Welcome to Leicester

We believe that our world-changing research produces high-quality teaching – and will inspire you to go further.

At Leicester we consider education and knowledge to be a power for good. We aim to push the boundaries and discover ways to improve and change the world for the better.

For example, a research team at the Department led by Dr Neil Chakraborti is currently undertaking Britain’s biggest ever study of hate crime victimisation. Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, the Leicester Hate Crime Project is examining the nature and impact of crimes where people are targeted because of their identity or ‘difference’ in the eyes of the offender. This might be because of the victim’s race, their religion, their sexuality, their disability or any other feature of their identity which the offender has a prejudice against. Hate crimes affect tens of thousands of people in Britain every year and cause enormous physical and emotional damage to victims, their families and wider communities. By working with the broadest range of victims ever to be included in a single hate crime study – and by informing the responses of criminal justice agencies and other organisations in a position to tackle hate crime – our research will make a real difference to scholarship, policy and practice.

But it is not just about what we do – this is about you. Because we’re equally as passionate about giving you the chance to find your own way, push the boundaries and put your mark on the world.

We know our work is better in a shared academic community that includes you. Where you’re coming from and your journey up to this point will have given you your own personal perspectives and ideas. Your experience, energy and willingness to ask the difficult questions benefits you and us.

You’ll be working with our leading academics who are at the cutting edge of their disciplines. By sharing their enthusiasm you’ll become part of a stimulating and innovative learning community, which will enable you to realise your potential and to compete alongside the very best.
The Department of Criminology

If you choose to study criminology at the University of Leicester you will be joining a thriving and internationally-renowned Department. Leicester is one of the very few universities in the country to have its own Department exclusively dedicated to researching and teaching criminology, and our students benefit from learning in an environment that is home to some of the UK’s leading criminologists. The Department is a first point of contact for journalists needing information and advice on crime issues and it is regularly called on by national and local governments to assist with policy development.

At the Department of Criminology our teaching is inspired by the findings from our cutting-edge research. Lecturing staff have a wide array of research interests ranging from community policing and offending behaviour to hate crime, forensic investigation, prisons and probation. This research expertise feeds directly into our teaching programme, helping to shape course content and keeping our courses abreast of current debates on crime and criminal justice.

Our teaching environment combines innovative lecturing methods with groundbreaking research, providing a stimulating yet friendly atmosphere in which to study. You are encouraged to engage in current criminological debates and to air your ideas in group discussions and seminars.

How to Apply

Our application processes are designed to be user-friendly. Our staff are happy to advise if you have any queries about your application.

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e: pgadmissions@le.ac.uk
w: www.le.ac.uk/criminology
Why Study with the Department of Criminology at Leicester?

• **Postgraduate experience:** The Department of Criminology recruits postgraduate students from a range of professional and academic backgrounds which is used to further enrich your learning experience.

• **Genuine criminological expertise:** As one of the very few dedicated Departments of Criminology in the UK we can offer students genuine criminological expertise in an environment that is geared exclusively towards the postgraduate study and research of criminology.

• **Research-led:** Our philosophy of research-led teaching ensures that you will be learning about the very latest debates in policy and practice.

• **Specialist degree streams:** Our MSc Clinical Criminology programme is designed especially for students looking to investigate criminological ideas from a more psychological perspective and our MSc Terrorism, Security and Policing focuses on managing terrorism, security and risk in a post 9/11 world.

• **Flexibility and choice:** The Department of Criminology offers a comprehensive and exciting range of modules. If you choose to study our MSc Criminology programme you will have considerable flexibility in your choice of options, thereby enabling you to study topics that you are interested in.

• **Forward thinking:** Our innovative array of teaching and assessment methods encourages students to engage in critical debate.

• **Excellent support:** We pride ourselves in our supportive culture. Whether you choose to follow a taught MSc or a research degree, we provide a welcoming academic environment in which to undertake your course of study.

• **Career prospects:** Studying criminology at Leicester will enhance and broaden your academic knowledge, develop key skills and provide good career opportunities. Our MSc Applied Criminology programme includes a work placement, allowing you to gain valuable practical experience in a particular criminological field.

