**Template C4**



**Programme Specification**

**Title of Course:** *BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology*

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| Faculty | Faculty of Business and Social Sciences |
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| School | School of Law, Social and Behavioural Sciences |
| Department | Department of Criminology, Politics and Sociology |
| Delivery Institution | Kingston University London |

This Programme Specification is designed for prospective students, current students, academic staff and employers. It provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the intended learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if they take full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes and content of each modules can be found in the course VLE site and in individual Module Descriptors.

**SECTION 1:** **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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| Award(s) and Title(s): | BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology |
| Exit Award(s) and Title(s): | Cert HE Psychology with Criminology  PgCert Psychology with Criminology  Ordinary degree Psychology with Criminology |
| Course Code  *For each pathway and mode of delivery* | UPPSY1CRY30  UfPSY1CRY30 |
| UCAS code  *For each pathway* | C9M8 |

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| Award(s) and Title(s): | BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology with Professional Placement |
| Exit Award(s) and Title(s): | Cert HE Psychology with Criminology  Ordinary degree Psychology with Criminology  PgCert Psychology with Criminology |
| Course Code  *For each pathway and mode of delivery* | N/A  USPSY3CRI45 |
| UCAS code  *For each pathway* | C8M9 |

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| Awarding Institution: | Kingston University |
| Teaching Institution: | Kingston University London |
| Location: | Penrhyn Road Campus |
| Language of Delivery: | English |
| Delivery mode: |  |
| Learning mode(s): | Part-time  Full-time  With Professional Placement |
| Minimum period of registration: | Part-time - 6  Full-time - 3  With Professional Placement - 4 |
| Maximum period of registration: | Part-time - 12  Full-time - 6  With Professional Placement - 8 |
| Entry requirements | Kingston University typically uses a range of entry requirements to assess an applicant's suitability for our courses. Most course requirements are based on UCAS Tariff points, usually stipulated as a range, and are sometimes coupled with minimum grades in specific relevant subjects. We may also use interview, portfolio and performance pieces to assess an applicant's suitability for the course. We recognise that every person's journey to Higher Education is different and unique and in some cases we may take into account work experience and other non-standard pathways onto University level study.  Additionally, all non-UK applicants must meet our English language requirements.  Please see our course pages on the Kingston University website for the most up to date entry requirements |
| Regulated by | The University and its courses are regulated by the Office for Students. |
| Programme Accredited by: | British Psychological Society (BPS) |
| Approved Variants: | In accordance with BPS Regulations, the project/dissertation module must be passed and cannot be compensated for any accredited award. An accredited award at UG Level is a 2:2 or above on any accredited route.  Modules PS4001 and PS5001 cannot be trailed. |
| Is this Higher or Degree Apprenticeship course? | No |

**SECTION 2: THE COURSE**

1. **Aims of the Course**

Psychology with Criminology is a fascinating, dynamic and challenging discipline that is both inspiring and relevant to today’s life in society. The Psychology with Criminology programme covers all the core areas of psychology required by the British Psychological Society (BPS) while providing a more varied and encompassing curriculum in psychology and criminology involving issues and topics both current and historical, offering challenging opportunities for students to learn about applications of psychology and criminology throughout their course. By studying Criminology, alongside the deep insight into the human mind and behaviour that Psychology provides, students will develop a critical understanding of why crimes arise and how they impact individuals and society.

The course is designed to develop a strong theoretical and applied knowledge base in Psychology with Criminology while also aiming to develop some of the most employer-valued skills in an increasingly competitive job market. These work skills include teamwork, communication, time and task management skills, data analysis, problem solving, and critical evaluation. As a Kingston University course, we are also committed to ensuring that our graduates emerge with the future skills identified in our Town House Strategy, which include innovation, problem-solving, and creative thinking.

The course aims:

