

Course Information

Criminal Justice FdA (St Helens College), UFDCRIJ

Overview

Title	Criminal Justice FdA (St Helens College)
Code	UFDCRIJ
Study Level	Undergraduate
Type	Other Undergraduate Course
Degree Apprenticeship	No
Minimum credit points required for target award	240
Min. Normal Duration - FT (Years)	2
Max. Normal Duration - FT (Years)	4
Max. Registration Period - FT (Years)	4
Min. Normal Duration - PT (Years)	4
Max. Normal Duration - PT (Years)	6
Max. Registration Period - PT (Years)	6

Award Details	
Type	Exit
Award Description	Certificate of Higher Education
FHEQ Level	Level 4
Award Title	
Award Requirements	

Award Details	
Type	Target
Award Description	Foundation Degree in Arts
FHEQ Level	Level 5
Award Title	
Award Requirements	

What is the course about?	Are you interested in why people commit crimes and
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	<p>the individual and societal causes of deviant behaviour?</p> <p>This Foundation Degree answers these questions and much more, as you will explore a diverse range of modules such as criminology, criminal law, deviance, psychology, and mental health.</p>
Course Features	<p>The course delivers a rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum drawing on criminology, criminal law, socio-legal studies, sociology, social policy and history, taught in small cohorts that maximise individual support. It blends classroom learning with extensive work-based experience: every student completes a placement or career-development module and where relevant undertakes scheduled field visits to courts, police control rooms and partner agencies, ensuring direct insight into real-world practice.</p> <p>Teaching is led by academic staff and visiting criminal-justice professionals, while tailored one-to-one tutorials and learner-support workshops foster independent study and personal development. Assessment is fully aligned to University of Chester regulations, combining formative feedback opportunities with varied summative tasks—including essays, reflective logs, portfolios and presentations—so that graduates emerge with the analytical, operational and ethical competencies sought by employers across policing, probation, prisons, youth justice and allied sectors.</p>

Offerings

Offerings	
Display Name	BLD-StH-September
Method of Delivery	Blended Delivery
Delivery Location	St Helens College (St Helens)
Intake Session	September
Mode of Study	Full Time
Additional Years (Admission)	
Comments	
Offered	Yes
Publish?	Yes
Clarification to Appear in Handbook	

Ownership

Faculty	Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
School	School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Division	Social and Political Sciences
Collaborating Schools	

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Offerings	

Academic Partnertship

Academic Partnership	
Partner organisation	PV0029
Type of Partner	
Franchised or Validated?	Validated
Applies to all Offerings	Yes
Offerings	

Course Structure

Structure Notes	All students complete 120 credits of core modules at level 4. In level 5, students complete 80 credits of core modules and then are able to select from one of the optional 40 credit modules.
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Structure - 240 credit points	
Level 4 - 120 credit points	
Level 4 Core - 120 credit points	CORE
[MODULE] SO4813 English Legal System Proposed 2025.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] SO4811 Professional and Academic Development Proposed 2025.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] SO4814 Introduction to Criminology Proposed 2025.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] SO4810 Victimology Proposed 2025.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] SO4815 Political and Social Justice Proposed 2025.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] SO4812 Criminal Law Theory and Practice Proposed 2025.01 - 20 credit points	
Level 5 - 120 credit points	
Level 5 Core - 80 credit points	CORE
[MODULE] SO5810 Inside the Criminal Justice System Proposed 2025.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] SO5811 Criminal Law In Action Proposed 2025.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] SO5813 Psychology, Mental Health and Crime Proposed 2025.01 - 20 credit points	

[MODULE] SO5812 Researching Crime and Justice Proposed 2025.01 - 20 credit points	
Level 5 Optional - 40 credit points Select one of the modules here	OPTIONAL (SUBJECT)
[MODULE] SO5815 Career Development and Employability Proposed 2025.01 - 40 credit points	
OR [MODULE] SO5814 Work Based Learning Proposed 2025.01 - 40 credit points	

Learning and Teaching

How will I learn?	<p>St Helens College organises its higher-education provision around a learner-centred strategy that foregrounds widening participation, embeds work-based learning and emphasises the employability skills students need in criminal-justice careers. Teaching on the FDA Criminal Justice course therefore combines lectures, intensive practical workshops, seminars, self-directed study, written assignments, oral presentations, collaborative projects, scheduled visits to courts and other agencies, and sessions with visiting practitioners, all supported by personalised one-to-one tutorials and additional learner-support services. Learning is delivered through a modular, credit-rated structure of 240 credits across two levels, with each module issuing an assignment brief that sets out the evidence required and the weighted assessment criteria aligned to University of Chester regulations. Assessment operates on two complementary layers: formative tasks—such as critiques, presentations, essay plans and literature reviews—provide developmental feedback during the semester, while summative submissions (essays, examinations, reflective logs, reports, research proposals, case studies, portfolios and formal presentations) are graded after the deadline against the published criteria. Academic standards and fairness are safeguarded through an External Quality Advisor system and the decisions of Module Assessment Boards, ensuring that outcomes remain consistent with national expectations for awards at this level.</p>
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Competencies