• **International reputation:** Leicester is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world by the QS World University Rankings and THE World University Rankings. In 2013 Leicester was the highest climbing UK university in the THE World Rankings, moving up 35 places to 161st in the table.

• **League table success:** Establishing itself as one of the foremost universities in the UK, the University of Leicester has risen in every major league table and we are consistently ranked in the top 20 out of over 120 universities. We were also named runner-up University of the Year in the Times/Sunday Times University Guide 2014.

• **Award winning:** The University has won Times Higher Awards in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and most recently in 2013 for Outstanding Communications Team and Outstanding Fundraising Initiative. It is the only university to win awards in seven consecutive years.

• **Student satisfaction:** Leicester’s levels of student satisfaction have been consistently in the top-10 since the annual survey commenced in 2005.
MSc Criminology

Duration and start date
One year full-time or two years part-time. The programme begins in October each year.

Entry requirements
A first or second class honours degree or an acceptable equivalent professional qualification. Consideration may be given to those without an undergraduate degree who can demonstrate significant relevant work experience and knowledge.

Course description
Taking a multi and inter-disciplinary approach, this course places particular emphasis on the development of knowledge and skills sought by the broad spectrum of agencies associated with the criminal justice process. You will gain a thorough understanding of all aspects of crime, criminology and the criminal justice system through examining key theories and policies within social, political and historical contexts. The MSc Criminology programme also examines the current political, economic and social context of relevant debates in the UK and abroad, enabling you to critically assess the changing contours of crime and responses to it. You will learn how to critically appraise research as well as conduct and write up your own independent study on a topic of your choice for your dissertation.

Course Options:
The modules Understanding Crime, Penology and Criminological Research Methods are core modules. You are also able to choose three optional modules (see page 9 for examples of optional modules).

“Deciding to do a Masters degree in criminology at the University of Leicester is definitely one of the best decisions that I have made in my life. The varied research interests of the academics in the Department combined with the reality of living in a vibrant city provided me with constant inspiration.”

Irene Zempi, MSc Criminology graduate
**Student profile**

“After completing my BA (Hons) Criminology at the University of Leicester, I decided to remain at the Department of Criminology to study an MSc in Applied Criminology. This decision was not only based on the great deal of support I had received from the Department throughout my undergraduate degree, but also the unique flexibility of the Applied Criminology course.”

“Throughout the course, I have been able to develop many skills that will be vital in my future career. For my placement module, I spent four weeks working with the Community Safety Bureau and Intelligence Department of Leicestershire Constabulary, conducting a study into gun crime. This allowed me to apply my criminological knowledge in a professional environment and developed my research skills. I also feel that this has provided me with invaluable experience that has enhanced my employability.”

“Leicester itself is a great multi-cultural city to live in. It has a little something for everyone; for those that love sport, there are the Leicester Tigers and Leicester City FC, for those who like shopping, there are hundreds of shops, and for those who like a good night out, there are many great clubs and bars to choose from.”

“I have been offered a job as an Intelligence Analyst for the Metropolitan Police and feel that the MSc Applied Criminology course has provided me with all the skills and knowledge that I need to succeed in this career.”

“I would therefore recommend this course to anyone who wishes to pursue a career in criminology and wants to continue their academic studies in a highly-supportive environment.”

*Karianne Mathiesen, MSc Applied Criminology graduate*

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**MSc Applied Criminology**

**Duration and start date**

One year full-time or two years part-time. The programme begins in October each year.

**Entry requirements**

A first or upper second class honours degree (2:1) or an acceptable equivalent professional qualification.

**Course description**

The MSc Applied Criminology course offers you a wonderful opportunity to acquire experience in the practical application of your growing criminological skills and expertise. Taught modules covering key issues in contemporary criminology are supplemented by a placement module which allows you to apply your knowledge in a supervised practical setting of your choosing within the criminal justice system. You will learn how to critically appraise research as well as conduct and write up your own independent study on a topic of your choice for your dissertation.

**Course Options:**

The modules Understanding Crime and Criminological Research Methods and the practical placement are core modules. You are also able to choose three optional modules (see page 9 for examples of optional modules).
**MSc Clinical Criminology**

**Duration and start date**

One year full-time or two years part-time. The programme begins in October each year.

