



# MA CRIMINOLOGY

Canterbury

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**Criminology at Kent provides an advanced understanding of all aspects of crime, criminal behaviour and justice systems in both UK and international contexts.**

## Reasons to choose this programme

- It is based in the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR), which was ranked 2nd in the UK for research power in the Research Excellence Framework (REF), 2014.
- It is a multidisciplinary programme, drawing on a range of modules relevant to contemporary issues and policy.
- SSPSSR is a large and vibrant academic centre of expertise where you are taught by research active academics.
- You have the option to present your own work at the Common Study Programme, a biannual student-centred conference. It is held with our university partners in a different location each year; locations have included Athens, Porto, Ghent, Rotterdam, Hamburg and New York.
- You have access to the School's excellent sector contacts and programmes of extra-curricular events and seminars to broaden your knowledge, skills and networks.
- It is based in an excellent location in the historic city of Canterbury, with easy access by train to London, Paris and Brussels.



## Compulsory modules Theories of Crime

This module traces the development of criminological theory starting with positivism and classicism, moving onto the Chicago School and subsequently to more contemporary theoretical approaches such as labelling theory, rational choice theory, realist criminology and cultural criminology.

## Research Methods in Criminology

You gain a thorough understanding of the theories, logic and methods underpinning criminological research and learn the principles required to design, conduct and interpret empirical research.

## Programme director Professor Roger Matthews

Professor Matthews' research interests are in the areas of penology, community safety and crime prevention. Recent publications have looked at social policy in the areas of prostitution and imprisonment.

## How to apply

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Full details of our terms and conditions can be found at:  
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*"I was fortunate to be able to study at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York as part of my degree. It was a fantastic experience, I worked with different academics and interviewed experienced narcotics officers. It challenged me to think differently and changed my approach to my dissertation."*

**Ryan Steenson**  
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