



University of
Staffordshire



LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Your place
of possibility

WELCOME TO LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminology
Forensics
Law
Policing and Investigation

From being on the frontline of policing or investigating crime scenes to working with victims and offenders or helping clients with legal matters – one of our Law and Criminal Justice courses could be for you.

Explore the causes of crime and learn how to bring offenders to justice. Guide members of the public or help businesses and organisations navigate their legal requirements.

Whether you want to be a police officer, investigator, intelligence analyst or take the next steps towards becoming a solicitor, we'll help you turn possibility into reality.

We also have a wide range of connections into industry. You'll benefit from our connections with the likes of Staffordshire Police to gain work experience opportunities. On our Law courses, you could put your skills into practice advising real

clients and members of the community in our Legal Advice Service.

Our cutting-edge simulation facilities enable you to get hands-on in a variety of realistic scenarios, building the skills employers are looking for. You could be applying for a search warrant, booking a suspect into custody or presenting evidence in our mock courtrooms. Or you could be processing a crime scene, analysing evidence in the lab and interviewing witnesses.

With our next-level teaching and personalised learning, we'll offer you all the support you need to achieve real success.





Bringing your place
of possibility to life

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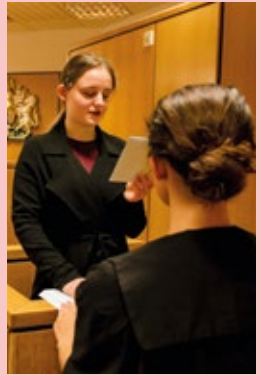
CUTTING-EDGE SIMULATION FACILITIES

STAFFORDSHIRE FORENSIC PARTNERSHIP

LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

COLD CASE UNIT



WHY CHOOSE UNIVERSITY OF STAFFORDSHIRE

Find your gateway to industry
and a future full of possibilities.
An amazing community,
where amazing things happen.
All built around you.



Leading modern courses

Right from the beginning, we've been at the cutting edge of industries and driving change. Building a bridge between the classroom and real-world practice. Learn the skills for the future on our career-focused courses.

Next-level teaching

We teach in the best way, not the old way. Pushing boundaries and using hands-on, personalised learning. Championing digital innovation, from CGI to games technologies. Immerse yourself in our simulation spaces, taking you from crime scene to courtroom or ambulance to operating theatre.

Personalised support

Get all the support you need to achieve real success. Whether you have a worry about money, your studies, your mental health or a personal issue, we're here for you every step of the way.

Gateway to careers

With our unique industry connections, you'll unlock your potential. Unleash your entrepreneurial skills as you take on projects, explore placements or exhibit your work at shows, and gain the skills for whatever comes next. You can even become a student consultant, marketing your expertise to employers.

Inclusive community

Become part of our open, inclusive and welcoming community. An environment that's big on personality and full of character. A place where you'll feel empowered and inspired. Where everyone is valued and you can be you.



We've recently invested in the development of our realistic simulation facilities. These include a range of environments that can be used to recreate a variety of realistic scenarios.

They're the perfect place to learn, a safe environment where you can practise your skills in a range of lifelike situations, preparing you for the real world.

You could be the first to arrive at a crime scene, managing victims or offenders, or be collecting evidence.



Digitally enabled mock courtrooms

Our flexible courtrooms can be used for both civil and criminal cases. You may be presenting legal arguments relating to criminal evidence or civil appeals. Each court includes a dock, advocates' table, and a bench for the judge or magistrates.

Life-like living spaces

These include bedrooms, living rooms, bathrooms and a full bedsit. They can be turned into a range of scenarios with different pieces of evidence for you to find, identify and process.

Custody Suite

Here is where you can practise processing offenders as they are brought into custody. You'll have access to a range of equipment including fingerprint processing.

Prison Cell

Our mock cell has all the details, from realistic lighting, a bed and a toilet. It represents the facilities you might find in the real world and is used across a range of courses.



Shop

There are instances where crimes happen in a home environment, but what about a shop? Our realistic setting has the potential for a wide range of scenarios dealing with offenders and members of the public.

Office Space

This can be used for a whole host of scenarios including digital crimes as well as holding offender management meetings. It increases authenticity, so simulation exercises feel more like real life.

Control Rooms

All our facilities are fitted with cameras that can record you responding to the mock scenarios. This helps with providing clear feedback that you can also watch back to see how you performed.

TRY IT OUT!

Try our facilities now – navigate through a crime scene and uncover evidence in our virtual mock crime scene set in one of our simulated lifelike living spaces!

If you come to one of our Open Days, you'll get to have a go at uncovering evidence for yourself in an exciting life-like scenario.



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO TRY
OUT OUR FACILITIES FOR
YOURSELF THROUGH OUR
VIRTUAL ACTIVITY!**



COLD CASE UNIT

At University of Staffordshire, you won't just be learning the theory behind criminal investigation, you'll be living it.

Our Cold Case Unit currently works with Amber Alert Europe on the International Cold Case Analysis Project (ICCAP). Through the ICCAP our forensics and policing students have the opportunity to work as part of an international team, investigating one or more cold cases.

This involves using real world techniques reviewing case files, researching new approaches or finding any missed lines of enquiry and presenting your findings back to a member of the investigative team.

We have also been approached by Locate International, a UK-based missing persons charity, to help them review some of their unsolved missing persons cases and to carry out research surrounding missing persons on their behalf.



