

Programme Specification

With effect from: September 2021

A programme specification is the definitive record of your programme of study at the University. It sets out the aims, learning outcomes, and indicative content of the programme. You should read this programme specification alongside the relevant module descriptors and the University's Taught Programme Academic Regulations.

This specification only applies to the delivery of the programme indicated below. The details in this specification are subject to change through the modifications or periodic review processes.

1 Programme name and award

This programme specification relates to the following award(s)

BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology

2 Aims of the programme

Rationale and general aims, including what is special about this programme

Criminology is an interdisciplinary subject that draws from a range of other areas such as sociology, psychology, law, and the social sciences to help understand and examine crime and criminal justice within society. Sociology is concerned with understanding human life and how humans shape and are shaped by the world around them. Bringing these two closely-related disciplines together, this programme examines some of the most significant challenges and problems facing society and has been designed to develop your critical understanding and awareness in an increasingly global and digital age. There is a roughly 50:50 split between the two disciplines throughout this programme with a specialist module in each area in each of the first two years.

Specifically, the first year of the programme establishes the fundamental ideas and theories within both criminology and sociology whilst allowing students to focus in an area of interest with the module 'Extreme Violence'. Students will examine the historical, cultural, political, and social implications of crime and broader topics and issues such as power, identity, consumption, and inequality. Students will learn how to access, retrieve, and organise information effectively, handle primary source material critically, and begin to make critical judgments in their study skills module.

Throughout your studies you will grapple with topics that challenge the ideas you hold about the world. Through the connection of theoretical knowledge, empirical grounded research, and practical professional skills development, you will develop a range of knowledge and skills throughout each level of study that culminates with the flexibility and freedom in your final year to specialise in areas of interest.

This programme also explores and challenges the self-image of the social sciences and their historical roots. Traditionally, for example, Criminology and Sociology are perceived as originating in Europe and this has consequently privileged Eurocentric accounts and views of the world. Whilst Criminology and Sociology have been influential disciplines in many ways throughout their history, it is important to address these legacies and influences, particularly when they are used as justifications for the perpetuation of social injustices and inequalities. In grappling with its challenging past and with contemporary critiques of Criminology and Sociology this programme asks you to consider the role that Criminology and Sociology should play in the 21st century.

Combined, the strands of sociology and criminology deliver a programme that is responsive to transformations in social life equipping you with a wide range of transferrable social science skills that will contribute to your academic and professional success.

3 Level Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes are expressed in terms of:

- Knowledge and understanding (K)
- Intellectual / cognitive / ‘thinking’ skills (I)
- Practical skills specific to the subject (P)
- Employability skills (E)

We design assessment tasks to enable you to demonstrate the level learning outcomes for your level of study. To a greater or lesser extent, all level learning outcomes are embedded into each assessment task. This means we can take a more integrated view of your overall performance at a level.

To progress to the next level, or to receive an award, you will need to satisfy the Level Learning Outcomes below and achieve credit as per the Taught Programme Academic Regulations.

Level Learning Outcomes	
Level 4	
K1	Basic knowledge and understanding of a range of core criminological and sociological topics and theories. The accurate use of scholarly conventions in evidencing arguments;
K2	A basic awareness of contemporary social problems and the processes underpinning crime, social change, conflict, and stability.
K3	Basic knowledge and understanding of the purpose of criminology and sociology and social scientific explanations. A basic understanding of the distinction between the social sciences and other disciplines and forms of knowledge

