

Variation to the Course Information Document

For Academic Year 2020/21

Name of programme(s) and award type(s): <i>(such as Single Honours History with International Year)</i>	Single Honours Criminology Combined Honours Criminology
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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

How the programme will be taught.	<p>As a subject we have always made extensive use of the Keele Learning Environment (KLE) and related online and digital resources and readings, to provide students with a very wide range of online materials that they can access as part of their studies. But for 2020-21 students may notice that the blend of online resources and live interaction will operate in new and interesting ways, and will be flexible to allow us to respond effectively to the changing situation re covid-19.</p> <p>In line with the University Covid secure guidelines, we are planning to provide lecture content in online form rather than in traditional face to face physical form. This ensures that students can engage with content remotely and securely. This will avoid the social distancing challenges associated with large face to face lectures and allow students to access online lecture content 'on demand' at times that suit them.</p> <p>Students will still have weekly opportunities to work in small groups with staff and fellow students, meet staff in small groups or on a one to one basis and all of the other aspects of how we would normally deliver our modules. To remain Covid secure, all of these interactions will be in socially distanced face to face groups or delivered online via our KLE. This will be via online group working and collaborative platforms such as Microsoft Teams and video conferencing.</p> <p>In line with the five stage operational system adopted by the University and Government guidance at the time we will aim to return to a full programme of face to face physically present teaching as soon as it is practical and safe to do so, commencing with small group teaching following Covid secure guidelines, and</p>
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	<p>building up to a return to Covid secure large group teaching and lectures, and finally to a full range of physical on campus teaching complemented by flexible digital resources.</p>
<p>Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities.</p>	<p>After discussions with our external partners in a range of criminal justice and related agencies, we have decided not to offer our traditional <i>Criminology placement module (CRI-30050)</i> to final year (level 6) students in 2020-21. Instead, students who expressed an interest in this module have been signposted to the ‘virtual internship’ scheme operated by the University, which offers the chance for students to complete an entirely online, Covid secure, internship with a charity, voluntary group, community group or third sector organisation. We have also encouraged our external partners to contribute proposals for virtual internships with this scheme.</p> <p>Changes to the ‘practical’ elements of modules that are still running in 2020-21 are as follows:</p> <p><i>CRI-10013 (year 1/Level 4) – Criminal Justice, Process, Policy Practice</i> – normally, students are required to submit a court report after having carried out observations in courts. For 2020-21 this assessment, and the requirement to attend and observe in courts, will be replaced by an essay to be submitted online.</p> <p><i>CRI-20015 (Year 2/Level 5) – Working for Justice</i> – for 2020-21 there will be some changes to the visiting speaker workshop element of this module. Due to the Covid-19 situation some of our regular criminal justice visiting speakers are not available, so there will be some alternative speakers arranged, and visiting speaker talks and workshops will be delivered via a mix of video and group working platforms such as Microsoft Teams.</p> <p><i>CRI-30046 (Year 3/level 6) – Dissertation</i> – Due to the evolving situation regarding Covid-19 we are assuming that students who originally intended to conduct fieldwork that involves face to face interaction with human subjects will have to shift to an approach that involves either conducting research remotely (such as online questionnaires and interviews by video) or analysis of secondary data sources instead. We will be monitoring this approach as the situation and University and Government advice evolves.</p>
<p>Learning resources and any potential additional costs.</p>	<p>We already make extensive use of web based online learning platforms, digital resources and software that are available to Keele students free of charge. Essays and related coursework on our programme already must be produced and submitted electronically, and work is marked, and feedback and marks returned to students electronically. There is no change in this practice for 2020-21. All of our online resources are designed to be accessible via smart phones, tablets, laptops, PCs and other common internet enabled devices and are not reliant on any particular operating system and do not require the purchase of software or subscription services.</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 University's hardship fund .
How the programme will be assessed.	For 2020-21 the key temporary changes to assessment will be where module assessment includes examinations, group presentations, observation reports or other assessments that normally require students to be present in a physical space with other students, staff and/or the general public. Where these assessments are currently in use in our modules, they will be replaced for 2020-21 with online tests, essays and similar written assessments that can be prepared, completed and submitted online.
How students are supported.	<p>We will continue to maintain our existing extensive student support systems, but with more of an emphasis on a blended and flexible Covid secure approach.</p> <p>For each module we will provide a detailed module handbook available online from the start of the semester. Video lectures, PowerPoints, digital readings and related content will be made available to students online in advance of sessions. Module leaders will provide a weekly online briefing to update students on the next 7 days of activity on the module. We will offer module specific weekly opportunities for students to interact face to face with staff teaching on the module (in socially distanced tutorial settings or via video link) to ask questions and discuss aspects of the module. We will provide regular online module updates and maintain frequently asked questions pages online, and students will have weekly opportunities to work through module content and activities in small groups via the Keele Learning Environment (KLE) and group working platforms such as Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>In addition to this module specific support, staff will continue to offer weekly 'Office hour' opportunities for students to individually meet them 'face to face' via video link. Students will also each be allocated a member of staff as their personal tutor – a single point of contact for students to be in regular contact with and who can support, advise or signpost the student to other support services. This one to one support for students usually takes place via a mix of email and face to face conversations, and in the first instance the face to face element will be maintained via a video meeting platform such as Microsoft Teams, with return to physical face to face meetings as soon as the University deems it safe and practicable to do so.</p>