Sean Phillips

Lecturer

Sean's previous career was in the West Midlands Police, retiring as a Detective Superintendent where he held responsibility for Public Protection and Vulnerability. During his career, Sean was involved in the investigation and oversight of missing persons cases. He now brings his wealth of experience and knowledge to the Cold Case Unit.

**In 2022-2023,
there were over:**

**312,901
CALLS FOR
MISSING
PERSONS**

**4,102
LONG TERM
MISSING
INDIVIDUALS**

**1,033
UNIDENTIFIED
CASES ACROSS
THE UK**

With University of Staffordshire, you will have a real chance to make an impact.

EXCELLENCE IN POLICING EDUCATION

Do you want a career in policing?
Study with us and we'll prepare you for your future career. No matter what your previous experience, we've got a career route that suits your needs.

Why choose Policing at University of Staffordshire?

- Police Partnerships – we have active partnerships with several police forces, including Staffordshire Police
- Varied routes – to suit your professional goals and experience
- Work and learn – our apprenticeship programmes offer on-the-job training, and our degrees include work experience opportunities
- Learn from the experts – no matter which route you choose, you will learn from experts with real-world experience in policing
- Recognised qualifications – some of our courses are delivered under standards set by the College of Policing. Please see our individual course pages to find out where this applies

We offer a range of pathways that are designed to lead into the police force.

Undergraduate Degrees

BSc (Hons) Professional Policing

– Designed for those who wish to become a constable and learn in a university setting. On this 'prejoin' degree, you will be able to apply to your chosen force straight from graduation.

BSc (Hons) Policing and Criminal Investigation

– This broader degree allows you to explore other areas of policing and criminal investigation, leading to careers in a variety of investigative agencies such as police forces, the National Crime Agency, border agencies or the military.

Work-based Learning

Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA)

– A three-year work-based learning programme where you study alongside operational duties. Recruitment is through our partner forces.

Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP)

– A two-year programme for applicants who already possess a degree. It will equip you to succeed at graduate level. Apply for these work-based learning courses through your chosen force's website.

STEP UP TO POLICING

If you don't meet our Level 3 entry requirements, we now offer a policing-specific 10-week short course to develop your academic skills, getting you ready for your education in policing.

Find out more online.



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CENTRE FOR CRIME, JUSTICE AND SECURITY

Our centre leads on groundbreaking research into forensic science, criminology and policing. As a student, you will benefit from the up-to-date knowledge and expertise of our staff.

Research projects include developing new methods to combat crime at a national and international level. We also have academics researching areas such as microplastics, road safety, and alcohol, drugs and gambling addictions.

The thread running through our work is a commitment to human rights, global security and justice for all. We also aim to have an impact on policy and practice in wider social and criminal justice environments.

The centre is home to several research groups that work collaboratively across the University and with external partners. These include:

- Violence Against Women and Girls hub
- Staffordshire University Forensic Canine Research and Development Group
- Burial Research Group
- Microplastics and Forensic Fibres Research Group



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CRIME, JUSTICE
AND SECURITY
WEB PAGES



As a student, you can take advantage of our unique partnership with Staffordshire Police. Opportunities include six-week or three-month student placements.

The partnership brings together university academics and policing experts. As well as sharing ideas, they deliver leading technology and services in forensics.

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LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE

Gain real-world experience helping the public through our Legal Advice Service. Under the supervision of a qualified solicitor, you'll be offering preliminary legal advice for free to members of the community.



NATASHA THOMAS

Legal Advice Service

It will involve interviewing clients, expanding your legal research skills and crafting detailed letters.

We offer several advice clinics, focusing on different aspects of the law. These include issues linked to housing, consumer rights, neighbour disputes, employment rights, and family and divorce.

So while you gain valuable professional skills, you'll also be providing a vital service.

We also have connections into industry, including working with local law firms. Students can shadow solicitors and become immersed in the legal world.



**CHECK OUT
THE STUDENT
OPPORTUNITIES
WITH OUR LEGAL
ADVICE SERVICE**



OUR STUDENTS

“It is incredible to say the least. It really shows you what you're going to be doing if you go into practice.”



Kerry Moynihan

LLB (Hons) Law graduate

OUR STUDENTS

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One of the key reasons why I chose University of Staffordshire is my course is 4 years, the third year is a placement year where we go out and work in the criminal justice sector. Our lecturers are very engaging providing us with lots of knowledge on Criminology as a whole. We're also provided with lots of information and knowledge that we can apply to the workplace.

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Harriet Birch

BSc (Hons) Criminology student

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We used the simulation suites a lot where we would go in and literally process a crime scene from top to bottom – take photographs, collect evidence and then we would take that evidence into the lab to analyse it all and, basically, find the culprit. And along the way, we've been taught the techniques to do that. Going in there and it being a real life setting, it just gives you an idea of how that would be in the real world.

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Lucie Pepper

BSc (Hons) Forensic Investigation graduate

MEET THE EXPERTS



**DR
ABDULRAHMAN
OLEWI**

Senior Lecturer,
Forensics

Abdulrahman started his academic career at Baghdad University as a researcher and lecturer in molecular biology and DNA profiling. His forensic career started when he joined the Disaster Victim Identification and Mass Grave Management programme in Iraq. His expertise includes DNA profiling, molecular biology, disaster victim identification, forensic biology and more.