K4	A basic understanding of the impact of social processes and power on individuals, groups, and institutions, as well as a basic understanding of the relationship between social processes and inequality, diversity, and identity within society. An understanding of the relationship between individual action and social structure.
K5	A basic ability to explain social problems and phenomena through a basic application of sociological and criminological theory.
K6	An understanding and application of a variety of basic methods of social scientific research and analysis including quantitative and qualitative methods and approaches. An ability to assess the appropriateness of the use of qualitative and quantitative approaches to social research.
K7	A basic understanding of the contribution that criminology and sociology can make to the wider community and society, its role in promoting human values of equality and social justice, and an understanding of the use of social science knowledge across a variety of contexts including, professional, national, international, and third sector organisations.
I1	A basic ability to assess competing theories and explanations of social phenomena and the basic gathering and use of evidence to justify and evaluate competing ideas.
I2	A basic ability to bring together multiple pieces of evidence and academic arguments. A basic ability to offer conclusions from competing ideas and theories. The development of a reflexive approach to criminology and sociology that questions taken for granted ideas of the social world.
I3	A basic understanding and evaluation of ethics and values relevant to the application and purpose of criminology and sociology
I4	A basic ability to reflect on the relationship between empirical evidence, practical experience and theoretical understanding, and to demonstrate a basic understanding of the limits of social scientific knowledge
I5	The ability to discuss and work with others to present ideas in a reasoned way. The ability to initiate, design, and present a basic project on a topic within the social sciences.
I6	The ability to begin to employ criminological and sociological knowledge in an integrated way to explore real-world problems including, but not limited to, those associated with inequality, identity, and injustice.
Level 5	
K1	Detailed knowledge and a developing critical and analytical understanding of a range of core criminological and sociological topics and theories. The accurate use of scholarly conventions in evidencing arguments;

K2	A developing awareness of contemporary social problems and their historical formation. A developing understanding of the role of comparison and cultural context within criminological and sociological thinking. A developing understanding of processes of social change, conflict, crime, and stability.
K3	A developing understanding of the purpose of criminology and sociology and of social scientific explanations to social phenomena. A developing awareness and understanding of how criminological and sociological knowledge differ from other disciplines.
K4	A developing awareness and understanding of social processes and the relationship between individual action and social structure. A developing critical understanding of the relationship between and questions of power, diversity, inequality, difference, class, victimisation, and identity.
K5	A developing independence in applying criminological and sociological theories and concepts in order to understand and examine social problems. The development of knowledge of a range of fields within criminology and sociology.
K6	The detailed understanding and application of a variety of methods and methodologies within the social sciences, including complex quantitative and qualitative methods and approaches, as well as ethical challenges to social research. An understanding of methods of data collection and different sources of data.
K7	An understanding of the contribution that criminology and sociology can make to the wider community and society and its role in promoting human values of equality and social justice, and an understanding of the use of criminological and sociological knowledge across a variety of contexts including, professional, national, international, and third sector organisations.
I1	A developing ability to assess competing criminological and sociological theories and explanations of social phenomena and problems, and a secure use of evidence from a range of sources to offer a sustained and analytical assessment of the merits of competing ideas.
I2	A developing ability to synthesise bodies of evidence and academic arguments. A developing ability to offer well-reasoned conclusions based on the interpretation of competing arguments. A secure ability to reflexively question taken for granted ideas of the social world.
I3	The consideration and evaluation of ethics and values relevant to the application and purpose of criminology and sociology within a variety of settings.
I4	A developing ability to reflect on the relationship between empirical evidence, practical experience and theoretical understanding, and to understand the limits of social scientific knowledge
I5	The ability to discuss and work with others, to interpret and present ideas and theories on a criminological or sociological topic. A secure ability to work with others or to work independently to initiate, design, analyse, and conclude a piece of work.
I6	The ability to employ social scientific knowledge in an integrated way to explore and address real-world problems including, but not limited to, those associated with inequality, identity, and injustice.