**Entry requirements**

A first or second class honours degree or an acceptable equivalent professional qualification. Consideration may be given to those without an undergraduate degree who can demonstrate significant relevant work experience and knowledge.

**Course description**

The MSc in Clinical Criminology provides you with an in-depth understanding of offending behaviour, particularly the key role played by mental illness, law breaking, personality disorder and cognitive impairments. Special attention is paid to sexual offending and specific personality disorders like psychopathy in order to provide a thorough grounding in theory and how this relates to practice in the criminal justice system. You will learn how to critically appraise research as well as conduct and write up your own independent study on a topic of your choice for your dissertation.

**Course Options:**

The modules Understanding Crime, Current Issues in Clinical Criminology, Criminological Research Methods and Crime, Justice and Psychology are core modules. You are also able to choose three optional modules (see page 9 for examples of optional modules).

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**Student profile**

“Clinical criminology is perfect for anyone who has interests in the link between psychology, crime and the law. The course involves lectures and seminars in which healthy debates and different opinions are encouraged and lecturers who are currently undertaking research in the area lead each module.”

“Staff within the Department of Criminology are at the forefront of criminological research and it is extremely exciting to be associated with such a prestigious academic environment.”

“The University itself is excellent, and the new library, which includes a postgraduate reading room, only makes it easier for people to obtain the reading material that they need, or to find a quiet space to work. Likewise, the excellent online links to journals allow students who do not live in Leicester to access a lot of information for any of their courses without having to travel to Leicester all the time to collect books.”

“The thing I like about Leicester as a city the most is how multi-cultural it is. The city itself has a lot to offer, whether that is the theatre, cinema, exhibitions or nightlife, there is something for everybody of every age.”

“I would fully recommend this course to anyone who has a passion for the subject, and would thrive in an environment in which individual criminological interests are nurtured and encouraged. My intention is to continue on with criminology and complete a PhD, as I love spending time researching different aspects of the subject.”

*Isla Masson, MSc Clinical Criminology graduate*
“At the Department of Criminology we pride ourselves on providing a rich and interactive student learning experience. Our MSc degrees offer a diverse range of innovative research-led modules, giving our students the opportunity to both broaden their knowledge and enhance their enthusiasm for criminology, whilst preparing themselves for their future careers.”

Dr Sarah Hodgkinson, Senior Lecturer on the MSc Criminology Programme

MSc Terrorism, Security and Policing

Duration and start date
One year full-time or two years part-time. The programme begins in October each year.

Entry requirements
A first or second class honours degree or an acceptable equivalent professional qualification. Consideration may be given to those without an undergraduate degree who can demonstrate significant relevant work experience and knowledge.

Course description
This innovative degree stream has been developed in response to the increasing significance of the impact of terrorism in the fields of international security and policing. The programme will provide you with a detailed understanding of the key issues surrounding managing risk and security, policing and terrorism with a focus on global issues and their impact at the local level, particularly in a post 9/11 and 7/7 world. You will explore the idea of terror as a concept, the history of terrorism and investigate the common myths associated with contemporary terrorism. You will learn how to critically appraise research as well as conduct and write up your own independent study on a topic of your choice for your dissertation.

Options:
The modules Understanding Terrorism, Global Security and Policing and Criminological research Methods are core modules. You are also required to choose two out of the following core modules: Responding to Terrorism, Transnational Policing and Crime Prevention and Community Safety. You can then choose an optional module from the rest (see page 9 for examples and optional modules).
MSc Modules

Core modules
Each MSc programme consists of six taught modules plus a dissertation. Each programme has a number of core modules. The core modules that you are required to follow will be determined by the programme that you choose. The optional modules you can choose from are also dependent on the programme you are studying. Further details can be found under the individual course listings.

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Module descriptions

Core modules

Criminological Research Methods provides you with a good grounding in research methodology relevant to the study of criminology. Specifically, it aims to give you hands on experience of designing research as well as the ability to comment critically on published articles, books and reports.

Core and optional modules

(depending on programme studied – please see individual course listing)

Understanding Crime focuses on the problems of explaining, measuring and preventing crime. It also considers the effects of crime, fear of crime, media reporting, corporate crime and police responses to crime.