**DR. JODIE
DUNNETT**

Forensic Science
Course Leader

Although I am passionate about all aspects of forensic science, my main area of expertise lies within the area of analytical chemistry, in particular the analysis of drugs. I work with local police forces and councils to analyse seized drugs to provide intelligence information and trend updates and regularly get students assisting with such projects.

DAVID FLATMAN-FAIRS

Forensic Investigation Course
Leader

Although I initially trained as a chemist, my main areas of interest and teaching are now in the world of footwear impressions, tyre marks and crime scenes. Throughout the course I will work with you on many of the criminalistic methods and crime scene related modules.



**ANNA
GARLAND**

Course Director,
Law

Anna brings practitioner experience to her position as the Course Director in Law, having formerly qualified and practised as a barrister before making the move to academia. She is an expert in criminal litigation and her teaching specialisms include criminal practice and evidence.



**DONNA
GRAHAM**

Lecturer, Law

Donna specialises in teaching students in the first year of their undergraduate studies. Additionally, she is experienced in teaching a wide range of law and legal skills modules through to postgraduate level. Her teaching expertise include tort law, principles of law, and employment law.



**DR. KEITH
WHARTON**

Course Leader,
Criminology

Keith started his policing career serving with West Midlands Police and the National Crime Squad and became a specialist in pro-active paedophile investigation. He finished his service with the West Midlands Regional Organised Crime Unit as Head of Intelligence and Prison Intelligence.



**JUSTIN-
MASON
SPANNER**

Course leader,
Policing and Criminal
Investigation

Justin spent 30 years as a nationally trained and accredited Senior Investigating Officer managing murder investigations. He uses his knowledge and experience in delivering modules into the investigative syllabus of the course. Justin supervises several student dissertations each year, with an emphasis on research that explores investigative doctrine of both policing and other authoritative agencies.



**DR LAUREN
METCALFE**

Course Director,
Criminology and
Policing

Dr. Lauren Metcalfe is the Course Director for Criminology and Policing. Her main specialism is in evidence-based policing research, and she currently supervises both undergraduate and PhD research projects, as well as maintaining international connections to offer students opportunities for wider learning.

MEET THE EXPERTS



DR DUNCAN PARKER

Course Director,
Forensics

Dr Duncan Parker is a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry's Higher Education Group and passionately believes in the advancement of teaching innovation for the benefit of future generations of scientists in Forensic Science. His research interests are forensic and chemical education, public perceptions of science and applications of analytical methods to the study of the metabolism of alcohol.



DR. RACHAEL STRETCH

Lecturer, Law

Rachael's teaching has generally focused on family law with her expertise including: law relating to children, law and disability and SEND, equity and trusts, quantitative methodology, comparative methodology, and professionals and mandatory reporting.



NATASHA THOMAS

Law,
Course Leader

Natasha is dedicated to supporting the local community, providing access to justice and the protection of civil rights. She has over 10 years experience of private legal practice and specialises in general civil litigation with experience of a wide range of matters including construction disputes, probate and employment, family and property matters.



DR. SARAH WATSON

Course Leader,
Professional
Policing

Sarah has a Criminology background and undertook her undergraduate degree as a mature student and has been in academia ever since. Her particular focus is on firearms which is what she is undertaking her PhD in, exploring mass shooting incidents across Europe. Sarah teaches on modules around policing roles and responsibilities and academic study skills as well as on some of our vulnerability-based modules.

OUR STUDENTS

“The staff have got such a wide range of skills, from ex police officers and chief constables, all the way through to academics, it provides a real rich learning experience.”



Alistair Morgan

Policing and Criminal Investigation graduate

OUR COURSES

From working on the frontline of policing or investigating crime scenes, to supporting victims or supporting clients on their legal matters, we have a course that will enable you to reach your career goals.

Use this section to discover which route you want to take with information about all the courses on offer in our Law and Criminal Justice subject area.

CRIMINOLOGY

Course title	Award	UCAS Code	UCAS Offer	Duration in years
Criminology	BSc(Hons)	M012	112-120	3
Criminology	MSci	M014	120-128	4
Criminology (with foundation year)	BSc(Hons)	M015	48	4
Criminology (with placement year)	BSc(Hons)	M013	112-120	4

FORENSICS

Course title	Award	UCAS Code	UCAS Offer	Duration in years
Forensic Investigation	BSc(Hons)	F412	112-120	3
Forensic Investigation (with foundation year)	BSc(Hons)	FM13	48	4
Forensic Investigation (with placement year)	BSc(Hons)	F415	112-120	4
Forensic Science	BSc(Hons)	F410	112-120	3
Forensic Science (with foundation year)	BSc(Hons)	F413	48	4
Forensic Science (with placement year)	BSc(Hons)	F416	112-120	4

LAW

Course title	Award	UCAS Code	UCAS Offer	Duration in years
Law	LLB(Hons)	M100	112-120	3
Law (with foundation year)	LLB(Hons)	M111	48	4
Law (two-year accelerated)	LLB(Hons)	M101	120	2
Law with Business	LLB(Hons)	M103	112 - 120	3
Law with Criminal Investigation	LLB(Hons)	M108	112 - 120	3
Law with Criminology	LLB(Hons)	M107	112 - 120	3
Law with Human Resource Management	LLB(Hons)	M106	112 - 120	3
Law with Management	LLB(Hons)	M105	112 - 120	3
Law with Marketing	LLB(Hons)	M104	112 - 120	3
Law with Psychology	LLB(Hons)	M109	112 - 120	3