Level 6	
K1	Detailed knowledge and a secure critical and analytical understanding of a range of criminological and sociological topics and theories. The accurate use of scholarly conventions when evidencing arguments;
K2	A secure understanding of the historical formation of contemporary problems. A critical understanding of processes of social change, conflict, crime, and stability. Detailed knowledge of the purpose of comparison within sociology and an ability to compare diachronically and synchronically.
K3	Detailed and secure knowledge of the purpose of criminology and sociology, the ability to bring interdisciplinarity into work, the role of evidence within criminological and sociological argument, and a critical understanding of the distinction between criminology, sociology and other disciplines and forms of knowledge.
K4	Detailed and analytical knowledge of social processes and the relationship between individual action and social structure. A critical and analytical understanding of the relationship between and questions of power, diversity, inequality, difference, and identity.
K5	The ability to independently and creatively apply criminological and sociological theories and concepts in order to understand and analyse social problems. The understanding of a particular subfield within criminology and sociology and the use of specialised knowledge from this field to make social scientific arguments.
K6	A critical understanding and application of a variety of methods within the social sciences. The ability to apply social science methodology to an independent project.
I1	A secure ability to identify and gather an appropriate evidence base that is utilised to offer a critical, analytical, and evaluative assessment of competing explanations of social problems and phenomena.
I2	A secure ability to synthesise bodies of evidence and academic arguments and the ability to offer critical, well-reasoned conclusions based on competing explanations. A critical ability to be reflexive within work that questions both taken for granted assumptions and academic assumptions.
I3	The consideration and critical evaluation of ethics and values relevant to the application and purpose of criminology and sociology within a variety of settings.
I4	The ability to reflect critically on the relationship between empirical evidence, practical experience and theoretical understanding, and to understand the limits of criminological and sociological knowledge;
I5	The ability to work individually under appropriate supervision, to initiate, design, and conduct an independent project with a clear outcome whilst conforming to ethical principles and codes of professional conduct;

I6	the ability to employ criminological and sociological knowledge in an integrated and sophisticated way to critically examine and address real-world problems including, but not limited to, those associated with inequality, identity, and injustice.
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Employability Outcomes	
Employability skills are embedded and assessed throughout your programme. Therefore, we use a generic set of employability outcomes at all levels of study.	
E1	Self-management – the ability to plan and manage time; readiness to accept responsibility and improve their own performance based on feedback/reflective learning; the ability to take initiative and be proactive, flexible and resilient;
E2	Team-working – the ability to co-operate with others on a shared task and to recognise and take on appropriate team roles; leading, contributing to discussions and negotiating; contributing to discussions; awareness of interdependence with others;
E3	Business and sector awareness – an understanding of the key drivers for business success, including the importance of customer/client satisfaction and innovation; understanding of the market/sector in which an organisation operates; the ability to recognise the external context and pressures on an organisation, including concepts such as value for money, profitability and sustainability;
E4	Problem-solving – a capacity for critical reasoning, analysis and synthesis; a capacity for applying knowledge in practice; an ability to retrieve, analyse and evaluate information from different sources;
E5	Communication – the ability to present information clearly and appropriately, both orally and in writing, and to tailor messages to specific audiences and purposes;
E6	Application of numeracy – a general awareness of mathematics and its application in practical contexts; the ability to carry out arithmetic operations and understand data, to read and interpret graphs and tables and to manage a budget;
E7	Application of information technology – the ability to identify and use the appropriate IT package for a given task; familiarity with word-processing, spreadsheets and file management; the ability to use the internet and email effectively;
E8	Entrepreneurship/enterprise – the ability to demonstrate an innovative approach and creativity, to generate ideas and to identify and take opportunities;
E9	Social, cultural & civic awareness – embracement of an ethos of community and civic responsibility; an appreciation of diversity and ethical issues; an understanding of cultures and customs in the wider community.

3.1 External Benchmarks

Statement of congruence with the relevant external benchmarks

Learning outcomes for the programme have been cross-referenced and are fully congruent with the most recent Quality Assurance Agency benchmark statements for 'Sociology' (2019) and 'Criminology' (2019).

4 Indicative Content

Summary of content by theme

Your first year will establish the foundational tools and knowledges you need to succeed in your degree. You will explore both classical and contemporary criminological and sociological theory and will begin to develop a critical social science mind that requires you to address the taken for granted ideas you may have about the world. You will also undertake modules that examine core matters within criminology and will begin to develop your own knowledge and skills in social research. You will also undertake a placement in this year that will begin to develop your professional portfolio of experience.

