminology or something with quantitative research. In the future, I would like to have a career in quantitative research.

What advice would you give to a prospective student?
Make use of the lecturers, the professors. I know some people find it intimidating, but they’re always willing to talk to you. And join societies because they’re the best way to make friends.
CHOOSING YOUR DEGREE

Not sure which degree to choose? You can study Criminology as a single honours course, with another subject as joint honours, or with Quantitative Research. Here’s a guide to what’s available.

Criminology
www.kent.ac.uk/ug/234
Our Criminology degree gives you a thorough grounding in criminological theory and criminal justice policy from an international perspective. You can study cultural criminology, policing and security, violence, night-time economies, terrorism, drug use and youth crime, exploring the cause and effect of the overarching political, social and economic environment.

Criminology with Quantitative Research
www.kent.ac.uk/ug/1374
On this degree you take advantage of the expertise on offer at our specialist Q-Step Centre, funded by the Nuffield Foundation. Combining criminology with quantitative research, you learn how to undertake rigorous statistical analysis, draw conclusions, and communicate and present data. You can also conduct your own original research. Developing this combination of skills enhances your employment prospects and opens up a range of career paths. See www.kent.ac.uk/qstep for more details.

Joint honours
On a joint honours degree, your studies are split between two subjects. Joint honours degrees currently available are:
- Criminology and Cultural Studies (www.kent.ac.uk/ug/203)
- Criminology and Social Policy (www.kent.ac.uk/ug/202)
- Criminology and Sociology (www.kent.ac.uk/ug/360)
- Law and Criminology (www.kent.ac.uk/ug/326).

Studying part-time
It is possible to study criminology programmes on a part-time basis. You study the same modules as a student taking a full-time degree, taking Stage 1 modules over a period of two years and Stage 2 and 3 modules over a period of four years.

Medway programme
Criminal Justice and Criminology
www.kent.ac.uk/ug/365
We also run a three-year single honours programme at our Medway campus, focusing on the key elements of crime policy: policing, the courts, punishment and prevention. It is also available as a four-year programme with a year in professional practice, giving you the chance to gain essential workplace skills. For details, download the leaflet Criminal Justice and Criminology from www.kent.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/leaflets

International students
If you need to extend your existing academic qualifications or ability in English to be able to study at university level, Kent’s one-year International Foundation Programme (IFP) gives you the opportunity to do so. The IFP can provide progression to the criminology programmes. For details, see: www.kent.ac.uk/ifp

Teaching and assessment
Most modules involve a weekly lecture and small group seminar, each lasting an hour. On average, you have four lectures and four seminars a week if you are taking the degree full-time, or two of each if you are taking it part-time.

Most modules are assessed by coursework (50%) and written examinations (50%). Some modules take the form of an extended dissertation. Both Stage 2 and Stage 3 marks count towards your final degree result.
YEAR ABROAD

At Kent, you have the opportunity to broaden your experience by spending a year studying overseas.

The year abroad usually takes place between Stages 2 and 3 of your degree course.

Year abroad

Going abroad as part of your degree is an amazing opportunity and a chance for you to develop academically, personally and professionally. You gain confidence and independence and further develop many of the transferable skills employers are looking for, such as the ability to communicate effectively and to plan and organise your time. You also demonstrate that you are flexible in your outlook and have the enthusiasm and drive to succeed in a new environment.

For many students, their year abroad is a life-changing and rewarding experience. Having risen to the challenge of living in another country, they have a renewed belief in their ability to succeed.

We work with a wide range of partner universities in many countries, which currently include Belgium, Canada, Finland, China (Hong Kong), Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Singapore, Spain and the USA. At the majority of our partner universities you study in English.

You need to have reached certain academic standards in Stages 1 and 2 in order to participate.

Your year abroad is assessed on a pass/fail basis and doesn’t count towards your final degree classification. See www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad/opportunities/az.html for more information.

Work placement

If you choose to study Criminology with Quantitative Research, you have the opportunity to undertake a work placement module in Stage 3. The Q-Step Centre supports you in finding a suitable placement.

The work placement allows you to hone your skills in a practical setting, gain vital workplace or research experience and demonstrate to employers that you can apply your skills to real-life problems. You complete a portfolio reflecting on your experiences, which forms part of your assessment; the placement module counts towards your final degree classification. See www.kent.ac.uk/qstep for further information.
You develop a broad understanding of key aspects of criminology, before tailoring your programme to the areas that you find particularly interesting.