POLICING AND INVESTIGATION

Course title	Award	UCAS Code	UCAS Offer	Duration in years
Policing and Criminal Investigation	BSc(Hons)	FM4X	112-120	3
Policing and Criminal Investigation (with foundation year)	BSc(Hons)	FM6X	48	4
Policing and Criminal Investigation (with placement year)	BSc(Hons)	FM5X	112-120	4
Professional Policing	BSc(Hons)	I766	112-120	3
Professional Policing (with foundation year)	BSc(Hons)	I777	48	4



CRIMINOLOGY

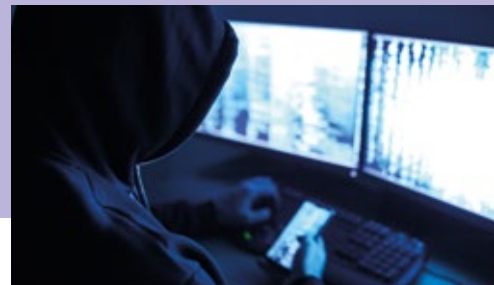
The ideal springboard if you want a career in offender management, supporting victims or delivering crime prevention strategies. We don't just teach the theories behind criminality, but explore solutions to crime too. On the course, you can take a broad approach or choose a specialist pathway.

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THE COURSE
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Why choose us...

- You'll get the opportunity to complete work experience within the criminal justice and rehabilitation sectors.
- Learn directly from experienced industry professionals, including former senior police officers, criminologists, solicitors, barristers, experts from the prisons and probation sector, victim support and counter terrorism.
- You will come to understand the development of the criminal justice institutions (police, prisons and courts) in the UK, as well as the inter-relationships between these systems, as mechanisms to respond to crimes and social harms.
- We offer flexible study options including a placement year or an integrated Masters.

What you'll learn...

Delve into the criminal mind, challenge your conceptions of society, and develop a thorough understanding of human rights. You can study criminology as a broad subject, or specialise on one of our career-focused pathways:

- Offender Management
- Terrorism and Organised Crime
- Victim Support

Module examples:

- Psychological Contexts of Crime and Punishment
- Punishment and Penology
- Working with Victims
- Rehabilitation of Offenders
- Transnational Organised Crime

What you could do next...

This degree will unlock pathways to a wide range of rewarding careers. Recent graduates have gone on to secure careers in prison and probation services, third sector (victim support, rape crisis, drug and alcohol support), social and crime-related roles and much more.



FORENSIC INVESTIGATION

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Learn how to manage crime scenes, analyse crucial evidence and help with real forensic cases. You'll develop real-world skills, including crime scene photography. We also teach you how to process digital evidence.



Why choose us...

- Our Forensic Investigation degree is accredited by the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences, meaning you'll graduate with an industry-approved qualification.
- You'll have the opportunity to gain practical skills through placements and work experience within the forensic sector.
- You'll benefit from our industry-standard facilities and hands-on learning in our crime scene spaces, mock courtrooms and specialist laboratories for analysing digital, biological, chemical and physical evidence.
- Learn under dedicated, dynamic and passionate academics with international research profiles, extensive experience of forensic casework and ex-senior police officers.
- Benefit from our Staffordshire Forensic Partnership and links with the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

What you'll learn...

Our focus is on ensuring you are equipped with the skills and knowledge to pursue a career within forensic investigation. You'll have the opportunity to specialise in areas aligned with your professional goals, see our course page for a list of specialist optional modules.

Module examples:

- Digital Evidence Processing
- Investigative Skills
- Collection and Analysis of Scene Evidence
- Expert Witness and The Legal System
- Modern Forensics

What you could do next...

We help you to grow your skills for your future career. Graduates from our degree have progressed onto careers as crime scene officers, police officers, prison officers, intelligence research officers, laboratory analysts, fraud investigators, digital forensic examiners, teachers, forensic technicians and fingerprint analysts. Career destinations include Cyfor, HMRC, West Midlands Police.

FORENSIC SCIENCE

Learn the science behind solving crimes and get the chance to do practical projects with police forces. Develop your scientific expertise and real-world analytical skills. The perfect platform to launch your career as a forensic scientist.

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Why choose us...

- Our Forensic Science degrees are accredited by the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences.
- Learn directly from forensic practitioners as well as expert forensic academics who work collaboratively with international forensic scientists.
- Put theory into practice by getting hands-on with our facilities including our bedsits, shop, prison cell, mock courtrooms and specialist lab facilities for analysing digital, biological, chemical and physical evidence.
- Gain practical experience through placement and work experience opportunities within the forensic sector. In addition, benefit from our industry networks and partnerships, including Staffordshire Police with our Staffordshire Forensic Partnership.

What you'll learn...

Our modules have been designed to help you develop scientific expertise and advanced problem-solving, and apply it to very practical demands. You'll have the opportunity to specialise in areas aligned with your professional goals via our specialist optional modules.

Module examples:

- Analytical Methods in Forensic Science
- Biological Methods in Forensic Science
- Collection and Analysis of Evidence
- Expert Witness in the Legal System

What you could do next...