In your second year you will build upon the knowledge of your first year and will examine contemporary matters such as victimology and the sociology of the digital. Alongside this you will further develop your social science research skills and will begin to think about your own independent research project. You will also undertake your second professional placement that will further enhance your professional experience and network.

Your final year focusses on your dissertation. This will be the primary piece of work you accomplish during this year and you will work under the supervision of a tutor to develop and produce a piece of work on a topic of your own choosing. Alongside your dissertation you will have the option to undertake modules from both Criminology and Sociology that allow you to specialise and focus on areas of significant interest.

5 Programme Structure

Programme Structure – BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology			
Duration	3 years full time		
Total credit rating	360 (180 ECTS)		
Level 4– With effect from September 2021			
Core: You are required to take the following modules			
Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits
SOC4003	Introduction to Criminology	Semester 1&2	30
SOC4053	Sociological Thought and Theory	Semester 1&2	30
SOC4013	Social Sciences Skills	Semester 1&2	30
SOC4023	Extreme Violence	Semester 1&2	30

Level 5– With effect from September 2022			
Core: You are required to take the following modules			
Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits
SOC5083	Victimology	Semester 1&2	30
SOC5013	Digital Lives: Self and Society in a Digital Age	Semester 1&2	30
SOC5043	Crime, Media, Culture	Semester 1&2	30
SOC5053	Research Methods and Professional Placement	Semester 1&2	30
Level 6– With effect from September 2023			
Core: You are required to take the following modules			
Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits
SOC6006	Dissertation	Semester 1&2	60
Options: You are required to choose 60 credits from the following modules			
Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits
SOC6???	Surveillance Societies	Semester 1&2	30
SOC6???	Gender and Society	Semester 1&2	30
SOC6???	Justice, Punishment & Human Rights	Semester 1&2	30
SOC6???	Crimes of the 21st Century	Semester 1&2	30
SOC6???	Policing Priorities	Semester 1&2	30

5.1 Pre-requisites

Modules which <u>must</u> be passed before enrolment to a module at a higher level
N/A

6 Learning, Teaching and Assessment

The University's Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy informs the design of your programme. You can find more information about learning, teaching and assessment for your programme within the relevant Assessment Handbooks.

7 Entry requirements

Honours degree programmes (Level 4, 5 and 6)

Applicants should normally have achieved the following prior to registration for the programme:

5 academic qualifications, of which at least 2 should be level 3 qualifications equivalent to A2 and must also include GCSE grade C or 4 or above in English Language (or equivalent qualification). However, in some cases there may be additional special requirements, for example for ITT programmes or when the entry criteria are specified by an accrediting body. All required GCSEs will be listed by programme on the University website.

Applications are welcome from those with few or no formal qualifications. Any previous relevant work experience and learning will be assessed and, where appropriate, accredited as part of the application process. Please see Leeds Trinity's Recognition of Prior Learning Guidelines and Procedure.

8 Additional support needs

Students with disabilities or other support needs are welcome and are expected to be able to participate fully in this programme. Arrangements will be made, via the normal University support systems, to accommodate students with additional support needs wherever possible, with reasonable adjustments made to accommodate individual needs.

Programme-specific requirements / unavoidable restrictions on participation in the programme

N/A

9 Technical Information

Awarding Body / Institution	Leeds Trinity University
Teaching institution	Leeds Trinity University
Parent School	Social and Health Sciences
Department	Social and Behavioural Sciences
Professional accreditation body	N/A
Final award	BA (Hons)
Title of programme(s)	Criminology and Sociology
Subsidiary award(s)	Certificate of Higher Education, Diploma of Higher Education, Ordinary Degree
Honours type	Joint

Duration and mode(s) of study	3 years; full-time
Month/year of approval of programme	April 2020
Periodic review due date	2024/25
HECoS subject code(s)	100484 Criminology 50%, 100505 Sociology 50%
UCAS course code	L3L3
SITS route codes	CRMASOC
Delivery venue(s)	Leeds Trinity University