Penology examines issues relating to the punishment of offenders within the criminal justice process. It considers various justifications for punishment and the ways in which they inform sentencing practices in the courts. You will also explore the punishment/treatment dichotomy within penal policy and issues of control and order within the penal establishment.

Current Issues in Clinical Criminology investigates how the criminal law and the criminal justice system respond to mentally disordered offenders, it examines the relationship between mental disorders and criminality and explores the methods of disposal for mentally-disordered offenders.

Crime, Justice and Psychology focuses on the overlap between psychology, criminology and the law. This includes topics from forensic psychology and psychiatry, the study of crime and the criminal justice system, and from legal and criminological psychology.
Global Security and Policing introduces you to theoretical perspectives in security and policing within a global and local framework. It also considers the relationship between transnational and local criminal activity and the security issues which arise from this.

Understanding Terrorism explores the emergence and manifestation of terror and terrorism from a range of historical, political, sociological and cultural perspectives. Emphasising the diverse and contested nature of terror as both concept and practice, a number of case studies are highlighted in order to explore the complex connections between order, power, authority, security and terror.

Optional modules

Responding to Terrorism explores the interpretation of, and response to, contemporary manifestations of terror and terrorism. Exploring similarities and differences between the ‘new’ terrorism and predecessor forms using examples and case studies, the module considers the organisation and objectives of terrorist groups, and the range of strategies available in response to the demands and challenges posed by terror in an era of globalisation.

Psychology of ‘Evil’ explores the way that deviancy is socially constructed within society. In particular it takes a multi-disciplinary and critical approach, and seeks to investigate manifestations of ‘evil’ from psychological, socio-cultural, and historical perspectives. The way in which ‘normality’ and morality are constructed is considered by examining a range of illustrative topics including psychopathology, sexuality, crowd behaviour, genocide, and multiple homicide.

Transnational Policing aims to consider how combating the many forms of organised crime requires an efficient policing response at a European and international level. It examines the theoretical and practical operation of the many existing structures of police (and judicial) cooperation that currently exist between state and non-state sponsored organisations and agencies.

Current Issues in Forensic Science and Criminal Justice explores the application of science to the law, and the way in which police investigations have been affected by technological advances in forensic techniques. This module critically examines the ethical and legal issues associated with forensic databases, and cases in which miscarriages of justice have been attributed to the misinterpretation of forensic evidence in the courtroom.

Sexual Violence examines how the criminal justice system handles the victims and perpetrators of sexual violence, focusing on crimes such as domestic violence, rape and child abuse. Sexual violence will be explored from a number of different theoretical perspectives in order to understand the shifting legal, social, cultural and political status of sexual violence. The on-going injustices experienced by female, male and child victims of sexual violence will be studied, alongside the effectiveness of interventions for perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual offences.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety focuses upon theoretical, policy and practice developments in relation to crime prevention and crime reduction. By way of introduction, the module examines the history of crime prevention. It then introduces the main theories of prevention and reduction – from early classicist and positivist approaches, to situational, social and community approaches. The module also examines how such theories relate to and inform practice, and explores how the ‘success’ of crime prevention programmes is measured. Finally, consideration is given to the recent ‘crime drop’ across the Western World and whether sustained falls in crime can be attributed to crime prevention policy and practice.

Gender and Crime in a Globalised World examines issues of gender, crime and justice and brings these debates into the 21st century by considering the impact of globalisation. This module is focussed on questions of women’s offending and the criminal justice response to it and will include examples of international crime including drug trafficking and human trafficking.

Power, Crime and Criminal Justice explores the relationship between power, crime and victimisation, focusing throughout on issues of gender and sexuality. It critically examines power imbalances in society, crimes that can occur as a consequence (at the individual, institutional and state level) and the adequacy of the criminal justice response. The crimes that will be examined include sexual violence, ‘honour’ based crimes and the Catholic Church sex abuse scandal.

• Please note that not all modules will be available each year.
Research Degrees

Programme outline
As well as the chance to enhance your career and earning potential, our PhD or MPhil programme offers you the opportunity to grasp a higher academic challenge while conducting research at an advanced level. PhD students are an integral part of the academic life of the Department, which aims to deliver high quality supervision through a team of experienced and highly-regarded academics who are themselves actively researching and publishing.