Graduates have secured roles as forensic scientists (forensic chemist, forensic biologist, DNA analyst, firearms analyst) at national providers, including key forensics and Cellmark. Other destinations include crime scene officers for various police constabularies, forensic technicians, fingerprint analysts, public service organisations, and many students continue into postgraduate studies and research.



LAW

Our undergraduate Law course equips you with the academic knowledge and skills needed by the legal professions. With a range of modules, you can specialise in the areas that interest you most. All LLB courses at University of Staffordshire allow you to proceed to further study to qualify as a solicitor, barrister or CILEX lawyer.



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Why choose us...

- Employability skills for the legal professions and other graduate careers are built into the courses, with authentic assessments which mirror real life professional tasks.
- Opportunities to take part in our legal advice clinics, client interviewing competitions and various other opportunities to grow your practical experience ready for your future career.
- We hold an annual careers fair where you can talk and network with prospective future employers.
- Learn from experts who are passionate about their specialisms and bring the latest sector knowledge into your learning experience to inspire you to find areas that interest you most.
- We also offer a four-year degree incorporating a Foundation Year.

What you'll learn...

You'll learn the legal foundation subjects to prepare you for a wide range of roles when you graduate. The main Law LLB (Hons) route is flexible, allowing you to study law at a broader level and choose from a variety of option modules that spark your interest.

Module examples:

- Constitutional Law
- Law in Practice
- Criminal Law
- Tort Law
- Legal Advice Clinic
- International Human Rights

What you could do next...

Our course will grow your skills and knowledge to prepare you for a range of careers. You could progress to the next stages of studying toward becoming a solicitor, barrister or a CILEX lawyer. Alternatively, the degree gives you a vast range of practical skills into other related areas.

We have developed a suite of new law courses that offer you the opportunity to combine your foundation of legal knowledge with other areas of academic interest.

EXPANDING OUR LAW COURSES

We have developed a suite of new law courses that offer you the opportunity to combine your foundation of legal knowledge with other areas of academic interest.

All these courses will give you strong foundations to proceed to further qualification as a legal professional for those students who wish to practise Law. You will also undertake modules from your chosen discipline to enable you to expand your expertise in additional areas.

We have carefully selected areas that complement each other to help you on your career path.

- Law with Business
- Law with Criminal Investigation
- Law with Criminology
- Law with Human Resource Management
- Law with Management
- Law with Marketing
- Law with Psychology

How you'll learn

We build authentic experiences into every stage of your course. Use our digitally-enabled mock courtrooms to make legal submissions, getting essential experience for practice.

Our Legal Clinic module provides the opportunity to gain real-world experience advising clients. Assessments are based on authentic case studies to ensure you develop key skills for graduate employment.



LAW WITH BUSINESS

Whether you want to become a lawyer or make your mark in business, this exciting hands-on degree will give you real-world skills for success.

What you'll learn...

For each of the first two years of your degree you will study a programme of core modules in Law and one core module in Business. In your final year you will combine 80 credits of Law optional modules with 40 credits of study in Business. Your Law options enable you to tailor your course to your academic and professional interests, and include modules which complement your studies in Business, for example, Corporate Law and Employment Law.

Throughout your course, Business modules will introduce you to key theories and concepts in the field giving you a unique perspective on the rest of your studies. You will be supported by academics in both the Law and Business teams, to ensure that you acquire the academic skills required for studying in two different disciplines.

What you could do next...

Possible graduate career opportunities for students who have studied this course include not only Law but also: business management, compliance and regulation, self-employment. Note that postgraduate study and further qualifications may be required for some of these graduate roles.



LAW WITH CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Learn how to investigate crimes and bring offenders to justice with this innovative degree that combines law and policing.

What you'll learn...

For each of the first two years of your degree you will study a programme of core modules in Law and one core module in Criminal Investigation. In your final year you will combine 80 credits of Law optional modules with 40 credits of study in Criminal Investigation. Your options enable you to tailor your course to your academic and professional interests, and include Law modules which complement your studies in Criminal Investigation, for example,

Contemporary Developments in Criminal Law and the Law of Evidence.

Criminal Investigation modules will introduce key theories and concepts in the field giving you a unique perspective on the rest of your studies, for example the techniques and strategies behind police investigation of offences, and the role of the police in wider society.

What you could do next...

Possible graduate career opportunities for students who have studied this course include not only Law but also: policing, probation, and other investigatory bodies. Note that postgraduate study and further qualifications may be required for some of these graduate roles.



LAW WITH CRIMINOLOGY

Learn about theories of crime, how the legal system works and offender management with this innovative and hands-on degree.

What you'll learn...

For each of the first two years of your degree you will study a programme of core modules in Law and one core module in Criminology. In your final year you will combine 80 credits of Law optional modules with 40 credits of study in Criminology. Your Law options enable you to tailor your course to your academic and professional interests, and include modules which complement your studies in Criminology, for example, Contemporary Developments in Criminal Law.

Criminology modules will introduce you to key theories and concepts in Criminology giving you a unique perspective on the rest of your studies, for example, theories behind offending behaviour, and interventions available to manage offenders.

What you could do next...

Possible graduate career opportunities for students who have studied this course include not only Law but also: policing, probation, and the court service. Note that postgraduate study and further qualifications may be required for some of these graduate roles.



LAW WITH HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Whether you want to become a lawyer or help companies attract and develop talented staff, this degree will give you real-world skills for success.