* to produce a scientific understanding of the mind, brain, behaviour and experience, and how they interact with the complex environments in which they exist;
* to include knowledge and the acquisition of a range of research skills and methods for investigating experience and behaviour, culminating in an ability to conduct research independently;
* to develop an understanding of the role of empirical evidence in the creation and constraint of theory, and also in how theory guides the collection and interpretation of empirical data;
* to present multiple perspectives in a way that fosters critical evaluation and reflection;
* to develop knowledge, leading to an appreciation of theory and research findings, including relevant ethical and socio-cultural issues;
* to lead to an understanding of real life applications of theory to the full range of experience and behaviour and the application of psychological understanding to real world questions
* to provide opportunities for the acquisition of generic skills in written and oral communication, independent learning, teamwork, information technology, and numeracy;
* to offer students a broadly based undergraduate course which will provide good career opportunities
* to cover all of the core areas of psychology, as defined by the BPS, and achieve GBC;
* to offer students the foundation to continue to study for professionally controlled postgraduate qualifications.
* to introduce students to criminology as an academic field of study
* to enable students to make connections between theories of crime and crime control
* to provide students with an introduction to the institutions, processes and legal foundations of the criminal justice system in England and Wales
* to enable students to understand theories of punishment and evaluate the role and purpose of punishment in modern societies
* to introduce students to the history, culture and techniques of policing
* to provide students with the knowledge, understanding and skills to critically engage with debates about transnational crime, international policing, and human rights.

1. **Programme Learning Outcomes**

The programme learning outcomes are the high-level learning outcomes that will have been achieved by all students receiving this award. They have been aligned to the levels set out in [‘Sector Recognised Standards in England’ (OFS 2022).](https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/53821cbf-5779-4380-bf2a-aa8f5c53ecd4/sector-recognised-standards.pdf%22)

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| **Programme Learning Outcomes** | | | | | |
|  | **Knowledge and Understanding**  On completion of the course students will be able to: |  | **Intellectual Skills**  On completion of the course students will be able to |  | **Subject Practical Skills**  On completion of the course students will be able to |
| A1 | Demonstrate a critical understanding and knowledge of the major theories, approaches and key concepts in psychology | B1 | Have comprehensive knowledge of Psychology with areas of in-depth specialisation | C1 | Write an appropriate review of the literature, and present and evaluate research findings to a higher level of proficiency |
| A2 | Appreciate the role of research in the development of psychological thought applying psychology research competencies, and a wide range of research methodologies and statistics | B2 | Integrate psychological ideas and findings across the multiple perspectives of Psychology and recognise distinct psychological approaches to relevant issues | C2 | Carry out empirical studies involving a variety of methods of data collection (experiments, observation, psychometric tests, questionnaires, interviews) and analyse data using statistical methods |
| A3 | Have an extensive knowledge of the way in which psychology has an impact upon society and individuals | B3 | Critically review evidence, including issues of reliability, validity and significance, and to investigate contradictory information | C3 | Use a variety of psychological tools, including specialist software, laboratory equipment and psychometric instruments |
| A4 | Gain additional knowledge and understanding of the ethical considerations and their importance in psychological practice and research | B4 | Analyse and transform new and/or abstract data and concepts towards a given purpose independently, and design novel solutions | C4 | Have detailed knowledge on the use of a variety of general and specific library resources to source appropriate information |
| A5 | Demonstrate knowledge of the historical and philosophical development of psychology as an academic discipline | B5 | Develop and sustain an argument independently in written and oral formats | C5 | Describe, summarize, interpret and present information, data and evidence in an appropriate format for a variety of audiences. |
| A6 | Demonstrate a critical understanding of the major theories and key concepts which are deployed throughout the social sciences that seek to explain all aspects of crime, victimisation responses to crime and deviance in social and personal context. | B6 | Identify and contextualise criminological problems, formulate questions and design appropriate strategies to investigate them. | C6 | Locate, retrieve, manage and analyse secondary data and information and evidence using relevant software. |
| A7 | Demonstrate a critical understanding of the principles of human rights and civil liberties which are applicable to the different stages of the criminal justice process, and to all official responses to crime and deviance. | B7 | Make ethical judgements about methods and published research |  |  |
| A8 | Demonstrate a critical understanding of the dimensions of social divisions and social diversity in relation to criminological topics | B8 | Objectively analyse, assess and communicate empirical information about crime, victimisation, responses to crime and deviance, and representations of crime |  |  |
| A9 | Demonstrate critical understanding of the local, national and international contexts of crime, victimisation and responses to crime and deviance. | B9 | Evaluate the merits and diversity of objectives of competing responses to crime and deviance, including the protection of human rights. |  |  |
| A10 | Demonstrate a critical understanding of the basic principles of social research as applicable to criminological topics; including what can be achieved by different quantitative and qualitative methodologies. | B10 | Gather, retrieve and synthesise data and use it to sustain a reasoned argument |  |  |
| A11 | Demonstrate a critical understanding of the construction and influence of representations of crime and victims, and of responses to crime and deviance, as found in official reports, the mass media and public opinion |  |  |  |  |

1. **Future Skills Graduate Attributes**

In addition to the programme learning outcomes, the programme of study defined in this programme specification will engage students in developing their Future Skills Graduate Attributes:

1. Creative Problem Solving
2. Digital Competency
3. Enterprise
4. Questioning Mindset
5. Adaptability
6. Empathy
7. Collaboration
8. Resilience
9. Self-Awareness
10. **Outline Programme Structure**

Core modules provide a comprehensive coverage of the key areas of psychology, with an additional specialism in criminology, in accordance with BPS and subject benchmarks. Optional modules allow students to specialise and further augment their understanding in the areas of their choice.

