

LM028 Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

NFQ Level 8 Major Award Honours Bachelor Degree
Baitsiléir Ealaíon sa Cheartas Coiriúil



Course Info

CAO Points 2019: 387

Course Length: 4 Years

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Entry Requirements

Min requirements: 2 H5 & 4 O6/H7

English: O6/H7

2nd language: O6/H7

Maths: F6/O6/H7

Other: —

Additional info:

- Mature Pathways
- QQI Pathways

Note: For certain electives, additional special qualifications specific to individual subjects or disciplines may be determined by the respective departments in accordance with Academic Council regulations.

About You

You are interested in crime and the operation of the criminal justice system. You would like to work in law enforcement, security, court administration or other civil service roles or in non-governmental organisations related to the criminal justice sector. Students of the BA (Criminal Justice) have an inquiring mind and want to develop a grounding in a number of key disciplines in order to fully comprehend the complexities of crime and justice in modern society.

Why study the BA (Criminal Justice) at UL

Become an expert in Criminal Justice. The BA (Criminal Justice) is administered by the School of Law which boasts considerable expertise in the criminal justice area. The Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies was established at the School of Law in 1997 and is a national centre of excellence for criminal justice research. Students of criminal justice in the University of Limerick will thus be taught by experts in the area who have published widely both nationally and internationally on criminal justice topics. The expertise of these staff is complemented by the first class credentials of the teaching faculty from the other disciplines (i.e. Sociology, Politics, Public Administration, Psychology and Management) which contribute to the programme.

As a result of its strong research profile in criminal justice areas, the School of

Law has developed important links with key criminal justice stakeholders. The School of Law provides accreditation and quality assurance for the national Garda training programme (BA in Applied Policing) in Templemore. Researchers from the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies have also been involved in research with the Inspector of Prisons, the Irish Prison Service and the Department of Justice. These links ensure that the School of Law is always at the cutting edge of developments in the criminal justice system.

What you will study

The BA (Criminal Justice) is a four-year degree inter-disciplinary programme. In each semester, you will study a combination of modules from Law, Sociology, Politics and Public Administration. An exposure to each of these disciplines ensures that you will develop a comprehensive understanding of the criminal justice system and how it reacts to and regulates the society within which it operates. To further enhance your learning during the programme, you will study some Psychology modules which will aid in understanding human behaviour and the motivations of those who commit crime along with the behaviours of other actors in the criminal justice system such as police, judges and juries. Modules in Management will also give you core skills which are essential for future administrative roles within the criminal justice sector.

A key learning experience within the programme is the eight-month co-operative work placement which you will undertake at the end of Year 2. Co-op will give you a unique and invaluable opportunity to gain practical experience working in social impact and community work placements. Through these placements, you will put your learning to practical use and build networks with potential future employers. It is also possible to spend some of this work placement period abroad.

In your final year of studies, you may opt to complete a final year project under the supervision of one of the members of faculty. This will provide you with an opportunity to work independently on an issue which is of particular personal interest to you, under the supervision of an expert in that specific area.

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Career Opportunities

The BA (Criminal Justice) prepares students for a wide variety of careers within the criminal justice sector and beyond. Graduates may opt for careers in policing, the private security industry, courts administration or the prison service, as well as within organisations which work in the prevention of crime and/or the support of victims and communities affected by criminal activity. You may also decide to pursue careers in related areas such as the civil service, research or journalism.

Follow-On Study

Students who complete the BA (Criminal Justice) have a variety of options for postgraduate study and professional education courses both within the University of Limerick and beyond. Importantly, BA(Criminal Justice) graduates are eligible to complete the School of Law's LLB (Graduate Entry) programme in one year instead of two. This programme allows individuals with an undergraduate degree in any discipline to obtain a law degree in two years. However, BA(Criminal Justice) students will have sufficient credits in law to complete the LLB (Graduate Entry) programme in one year*, thereby obtaining a law degree in one year after completion of the BA(Criminal Justice). This is an ideal postgraduate option for graduates who wish to pursue a career within the legal profession.

Graduates on the programme may also opt to complete the MA in Criminal Justice and Human Rights offered by the School of Law.

Alternatively, you may decide to choose a career in the legal profession or policing and pursue professional education and training for acceptance into these professions

*Please note that to qualify for the option of completing the LLB (Graduate Entry) in one year, BA(Criminal Justice) students must complete LA4033 (Law of the European Union 1) and LA4044 (Law of the European Union 2) in the 4th year of their degree.



Key Fact

Become an expert in criminal justice and develop skills for a career in areas like policing, courts administration or the prison service.



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