What you'll learn...

For each of the first two years of your degree you will study a programme of core modules in Law and one core module in Human Resource Management. In your final year you will combine 80 credits of Law optional modules with 40 credits of study in Human Resource Management. Your Law options enable you to tailor your course to your academic and professional interests, and include modules which complement your studies in Human Resource

Management, for example, Company Law and Employment Law.

Human Resource Management modules will introduce you to key theories and concepts in the field giving you a unique perspective on the rest of your studies, for example, equality, diversity and inclusion, leadership, and how to manage change in the workplace.

What you could do next...

Possible graduate career opportunities for students who have studied this course include not only Law but also Human Resource Management, compliance and regulation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion officer. Note that postgraduate study and further qualifications may be required for some of these graduate roles.



LAW WITH MANAGEMENT

Whether you want to become a lawyer or a business leader, this innovative and hands-on degree will equip you with real-world skills for success.

What you'll learn...

For each of the first two years of your degree you will study in a programme of core modules in Law and one core module in Management. In your final year you will combine 80 credits of Law optional modules with 40 credits of study Management. Your Law options enable you to tailor your course to your academic and professional interests, and include modules which complement your studies in Management, for example, Company Law and Employment Law.

Throughout your course Business Management modules will introduce you to key theories and concepts in the field giving you a unique perspective on the rest of your studies, for example, entrepreneurship, sustainable business development and effective business leadership.

What you could do next...

Possible graduate career opportunities for students who have studied this course include not only Law but also: business management, compliance and regulation, and human resource management. Note that postgraduate study and further qualifications may be required for some of these graduate roles.



LAW WITH MARKETING

Whether you want to become a lawyer or a marketing expert, this hands-on degree will give you real-world skills and experience.

What you'll learn...

For each of the first two years of your degree you will study a programme of core modules in Law and one core module in Marketing. In your final year you will combine 80 credits of Law optional modules with 40 credits of study in Marketing. Your Law options enable you to tailor your course to your academic and professional interests.

Throughout your course Marketing modules will introduce you to key theories and concepts in the field giving you a unique perspective on the rest of your studies, for example, the importance of consumer behaviours to a business organisation.

What you could do next...

Possible graduate career opportunities for students who have studied this course include not only Law but also market research analyst, public relations, regulation and compliance. Note that postgraduate study and further qualifications may be required for some of these graduate roles.



LAW WITH PSYCHOLOGY

Discover why people behave badly and how criminals are brought to justice as part of our innovative degree combining law and psychology.

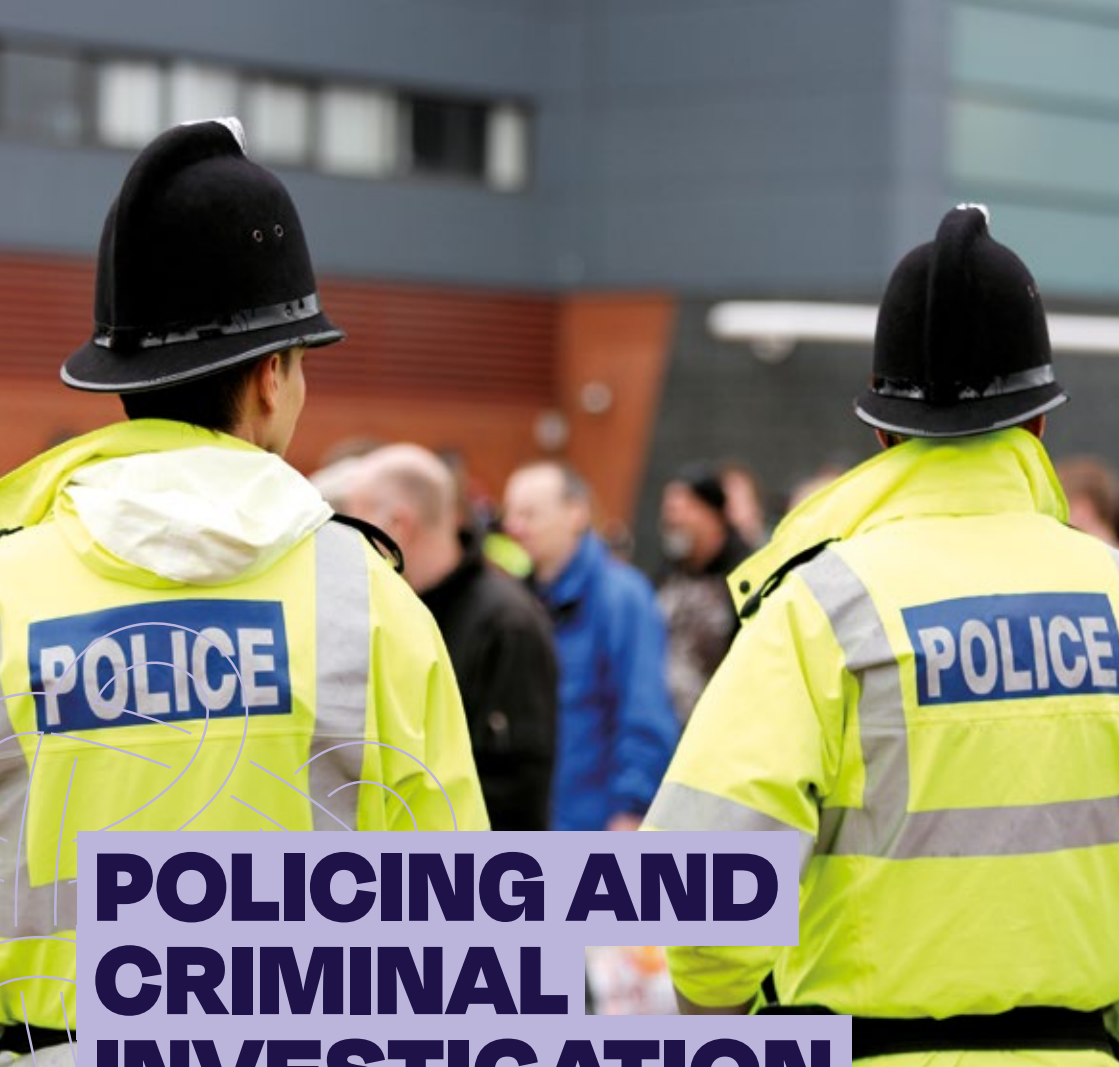
What you'll learn...

