

## Variation to the Programme Specification

For Academic Year 2020/21

<p><b>Name of programme(s) and award type(s):</b> <i>(such as Single Honours History with International Year)</i></p>	<p><b>MASTERS IN CRIMINOLOGY &amp; CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEVEL 7</b></p>
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Dear students,

As part of our commitment to continually work to improve our programmes, and in light of our plans to start next academic year with a hybrid delivery model due to the impact of Covid-19, we are confirming in this document the changes to your programme in the Academic Year 2020/21. More general information about what studying at the University will be like in 2020/21 can be found here:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/coronavirus/operations/>

### Specific planned changes

<p><b>How the programme will be taught</b> <i>(include any significant changes to the balance between on campus and digital delivery and what students can expect)</i></p>	<p>The MA programme in Criminology &amp; Criminal Justice comprises of four 30 credit block taught modules, (two in each semester), and a 60-credit dissertation to be completed and submitted after completion of four blocks/taught modules. There are two pathways with different forms of delivery.</p> <p>If you are on the standard pathway (pathway 1), teaching delivery takes the form of a combination of 'short' Blocks of intensive 3-days teaching (modules prefixed with 'CRI'). Additionally, you will take 2x15 credit research methods modules, normally delivered as a scheduled session one day over 5 weeks, delivered by the Masters in Research programme (modules prefixed with 'GRT') delivered over five weeks. For pathway 1 (the research methods intensive option), you will take 90 credits in 3 'short' blocks and 30 credits in elongated research methods blocks.</p> <p>If you elect Pathway 2 (the research training intensive pathway): You will take 60 credits in two 'short' blocks', plus 60 credits in elongated research methods blocks.</p> <p>You are strongly advised to read the programme specifications both for the Masters in Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Masters in Research in Social Sciences for a detailed explanation of how this works and for an outline of how the research methods teaching (modules prefixed with GRT-) will be delivered.</p> <p>Under current Covid-19 conditions and with available information at time of publishing this schedule (pending further advice), teaching on the following modules <b>will take place online</b>.</p>
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	<p>CRI-40027 Contemporary Criminology: Theory and Practice (30 Credits)</p> <p>This module is a block taught module which takes place only once per academic year. This block is taught over three days, provisionally requested for October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2020. Each day's learning comprises 4 x 2-hour blended learning sessions (with flexibility within each 2-hour timetabled block for breaks/intervals as well as learning). Timetabled slots are provisionally 9-11am; 11am-1pm; 1-3pm, 3-5pm for each day of the Block.</p> <p>CRI-40029 Contemporary Challenges in Criminal Justice</p> <p>This module is a block taught module which takes place only once per academic year. This block is taught over three days, provisionally requested for November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020. Each day's learning comprises 4 x 2-hour blended learning sessions (with flexibility within each 2-hour timetabled block for breaks/intervals as well as learning). Timetabled slots are provisionally 9-11am; 11am-1pm; 1-3pm, 3-5pm for each day of the Block.</p> <p>Semester 2:</p> <p>Flexible arrangements are also in place for either face to face or online teaching <b>in semester 2 dependant</b> on public health and University guidelines.</p> <p>Teaching in each 30-credit module/block will be organised around a range of approaches, and each module will utilise a combination of the following delivered synchronously (concurrently) and asynchronously (preparatory and pre-and post- group) exercises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lectures involve tutors delivering core materials to students.</li> <li>• Tutorials/online discussions organised around lecture materials, set readings, and other materials and involving online or live interaction between tutors and students.</li> <li>• Supervision based on one-to-one discussions between tutors and students related to individual research essays and dissertations (with flexible arrangements for supervision subject to public health/University etc guidelines and advice).</li> </ul> <p>Students can expect blended learning sessions, tutor-led, with learning materials provided via the online learning platform (Keele Learning Environment).</p>
<p><b>Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities</b> (<i>where applicable</i>)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Learning resources and any potential additional costs</b> (<i>such as equipment requirements</i>)</p>	<p>Given an increasing level of online teaching and assessments for this programme, it would be preferable if students had access to computer equipment with a webcam and microphone. It may also be preferable for students to have adequate Wi-Fi connectivity and associated internet speeds. Students who need support in accessing</p>

	appropriate IT equipment may be eligible to apply for support from the <a href="#">University's hardship fund</a> .
<b>How the programme will be assessed</b> <i>(a general summary of changes to assessment methods)</i>	Assessment requirements are unchanged from the programme specification.
<b>How students are supported</b> <i>(any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.)</i>	Students will have access to staff and a personal tutor (available via Teams) for personal tutoring, essay guidance and dissertation supervision. Students are assigned a personal tutor on enrolment.

### Updated module lists for 2020/21

#### **LEVEL 7 MASTERS IN CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

<b>Compulsory modules - Pathway 1</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Added/removed/unchanged?</b>
Contemporary Criminology: Theory and Practice	CRI-40027	30	1	unchanged
Contemporary Challenges in Criminal Justice	CRI-40029	30	1	unchanged
Quantitative Research and Data Analysis	GRT-40020	15	2	unchanged
Qualitative Research Methods	GRT-40021	15	2	unchanged
Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice	CRI-40030	30	2	unchanged
Dissertation	CRI-40031	60	2	unchanged

<b>Compulsory modules - Pathway 2</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Added/removed/unchanged?</b>
Contemporary Criminology: Theory and Practice	CRI-40027	30	1	unchanged
Principles of Social Science Research	GRT-40022	15	1	unchanged
Research Skills and Researcher Development	GRT-40015	15	1	unchanged
Quantitative Research and Data Analysis	GRT-40020	15	2	unchanged
Qualitative Research Methods	GRT-40021	15	2	unchanged
Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice	CRI-40030	30	2	unchanged
Dissertation	CRI-40031	60	2	unchanged