Start dates and course structure
Research degrees have intakes in October, January, April and July. You will need to be highly motivated to carry out original research, possibly building on the work you conducted for your Masters dissertation. You must successfully produce a written thesis of up to 50,000 words to be awarded the MPhil. An 80,000 word thesis is required for the PhD.

The normal and maximum periods of registration are:

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Supervision
Every research student is allocated two supervisors whom they meet regularly. Supervisors will help establish a structured approach to studies and will help plan, define goals and set deadlines for any required research training and the eventual submission of your work. Progress is monitored by a Department Thesis Committee.

Full-time research students receive regular one-to-one supervision by arrangement with their primary supervisor. Part-time students based overseas, are expected to spend four weeks at the University every year (either made up of one or several visits) during which time they receive face-to-face supervision.

Department facilities for research students
The Department is able to provide shared office space for research students. Access is provided to telephone, fax and computing (including email) facilities with a dedicated PhD room.

The Department encourages and advises on graduate involvement in the larger network of scholarship, through attendance at conferences, visits to archives and producing publications.

“On the one hand crime is a universal phenomenon, on the other hand its nature and extent vary by cultural and social context and over time. The discipline of criminology draws on law, sociology, politics and psychology to examine the causes of crime, how societies define and respond to offending, and which measures to tackle crime are effective. Developing an informed understanding of these issues is vital for anyone wishing to pursue a career in the criminal justice sector. Through a mixture of lectures, seminars and practical exercises, studying for an MSc with us will also help you to develop a range of critical and analytical thinking skills which are highly transferable and equip you for any future career, regardless of whether it is criminal justice related.”

Professor Adrian Beck,
Head of Department
Research Training
Following registration, students are expected to undertake a training needs analysis in consultation with their supervisors. From this analysis, individual training plans are developed and students may be required to complete compulsory training activities. Full-time students are required to take up to two weeks training each year (pro rata for part-time students) unless they can demonstrate relevant experience. This may include attendance on formal training programmes, use of online training materials, or self-directed learning activities.

Entry requirements
To apply for a PhD or MPhil programme, you should have successfully completed, or be about to complete, a Masters course in a similar subject area with an average mark of over 60%. Consideration will be given to candidates with a good first degree and/or substantial professional experience.

Examples of recent and current MPhil and PhD topics
- Do prisoners hold the key to the prevention of re-offending?
- The Impact of Policing on Faith Communities
- From One Prison to Another: An in-depth Qualitative Exploration of the Possible Influence of Domestic Abuse on Female Offending
- Reforming Prison Design: prison buildings and their role in communication
- The impact of organisational change on staff dishonesty in the private sector
- Unveiling Islamophobia in Leicester: The victimisation of Muslim women in veil
- Private security policy and the occupational licensing of door supervisors in the night-time economy: Panacea, Paper Tiger or Pandora's Box?
- The anonymity of African American serial killers
- Education in prisons: theory, understanding, practice and impact
- Aviation accident aetiology and fratricide: revealing the social. Insights from actor network theory and complexity theory
- Acts of extravagance and folly: the conception and control of male effeminacy and gender transgression during the 19th century
- Criminal men: an explanation of masculinity and offending
- Suppressing the diversity of ‘The Other’: the nature and extent of racism experienced by visible ethnic minorities in rural areas of South East Scotland
- Operational security for humanitarian aid workers in complex emergencies: a comparative analysis of security management policies and practices between the UN and Non Governmental Organisations
- Desisters and persisters in Chile: similarities and difference

Student profile
Brian Plastow is a recent PhD student with the Department of Criminology
Brian undertook part-time PhD research. He had previously gained an MSc with distinction in Community Safety from the University of Leicester. His PhD research focussed on the nature, extent, and impact of racism experienced by visible ethnic minority residents in rural areas of Southeast Scotland and was linked to the award of a Bramshill Fellowship from the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA).

Brian’s view of the Department
“I have worked with staff in the Department of Criminology since 2004 and first chose to study with the University of Leicester due to its acknowledged excellence in meeting the remote learning needs of distance students and also because of the international academic reputation of the Department.”