For each of the first two years of your degree you will study a programme of core modules in Law and one core module in Psychology. In your final year you will combine 80 credits of Law optional modules with 40 credits in Psychology. Your options enable you to tailor your course to your academic and professional interests.

Throughout your course, Psychology modules will introduce you to key theories and concepts in Psychology giving you a unique perspective on the rest of your studies, for example, the range of applications of psychology, including to a number of social issues at national and global levels.

What you could do next...

Possible graduate career opportunities for students who have studied this course include not only Law but also: compliance and regulation, mediator, human resource management. (Note that postgraduate study and further qualifications may be required for some of these graduate roles.)



POLICING AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Whether solving crimes, searching for missing people or giving evidence in court, so much depends on the professional skills of an investigator. Gain the real-world knowledge and experience for careers within a range of policing and investigative agencies.



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Why choose us...

- You will have the opportunity to personalise your degree and choose from modules such as vehicle collision investigation, transnational organised crime and cybercrime.
- Learn directly from experienced industry professionals, including former senior police officers, criminologists, forensic caseworkers and other academic experts.
- Learn in our state-of-the-art facilities, including a crime scene spaces, specialist interview rooms, digital law courts and simulation facilities.
- Benefit from our excellent partnerships with local organisations such as Staffordshire Police and the OPFCC as well as international partnerships with European Police Academies.
- Opportunity to take a placement year to gain real-world experience and an understanding of what it's like to work in the sector.

What you'll learn...

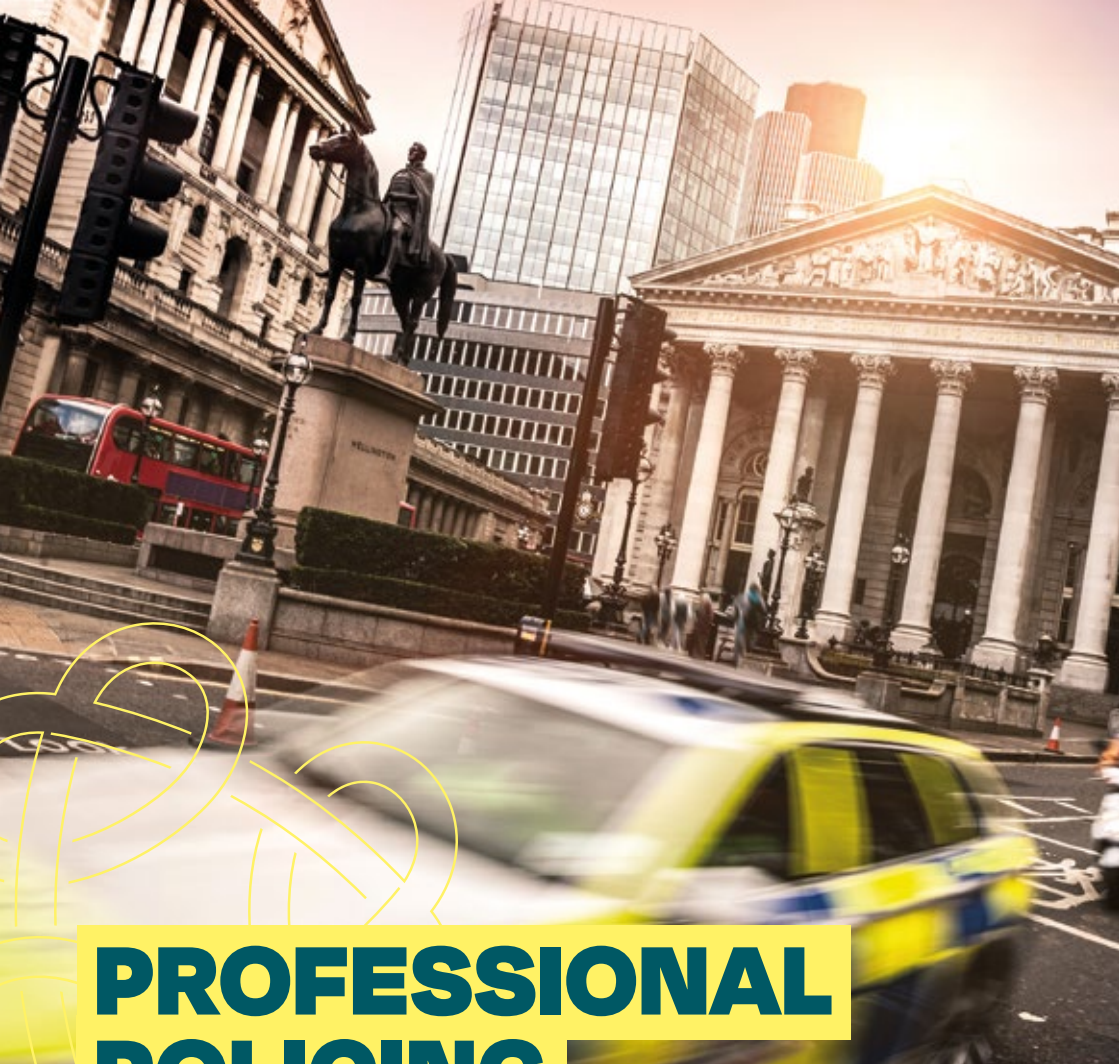
Our modules have been designed to prepare you for a wide variety of roles within the public and private sectors, plus, you will have the opportunity to specialise in areas aligned with your professional goals. See our course page online for a full list of modules.