Updated module lists for 2020/21

Single Honours Criminology

Year 1 / Level 4

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Understanding Crime	CRI-10010	15	1	No change (apart from to mode of delivery and – where necessary – to mode of

				assessment, as indicated above).
Murder	CRI-10011	15	1	No change - as above
Psychology and Crime	CRI-10012	15	1	No change - as above
Criminal Justice Process, Policy Practice	CRI-10013	15	2	No change - as above
Investigating Crime: Criminological Perspectives	CRI-10014	15	2	No change - as above
Punishment: Beyond the popular imagination	CRI-10015	15	2	No change - as above
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
N/A				

Year 2 / Level 5 (2019/20 entry cohort)

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Crime and Justice in a Global Context	CRI-20016	15	1	No change - as above
Policing and the Police	CRI-20021	15	1	No change - as above
Mental Health and Offending	CRI-20022	15	1	No change - as above
Working for Justice	CRI-20015	15	2	No change - as above
Research Methods in Criminology	CRI-20020	15	2	No change - as above
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
Contemporary Social Theory	SOC-20049	15	1	No change - as above
Crime, Morality and the Media	SOC-20034	15	2	No change - as above
Social Movements	SOC-20056	15	2	No change - as above
International Study Module	CRI-20028	120	1-2	International Year module – Trips to a number of US Universities and some other host Universities have been cancelled at the request of the host, a number of study abroad opportunities have also been deferred to 2021/22 at the request of the student.

Year 3 / Level 6 (2018/19 entry cohort)

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Dissertation for Criminology	CRI-30046	30	1-2	No change - as above
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
The Missing Dimension: Conspiracies, Spying and International Relations	PIR-30025	15	1	No change - as above
Home: belonging, locality and material culture	SOC-30032	15	1	No change - as above
Sex, Death, Desire: Psychoanalysis in Social Context	SOC-30034	15	1	No change - as above

State crimes and crimes against humanity	CRI-30038	15	1	No change - as above
Youth Justice and Crime	CRI-30056	15	1	No change - as above
Understanding Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism	PIR 30114	15	1	
Policing International Order	PIR-30118	15	1	No change - as above
Modern Russia	PIR- 30142	15	1	No change - as above
Sociology of Parenting and Early Childhood	SOC-30030	15	2	No change - as above
Celebrity	SOC-30033	15	2	No change - as above
Moving People: Migration, emotion, identity	SOC-30042	15	2	
Prisons and Imprisonment	CRI-30044	15	2	No change - as above
Living with 'Aliens': Immigration, Crime and Social Control	CRI-30048	15	2	No change - as above
Race, Politics and Education	EDU-30072	15	2	No change - as above
Protest and social movements	PIR-30128	15	2	No change - as above
Contemporary Democratic Theory	PIR-30150	15	2	No change - as above

Combined Honours Criminology

Year 1 / Level 4

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Understanding Crime	CRI-10010	15	1	No change (apart from to mode of delivery and – where necessary – to mode of assessment, as indicated above).
Criminal Justice Process, Policy Practice	CRI-10013	15	2	No change - as above
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
Murder	CRI-10011	15	1	No change - as above
Psychology and Crime	CRI-10012	15	1	No change - as above
Investigating Crime: Criminological Perspectives	CRI-10014	15	2	No change - as above
Punishment: Beyond the popular imagination	CRI-10015	15	2	No change - as above

Year 2 / Level 5 (2019/20 entry cohort)

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Crime and Justice in a Global Context	CRI-20016	15	1	No change - as above
Research Methods in Criminology	CRI-20020	15	2	No change - as above
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
Contemporary Social Theory	SOC-20049	15	1	No change - as above
Policing and the Police	CRI-20021	15	1	No change - as above
Mental Health and Offending	CRI-20022	15	1	No change - as above

Working for Justice	CRI-20015	15	2	No change - as above
Crime, Morality and the Media	SOC-20034	15	2	No change - as above
Social Movements	SOC-20056	15	2	No change - as above
International Study Module (Criminology)	CRI-20030	60	1-2	International study module – Trips to a number of US Universities and some other host Universities have been cancelled at the request of the host.

Year 3 / Level 6 (2018/19 entry cohort)

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
N/A				
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
Dissertation for Criminology	CRI-30046	30	1-2	No change - as above
The Missing Dimension: Conspiracies, Spying and International Relations	PIR-30025	15	1	No change - as above
Home: belonging, locality and material culture	SOC-30032	15	1	No change - as above
Sex, Death, Desire: Psychoanalysis in Social Context	SOC-30034	15	1	No change - as above
State crimes and crimes against humanity	CRI-30038	15	1	No change - as above
Youth Justice and Crime	CRI-30056	15	1	No change - as above
Understanding Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism	PIR 30114	15	1	
Policing International Order	PIR-30118	15	1	No change - as above
Modern Russia	PIR- 30142	15	1	No change - as above
Sociology of Parenting and Early Childhood	SOC-30030	15	2	No change - as above
Celebrity	SOC-30033	15	2	No change - as above
Moving People: Migration, emotion, identity	SOC-30042	15	2	
Prisons and Imprisonment	CRI-30044	15	2	No change - as above
Living with 'Aliens': Immigration, Crime and Social Control	CRI-30048	15	2	No change - as above
Race, Politics and Education	EDU-30072	15	2	No change - as above
Protest and social movements	PIR-30128	15	2	No change - as above
Contemporary Democratic Theory	PIR-30150	15	2	No change - as above

For further information on the content of modules currently offered, including the list of elective modules, please visit: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/modulecatalogue/>

The module selection website can be accessed here: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/modules/>