“I first enrolled in 2004 as a part-time distance learning MSc student and found the learning experience very enjoyable due to the high levels of support and encouragement provided by staff. I returned in 2007 as a part-time PhD student and completed the PhD in 2011.”

“As a PhD student, and in close consultation with the Department, you are assigned a research supervisor appropriate to your subject area and in my case I received outstanding levels of support from my supervisor who is an acknowledged expert in my particular area having published widely on the subject.”

“In my day job I am a Police Chief Superintendent and have found that the academic learning and research skills that I have developed with the University of Leicester have been both invaluable to my studies and also directly transferable to the equally challenging context of the workplace. In short, I would highly recommend the Department of Criminology to anyone with an academic or vocational interest in the wider sphere of criminology.”

Dr Brian Plastow, former PhD student, Department of Criminology
Research by our Department of Criminology is highlighting how certain forms of hate crime are often overlooked by criminal justice agencies and local authorities. This is helping to establish more formalised protection for people targeted because of their identity, ‘difference’ or perceived vulnerability.

Discover more: www.le.ac.uk/discover
Career Prospects

Transferable skills

The Department of Criminology aims to provide you with a whole host of skills that will give you a head-start in today’s competitive job market, and works closely with the University’s Career Development Service to alert you to relevant opportunities.

Students who graduate from one of our postgraduate courses will have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of crime and its consequences, both theoretical and applied. Your capacity for imaginative, rigorous and critical thinking will be developed throughout the degree programme. Subject specific skills, such as knowledge of the social processes of crime and the criminal justice system, and the ability to understand and use different types of evidence, will be complemented by the type of transferable key skills that are highly valued by employers in the graduate job market, including:

• the ability to present and develop a cohesive argument
• IT skills
• research and problem-solving skills
• communication skills
• working as part of a team

If you have successfully completed one of our taught Masters courses you will have the option to continue your studies with us by completing one of our research programmes. Doctoral work often leads to employment in a research-related area or in an academic environment.

Possible careers

A degree in criminology offers routes into a wide range of criminal justice and criminology related careers. Possible career options include: the police service (officers and analysts); the prison, probation and youth offending services; community and voluntary organisations (such as NACRO, drugs projects, youth work); government agencies (whether at the Home Office or at local government level); and academic research.

“...The course has been both a challenging and rewarding experience, where I have covered the key issues in contemporary criminology in a well-organised and proactive department. A supervised placement at Leicester City Council Community Safety Team allowed me to apply an array of criminological knowledge and discover an ideal career path to maximise the skills I have learned. A month after completing the MSc course, I began the role of Community Safety Project Officer at South Bucks District Council, where I work in a team to help deliver and develop the Community Safety Partnership for the area.”

Nicholas Martin, MSc Applied Criminology graduate
Frequently Asked Questions

How and when do I apply?
The easiest way to apply for both our postgraduate taught and our postgraduate research programmes is online. For further details please see the ‘How to apply’ section on page 17. Our Masters programmes only have one intake per year. This is in October and we advise applicants to submit their application as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Our application deadline will be posted on our website. There are several start dates per year for our research degrees and therefore we advise applicants to contact the Department for application deadlines.

Can I come and visit the Department?
The Department of Criminology holds open afternoons throughout the year where potential Masters students can come and visit the Department and meet the Admissions Tutor and current students. For details of upcoming open afternoons please visit our website: www.le.ac.uk/criminology
If you are interested in one of our research degrees or you cannot attend the open afternoons then please contact the Department as we are happy to arrange individual visits.

How will I be taught?
On our taught MSc programmes, modules vary in their teaching methods but typically involve both lecturing and seminars where students are given the opportunity to discuss and clarify ideas.

How will I be assessed?
Each of our MSc courses is based on continuous assessment comprising a written assignment of 4,000 words for each module studied. Some optional modules have a presentation component. In order to obtain the MSc, you must also complete an independent piece of research of up to 20,000 words.