Module examples:

- Policing theory
- Practical Methods of Criminal Investigation
- Fairness in Policing
- Case File to Court
- Risk and Vulnerability

What you could do next...

Graduates typically pursue work in areas such as the police, Trading Standards, Regional Organised Crime Units, Action Fraud, the Surveillance Commission, as well as other organisations with investigative requirements. Roles include police staff investigator, criminal justice worker, border force officer, police constable or detective constable.



PROFESSIONAL POLICING

You'll be ready to cope from day one as a police officer after taking our hands-on course. We'll introduce you to the varied work of policing. Module examples include policing in a digital age through to crime prevention.



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Why choose us...

- This degree is a recognised route into policing to help you get yourself into the best position to join a police force. What's more, the course is licenced by the College of Policing.
- With us, you will have the opportunity to undertake an evidence-based research project, directly linked to a current policing issue, enabling you to connect to potential employers during your degree.
- Benefit from the knowledge of our experienced industry professionals, including former police officers, criminologists, forensic caseworkers and other academic experts.
- Experience our state-of-the-art facilities, including a crime scene spaces, specialist interview rooms, digital law courts and simulation facilities.
- Benefit from the extensive professional networks provided by your lecturers in order to prepare yourself for a role in operational policing.

What you'll learn...

Our modules are designed to give you all the career skills and practices that are key to a future in law enforcement. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to align the course with your goals, see our course page for a list of specialist optional modules.

Module examples:

- Introduction to Crime and Crime Prevention
- Policing Vulnerability
- Professionalising Investigation
- Policing in a Digital Age
- Evidence Based Policing Project

What you could do next...

Successful completion of this course provides one of the recognised routes into the police service. However, each police force in England and Wales has its own process and requirements. Please check specific requirements before starting studies.

Our students typically pursue careers as police officers in both territorial police forces and national ones such as the British Transport Police. Others have gone on to roles such as Anti-Social Behaviour officer, Prison Officers and roles in the army as an Officer or the Royal Military Police.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Subject to approval/validation

We're always striving to deliver the most current and relevant degrees, both by creating new courses and regularly reviewing our current offering.

Each time we make changes, the course goes through a rigorous approval process to ensure that it's the perfect fit for our students, employers and other relevant stakeholders.

Some of the courses inside this guide may be marked as 'subject to approval' or 'subject to validation',

but don't worry, this just means some of the details of the course won't have been finalised yet. As soon as new courses are approved and validated, up-to-date information will be provided on the online course pages at www.staffs.ac.uk/courses

If you have been offered a place and there is a significant change to the course, or for any reason, the course doesn't run – we will contact you immediately and fully support you in finding the best suitable alternative.

At the time of printing in October 2025, the courses listed in this guide represent those we intend to offer for the 2026/2027 academic years. Very occasionally, however, we need to make changes to our courses, including their content and the way in which they are delivered. In some instances, courses can be discontinued or combined with other courses.

Reasons for withdrawing courses can include insufficient student numbers and courses not receiving the necessary accreditation or approval. Changes to course information may include operational and academic reasons.

If circumstances beyond our control mean we cannot provide particular educational services, all reasonable steps will be taken to minimise any disruption to those services. However, the University will have no liability for any loss or damage suffered by any prospect or student as a result.

As a prospective student of University of Staffordshire, it's your responsibility to ensure you have fully reviewed up-to-date course information before you apply,

and that your chosen course fully meets your requirements. You should also check the course still meets your requirements before accepting an offer to study with us.

Student satisfaction scores have been provided by Unistats and are correct at the time of going to print. For more information, visit: discoveruni.gov.uk

If we discontinue a course or programme and you're not happy with the alternative offered, or if a programme is changed and you're not happy with the changes, you'll be given the opportunity to withdraw from the programme. Up-to-date course information can be found on our website (www.staffs.ac.uk), or by calling us on **01782 294400**.

If you're offered a place at the University of Staffordshire, your offer will be subject to the University's Terms and Conditions of Offer. If you become a student of University of Staffordshire, you will enter a contract with us and be bound by our rules and regulations. These, too, may vary from time to time (www.staffs.ac.uk/rulesandregs).



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