Competencies	
Code	C-COMP1
Competency	Integrate and critically synthesise insights from criminology, criminal law, socio-legal studies, sociology, social policy, history and professional practice to diagnose and explain complex crime and justice issues.
Number	1
Domain	Knowledge

Competencies	
Code	C-COMP2
Competency	Analyse current criminal-justice policies and, drawing

	on first-hand practice experience, evaluate their real-world impact while articulating the employability skills demanded across policing, courts, prisons and allied services.
Number	2
Domain	Skills

Competencies	
Code	C-COMP3
Competency	Translate theoretical frameworks into evidence-based operational decisions and interventions, demonstrating procedural accuracy, ethical judgement and measurable effectiveness in simulated or live agency settings.
Number	3
Domain	Skills

Competencies	
Code	C-COMP4
Competency	Critically appraise emerging legislation, reforms and societal trends that reshape criminal-justice work, showing intellectual agility and the capacity to adapt professional practice to continual change.
Number	4
Domain	Knowledge

Competencies	
Code	C-COMP5
Competency	Plan and justify personal career pathways across operational, administrative and managerial roles, evidencing sector awareness, networking capability and readiness for progression or further study.
Number	5
Domain	Behaviours

Competencies	
Code	C-COMP6
Competency	Independently deploy a suite of intellectual, practical and transferable skills—critical analysis, research design, digital literacy, teamwork and communication—to investigate criminological problems from proposal to dissemination.
Number	6
Domain	Skills

Competencies	
Code	C-COMP7
Competency	Demonstrate professional integrity, resilience and reflective self-management, collaborating effectively with others in line with best practice in equality and ethical standards.
Number	7
Domain	Behaviours

Mapping Standards

Derogation from University Regulations

Apprenticeships

Admissions

Application Route	UCAS
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UCAS Code	
Code	M900 (S51)
Applies to all Offerings	Yes
Offerings	

Entry Qualifications	
Type	08 Access to HE Diploma
Description	D: 0 credits M: 0 credits P: 45 credits
Applies to all Offerings	Yes
Offerings	

Entry Qualifications	
Type	03 BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma
Description	P, P, P
Applies to all Offerings	Yes
Offerings	

Entry Qualifications	
Type	02 GCE A Level
Description	D,D

Applies to all Offerings	Yes
Offerings	

Entry Qualifications	
Type	01 UCAS Points (Typical Entry)
Description	48 points
Applies to all Offerings	Yes
Offerings	

English Language Requirements	
Type	IELTS
Description	
Applies to all Offerings	Yes
Offerings	

Accreditation of Prior Learning Requirements
Articulation Arrangements

External Accreditation

Careers and Progression

Job Prospects	Students who graduate with this Foundation Degree in Criminal Justice will have developed comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice system and the work associated with it, such as public service departments, including the police, prison service, youth service, probation service and the courts. The role of politics, law and social policy will have also played an influential element of the student's learning experience. Analytical abilities and critical thinking skills will have been developed throughout the programme and will complement wider transferable skills of research, IT, problem-solving, teamwork, and
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	communication. Foundation degree students will find the course a useful grounding for entry to a range of criminal justice and related careers. The police, prisons, youth offending service, national offender management service, and teaching are career paths taken by previous graduates, but the knowledge, abilities and skills developed throughout the programme of study will prove valuable in a wide range of central and local government areas.
Progression Opportunities	

Fees

Fees	
Fee Type	Partner Defined Fee
Applies to all Offerings	Yes
Offerings	

Funding Source

Funding Source	
Funding Source Type	Student Self-Funding
Funding Source Details	
Applies to all Offerings	Yes
Offerings	

Codes

Subject Code (HECOS)	
CAH 1	(CAH15-01) sociology, social policy and anthropology
CAH 2	(CAH15-01-02) sociology
HECOS Code	(100484) criminology

Other Codes	
Code Type	CRICOS
Code	M900 (S51)
Applies to all Offerings	Yes
Offerings	

Other Codes	
Code Type	SITS Reference Code
Code	UFDCRIJ
Applies to all Offerings	Yes
Offerings	

Publication and Integration

Tags	Collaborative Partner, Work Placement
Publish in Handbook?	Yes