How will I be supported?
The University’s support services are designed to be here for you and to help you develop the skills to live and work independently and successfully. The Student Support and Development Service assists students in all aspects of university life, providing expert confidential advice on a range of issues. All MSc students are allocated a Personal Tutor within the Department who will be able to provide help and support on academic and general welfare issues.

Is there any support available for international students?
The International Office can provide all the information you need about applying for a course at the University of Leicester as well as advice on scholarships, English language programmes and acceptability of international qualifications. Please visit the International Office website for further information: www.le.ac.uk/international
The University has a Students’ Union Officer with responsibility for international students, and our International Students’ Advisers offer support to international students on issues such as visas, employment, finance and cultural adjustment.

How will I fund my studies?

It is important that you have enough funds to cover the full cost of your course and living expenses before you begin so it is recommended that you begin researching possible funding options as soon as possible.

University access funds are available to all full-time and part-time home students, including postgraduate students. Priority is generally given to students who have particular financial responsibilities.

There are a number of public bodies (the Research Councils) which provide awards for postgraduate study for students from the UK (and fees only support for EU students). Each is responsible for a particular group of subject areas. Only the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) currently consider applications from individual students.

Professional and Career Development Loans are offered by a consortium of major banks for students on vocational courses only. You can borrow between £300 and £10,000 towards tuition and/or living expenses for a course over a period of up to two years study (three years if the course includes work experience). The interest on the loan is paid by the Learning and Skills Council during the course and you begin to pay back the loan a month after your course finishes.

Some organisations will sponsor their employees on vocational courses that fit in with their business needs. Often such study is undertaken part-time to allow employees to continue working.

The University of Leicester has a website dedicated to PhD studentships and postgraduate funding opportunities: www2.le.ac.uk/study/research/funding/social-science

What learning facilities are available?

The £32 million refurbishment of the David Wilson Library means that it now combines stunning contemporary design with state-of-the-art technology to provide an inspirational place to study. It houses study spaces for 1,500 students, group study rooms, the careers service and has a wireless network for mobile computing. The University provides access to over a million printed volumes and a digital library of some 18,000 electronic journals, electronic books and databases.

Does the University offer any accommodation for postgraduates?

The University offers a wide choice of self-catered rooms close to the University’s academic campus in properties designated for postgraduate students. Our residences offer a range of prices and facilities. For more information on the halls of residence popular with postgraduates please visit the Accommodation Office website: www.le.ac.uk/accommodation

Many postgraduates choose to live in private accommodation. The Student’s Union has its own Private Sector Accommodation Office. They can help you find good quality, reasonably priced housing.

Do you offer any MSc courses via distance learning?

Yes, the Department of Criminology offers a suite of distance learning programmes:

- MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice
- MSc Community Safety
- MSc Police Leadership and Management
- MSc Security, Conflict and International Development
- MSc Security and Risk Management

For more information about our distance learning courses please visit our website: www.le.ac.uk/criminology or contact the Department. For contact details please see the back page of this brochure.
How to Apply

Applying online

You can apply online by visiting the University of Leicester’s website: www.le.ac.uk/pgprospectus

At the end of the application process you will be able to upload your supporting documents. In addition, if you have supplied email addresses for your referees, they will be contacted via email and offered the opportunity to upload references via a secure link. However, we encourage you to check that your referees have received an email and that they respond, as it is your responsibility to ensure that we receive references.

After you have completed the online application form, you will need to send any supporting documents that you could not upload online through to the Postgraduate Admissions Office by post (please see below for the address).

Applying by post

You can download a copy of our application form from each course page on our website: www.le.ac.uk/criminology or you can complete the prospectus request form on the website and a copy will be sent to you in the post.

Completed application forms along with the required supporting documents should be sent to:

Postgraduate Admissions Office
University of Leicester
University Road
Leicester
LE1 7RH
UK

Supporting documents

The required supporting documents are:

- Two formal references
- Copy of your degree certificate (if available)
- Copy of your degree transcript detailing the modules taken and the marks received so far
- Copies of any other academic certificates
- Personal statement (or research proposal for research degrees)
- Proof of English language competency if your first language is not English

The supporting documents should be sent in with your completed application form if you have applied by post or sent to the Postgraduate Admissions Office separately if you have applied online. We cannot make a decision on your application without the required supporting documents.