Note: Stage 1 of your degree is the first year for full-time students, Stage 2 is the second year and Stage 3 is the third year. Part-time students spend two years completing each stage. If you decide to spend a year studying abroad (see p9), you do this between Stages 2 and 3.

Module information
Please note: these module lists are not fixed as new modules are always in development and choices are updated yearly. The details are correct at the time of publication (June 2019). Please see www.kent.ac.uk/ug for the most up-to-date information.

To read a description of any of the modules listed, please go to www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules and type in the module code.

Stage 1
**Single honours**
You take the following compulsory modules:
- Crime and Society (SO333)
- Critical Thinking (SO341)
- Introduction to Criminology (SO305)
- Sociological Theory: The Classics (SO408).

**Criminology with Quantitative Research**
In addition to the compulsory modules listed above, students on this programme also take:
- Doing Social Research with Numbers (SO410)
- Critical Thinking (SO341).

Further modules are chosen from a range offered by SSPSSR and other schools such as Law, Politics and International Relations, and Psychology.

**Joint honours**
As a joint honours student, you take the following compulsory modules:
- Crime and Society (SO333)
- Introduction to Criminology (SO305)
- plus the compulsory modules for your other subject.

Any remaining modules can be chosen from a range of options.

Stage 2
At Stage 2, if you meet the requirements, you can change to the Criminology with Quantitative Research degree (see right). If you did not take Doing Social Research with Numbers at Stage 1, you can gain entry via a free summer school module:
- An Introduction to Quantitative Social Research (SO342).

**Single honours**
You take these compulsory modules:
- Criminal Justice in Modern Britain: Development, Issues and Politics (SO536)
- Social Research Methods (SO602)
- Sociology of Crime and Deviance (SO505).

Optional modules may include:
- Contemporary Sociological Theory (SO727)
- Digital Culture (SO657)
- Popular Culture, Media and Society (SO750)
- Race and Racism (SO537)
- The Sociology of Work (SO668)
- Welfare in Modern Britain (SO601).

**Criminology with Quantitative Research**
Students on this programme take:
- Criminal Justice in Modern Britain: Development, Issues and Politics (SO536)
- How to Win Arguments with Numbers (SO746)
- The Power and Limits of Causal Analysis (SO744)
- Qualitative Social Research Methods (SO546)
- Sociology of Crime and Deviance (SO505).

**Joint honours**
You take the following compulsory modules:
- Criminal Justice in Modern Britain: Development, Issues and Politics (SO536)
- Sociology of Crime and Deviance (SO505)
- plus the compulsory modules for your other subject.

Options are chosen from those available in the School, including those listed for single honours.
Stage 3

Single honours

You choose your modules from the wide range available in the School and beyond. Available modules may include:

- Caring for Vulnerable Adults: Understanding Social Care (SO678)
- Crime, Media and Culture (SO605)
- Cultures of Embodiment (SO676)
- Digital Culture (SO657)
- Drugs, Culture and Control (SO689)
- Emotion, Media and Culture (SO742)
- Enlightenment Revolution and the Modern Social World (SO764)
- Environmental Politics (SO525)
- Forensic Psychology: Theoretical and Applied Perspectives (SP637)
- Gender, Crime and Criminal Justice (SO533)
- Gender, Work and Equality (SO544)
- Globalisation and Development (SO684)
- Health Policy, Power and Politics (SO603)
- Issues in Criminology: The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Programme (SO747)
- Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering, Platinum Award (SO670)
- Literature and Society (SO737)
- Mental Health (SO532)
- Modern Chinese Societies (SO709)
- Narrative, Myth and Cultural Memory (SO621)
- Policing and Society (SO5011)
- Popular Culture, Media and Society (SO750)
- Poverty, Inequality and Social Security (SO575)
- Race and Racism (SO537)
- Reproductive Health Policy in Britain (SO595)
- Research Dissertation (SO679)
- ‘Selfies’: Individualisation and Society (SO6011)
- Social Sciences in the Classroom (SE556)
- The Sociology of Cybercrime (SO670)
- The Sociology of Imprisonment (SO711)
- The Sociology of Work (SO668)
- The Third Sector: Charities and Social Enterprises in Modern Societies (SO645)
- Violence and Society (SO534)
- War, Atrocity and Genocide (SO710)
- Welfare in Modern Britain (SO601)
- Youth and Crime (SO535).

Criminology with Quantitative Research

Students on this programme must take at least one of:

- Placement Module (SO748)
- Quantitative Research Dissertation (SO756).

Students then select further modules from those listed above.

Joint honours

Joint honours students choose their modules from those listed above. They may also take modules in their other subject.
SUPERB STUDY SUPPORT

We’ll support you throughout your time at Kent, from helping you adjust to university study to discussing module choices and essay topics with you.

You are assigned an academic adviser in your first year, and they help you get the most from your degree programme. They meet with you regularly to discuss general academic issues or specific assignments. They will assist you in developing academic skills and refer you to other sources of help if you need it.

Peer support
The best advice often comes from people who’ve been in your situation. On our Academic Peer Mentoring scheme, first-year students can request to be matched with second- or third-year students on a similar degree programme.

Peer mentors can help you settle into university life and find your feet. They can help you to discuss ideas and improve your study skills as you progress through your first year.

Study skills advice
Successful students take control of their own learning. Kent’s Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) can help you to increase your competence and confidence and fulfil your potential. You can request a one-to-one appointment or attend workshops on a diverse range of topics, from making the most of lectures to writing well and avoiding plagiarism.

Student support and wellbeing
You might need extra help to get the most from university. If you have a medical condition, specific learning difficulty, mental health condition or disability, the Student Support and Wellbeing team is there to support you.

The team is committed to improving access to learning for all students at Kent and can assist with many things, including:
• talking to your lecturers about any help you need in lectures or seminars
• arranging note-takers, signers and other support workers for you
• discussing exam access arrangements
• helping you with emotional, psychological or mental health issues
• applying for relevant funding to support you.

Find out more at: www.kent.ac.uk/studentsupport

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Alejandro Javierre
Criminology with Quantitative Research
See p7 for full profile.
Experience work

Taken as part of your degree programme, the Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering Platinum Award allows you to develop transferable skills in leadership, mentoring, project management and working within teams and organisations. The Social Sciences in the Classroom module gives you experience of working in a professional environment and communicating ideas effectively.

Find a great job

Your degree can lead to a wide range of rewarding career paths in both the public and private sectors. For instance, our graduates have gone on to work in the police force, local authorities, criminal justice services, youth services, social services and the Crown court. Others have gone into more general areas such as financial services, or on to further study.

We support you with tailored employability events, from exploring career options to presenting your skills and experience to employers.

Visit our careers fair to talk to potential employers and use our award-winning Careers and Employability Service for advice on preparing your CV. Our track record speaks for itself: over 95% of Kent graduates who responded to the most recent national survey of graduate destinations were in work or further study within six months (DLHE, 2017).

What do you hope to do once you have your degree? Whether you have a specific career path in mind or haven’t thought much beyond university, we can help you to achieve success in the future.

Build your CV

Your degree studies help you to develop skills such as analysing information, thinking critically, expressing yourself clearly, solving problems, plus working independently and as part of a team. These transferable skills are widely valued by employers in all sectors.

At Kent, you have lots of other great opportunities to enhance your skills. For instance, you could:
- join a society or sports club (even better – get involved in running it)
- volunteer in the community
- work in a part-time job or take up a summer internship
- represent your fellow students as a student rep, or become a student ambassador
- learn a new language or skill with Study Plus.

Getting involved like this means that you can earn Employability Points, which you can exchange for employability rewards. The more points you earn, the more valuable the rewards. We work with local, national and international employers to offer internships, work experience and a range of other activities that prepare you for the world of work.
What are your plans for the future?
In the future, I would like to work for organisations that are involved in investigating the art black market and the illicit trafficking of art.

What would you say to prospective students?
Kent is the perfect place to spend the three years of your undergraduate studies. It’s located near Canterbury, which is a small city that has lots of things to do and see, and is easy to explore on foot.

What advice would you give to prospective students?
In my first year, I lived in University accommodation, it was great and helped me to make lots of friends, many of whom I am still in contact with.

What attracted you to Kent and to this particular programme?
I decided to study at Kent because the Criminology and Cultural Studies degree allowed me to combine two of my interests. In addition, Kent’s position in the rankings convinced me to apply.