What happens next?

As soon as we have received your completed application form and supporting documents then your application will be passed to the Department of Criminology admissions panel for review. You will be informed as soon as possible whether or not your application has been successful.

English language

Students educated outside the UK in countries where English is not the first language must provide, before they can be admitted to their chosen degree programme at the University, evidence that they have sufficient command of both spoken and written English.

Acceptable evidence includes:

- GCSE/O-level English Language at grade C or above
- An overall score of 6.5 in the British Council IELTS test
- A score of 600 (paper) or 250 (computer) in TOEFL, with a score of 4.0 in the Test of Written English (TWE) or a score of 90 in the TOEFL Internet Based Test.

You will be required to submit originals or certified copies of any certificates and score reports.

Open afternoons

The Department of Criminology holds open afternoons throughout the year where potential students can come and visit the Department and meet the Admissions Tutor and current students.

For details of upcoming open afternoons please visit our website: www.le.ac.uk/criminology

Further information

Detailed and up-to-date information on all aspects of the Department and our courses can be found by visiting our website: www.le.ac.uk/criminology

We are happy to contact any queries you may have so please do not hesitate to contact our admissions team if you have any further questions.
Student Life

Campus

On our bustling compact campus it’s rare to walk from one end to the other without bumping into someone you know along the way. The campus is a vibrant community, with all manner of places to meet, eat and drink, as well as study. We’re committed to providing you with high quality facilities and our £1bn campus development plan ensures all our resources meet the needs of modern and ambitious students.

Students’ Union

The Students’ Union is brimming with opportunities that will make your time at Leicester unforgettable. The spectacular Percy Gee building boasts superb facilities, from bookshops to bars and the fantastic live-music venue, O₂ Academy Leicester. You are encouraged to get involved with the SU – there are over 200 student societies covering a huge range – sport, politics, media, performing arts and much, much more. It’s a great way of meeting new people, gaining skills or trying something completely different!

Accommodation

Our accommodation offers you a wide variety of choice. Whether you fancy self-catered or catered, en-suite or standard, there will be a package to suit you. Our halls at Oadby are surrounded by beautiful Botanic Gardens and offer a thriving social life. Accommodation in the city gives you independence and the amenities of the city right on your doorstep. You are guaranteed a room in halls if you apply for accommodation by 1 September of your year of entry.

www.le.ac.uk/accommodation

Sports facilities

The University has recently invested £10m in its sports facilities. You can enjoy a work out, take a swim or work up a sweat in a fitness class at our sports centres on campus or at Manor Road (next to the Oadby Student Village). You are also encouraged to get involved with our sports clubs, which welcome members of all abilities. Keen competitors can also represent the University through Team Leicester, the hotly-contested Varsity matches and get involved with our thriving Intramural events.

www.le.ac.uk/sports
Embrace Arts

The University has its own arts centre, Embrace Arts, with a packed programme for students and the public, featuring music, dance, theatre, comedy as well as exhibitions. It also runs courses covering everything from salsa dancing to jewellery making. Students can get concessionary prices and discounts on courses and workshops.

www.embracearts.co.uk

About the City of Leicester

Leicester is a lively and diverse city and the tenth largest in Britain. It has all the activities and facilities you would expect, with a friendly and safe atmosphere. The city centre is just a short walk from campus so you’ll never be far from the action.

Leicester’s diverse heritage is reflected in a dazzling array of festivals and cultural experiences including the largest Diwali celebrations outside India, the UK’s longest running Comedy Festival, the eclectic Summer Sundae Music Festival, and the University’s hugely successful book festival – Literary Leicester.

Recent developments have led to the opening of the world-class Curve Theatre and Phoenix Square Independent Arts Centre in the new Cultural Quarter, which complement Leicester’s existing array of cinemas, theatres, museums and galleries. The sparkling Highcross complex features 110,000 square metres of retail therapy, bars, cafés and restaurants. For those with independent tastes Leicester Lanes houses a variety of boutiques and specialist shops.

As you would expect from a true student city, there is a huge variety of bars, clubs and live music venues that cater for all kinds of tastes. Food lovers are treated to a fantastic selection of restaurants, with specialities available from every corner of the world.
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