How were your studies? Which areas did you find particularly inspiring or interesting?
I really enjoyed the criminological part of the programme, especially the modules on criminological theories and a module that covered war, terrorism and atrocity.

Were your lecturers supportive?
Whenever I asked for help, the academic staff were always willing to help me.

How did your course prepare you for your future?
I now know how to write good essays, papers and reports.

Moreover, the degree taught me how to think outside the box.

How did you enjoy your time at Kent in general?
I enjoyed spending three years at Kent, there’s lots to do at the University and around the city of Canterbury, especially at night. I liked working in the library, I found it not just to be a place to study, but also a place where you meet new people, make friends and chill with them during breaks.

In what way has your degree helped you find further study?
I am currently enrolled on a Master’s in Security Policies. My degree at Kent helped me to move on to postgraduate study because it gave me self-confidence and a thorough understanding of the concepts and theories that I studied.

NEXT STEPS

Maria Francesca Bria graduated from her Criminology and Cultural Studies degree in 2018. She is now studying for a Master’s in Security Policies.
Choosing a university is a big step, so it’s important to find out as much as you can before you make your decision. Come and visit us to see what we can offer you.

Open Days
Open Days are a great way to find out what life as a student at Kent is like. For instance, you can:

- learn more about the course you are interested in at a subject presentation
- ask questions – talk to the academic teams at the information stands
- experience our teaching at a taster lecture*
- find out about student finance, opportunities to study abroad and extra-curricular activities such as those run by Kent Sport.

Explore the campus at your own pace on the self-guided walking tour. You can visit different types of accommodation, chat to current students and enjoy the stunning views over the city of Canterbury.

Open Days are held in the summer and autumn. Book your place at www.kent.ac.uk/opendays

Applicant Days
If you apply to Kent and we offer you a place (or ask you to come for an interview), you will usually be invited to an Applicant Day. Applicant Days run in the autumn and spring terms and are an opportunity to find out about the course in more detail. You spend time with your academic school meeting staff and current students, and take part in activities that give you a flavour of your prospective course and university life.

Informal visits
If you can’t make it to an Open Day or Applicant Day, you can still visit us. We run tours of the campus throughout the year. If you live outside Europe, we appreciate that you might find it difficult to attend our scheduled events, so we can arrange a personal campus tour for you and your family.

Let us know you’re coming
Scheduled tours and personal campus tours (for international students) need to be booked in advance – you can do this via www.kent.ac.uk/informal

Meet us in your country
Our staff regularly travel overseas to meet with students who are interested in coming to Kent. We also have strong links with

*Programme of events varies according to subject.
agents in your home country who can offer guidance and information on studying at Kent. To find out more, visit www.kent.ac.uk/courses/international

Self-guided tours
If you prefer to explore on your own, you can download a self-guided walking tour at: www.kent.ac.uk/informal or pick up a copy from us.

A self-guided audio tour is available too, which allows you to learn about Kent without even leaving home. See www.kent.ac.uk/courses/visit/informal/audio-tour.html

Explore online
If you can’t come and see us, you can find out more about the academic team, the course and extra-curricular events online at: www.kent.ac.uk/sspssr

Keep in touch with us via social media:
- www.facebook.com/Kentsspssr
- www.twitter.com/sspssr
- www.youtube.com/sspssr

Contact us
If you would like more information on Kent’s courses, facilities or services, please contact us on: T: +44 (0)1227 768896

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Required subjects
Criminology with Quantitative Research: GCSE grade C/4 in Mathematics.

Joint honours
MM19: AAA/ABB at A level, IB Diploma 34 points overall or 17 points at Higher, BTEC applicants assessed on individual basis. A typical offer would be DDD.

Flexible entry
The School is committed to widening participation and has a successful tradition of admitting mature students. We welcome applications from students on accredited Access courses.

Year abroad
See p9.

Scholarships and bursaries
For details of scholarships and bursaries, please see www.kent.ac.uk/ugfunding

Offer levels and entry requirements are subject to change. For the latest course information, see: www.kent.ac.uk/ug

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For the University to operate efficiently, it needs to process information about you for administrative, academic and health and safety reasons. Any offer we make to you is subject to your consent to process such information and is a requirement in order for you to be registered as a student. All students must agree to abide by the University rules and regulations at: www.kent.ac.uk/regulations
COME AND VISIT US

To find out more about visiting the University, see our website:
www.kent.ac.uk/visit