For information on Foundation year modules, please refer to the Foundation Year in Social and Behavioural Sciences programme specification.

Full details of each module will be provided in module descriptors and in the module canvas pages.

Note: As per [GR5](https://www.kingston.ac.uk/aboutkingstonuniversity/howtheuniversityworks/policiesandregulations/#blockid21000) within the general regulations, the University aims to ensure that all option modules listed below are delivered. However, for various reasons, such as demand or staff availability, the option modules offered may vary from year to year or between teaching blocks. Students will be informed of the availability of option modules through the Online Module Selection process.

## BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology

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| **Level 4** | | | | | | | |
| **BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology** | | | | | | | |
| **Core modules** | **Module code** | **Credit**  **Value** | **Level** | **Teaching Block** | **Pre-requisites** | **Full Time** | **Part Time** |
| Approaches and Professional Skills in Psychology | PS4008 | 30 | 4 | Year long |  | 1 | 1 |
| Foundations in Criminological Theory | CM4001 | 30 | 4 | Year long |  | 1 | 2 |
| Introduction to Psychology | PS4009 | 30 | 4 | Year long |  | 1 | 2 |
| Psychology Research Methods 1 | PS4001 | 30 | 4 | Year long |  | 1 | 1 |

Exit Awards at Level 4

This course permits progression from level 4 to level 5 with 90 credits at level 4 or above so long as PS4001 has been passed. The outstanding 30 credits from level 4 can be trailed into level 5 and must be passed before progression to level 6. The module PS4001 cannot be trailed.

Students exiting the course at this point who have successfully completed 120 credits at level 4 or above are eligible for the award of Certificate of Higher Education in Psychology with Criminology.

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| **Level 5** | | | | | | | |
| **BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology** | | | | | | | |
| **Core modules** | **Module code** | **Credit**  **Value** | **Level** | **Teaching Block** | **Pre-requisites** | **Full Time** | **Part Time** |
| Brain, Behaviour and Cognition | PS5003 | 30 | 5 | Year long |  | 2 | 4 |
| Criminal Justice: Policing, Prison and Probation | CM5013 | 30 | 5 | Year Long |  | 1 | 4 |
| Psychology Research Methods 2 | PS5001 | 30 | 5 | Year long |  | 2 | 3 |
| Social and Developmental Psychology | PS5012 | 30 | 5 | Year long |  | 2 | 3 |

Exit Awards at Level 5

This course permits progression from level 5 to level 6 with 90 credits at level 5 or above so long as PS5001 has been passed. The outstanding 30 credits from level 5 (can be trailed into level 6 and must be passed before consideration for an award. The module PS5001 cannot be trailed.

Students exiting the programme at this point who have successfully completed 120 credits at level 5 or above are eligible for the award of Diploma of Higher Education in Psychology with Criminology.

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| **Level 6** | | | | | | | |
| **BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology** | | | | | | | |
| **Core modules** | **Module code** | **Credit**  **Value** | **Level** | **Teaching Block** | **Pre-requisites** | **Full Time** | **Part Time** |
| Future Skills Apply | AX6001 | 15 | 6 | 2 |  | 3 | 5 |
| Personality and Individual Differences | PS6021 | 15 | 6 | 1 |  | 3 | 5 |
| Psychology Research Project | PS6000 | 30 | 6 | Year long | PS5001 | 3 | 6 |
| Transnational Crime | CM6027 | 30 | 6 | Year long |  | 3 | 5 |
| **Optional Modules** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Applied Psychology with Work Experience | PS6022 | 30 | 6 | Year long |  | 3 | 6 |
| Introduction to Forensic Psychology | PS6011 | 30 | 6 | Year long |  | 3 | 6 |
| The Psychology of Health and Well Being | PS6005 | 30 | 6 | Year long |  | 3 | 6 |

Exit Awards at Level 6

Students exiting the programme without completing the full 120 credits but have successfully completed 60 credits at level 6 or above are eligible for the award of an Ordinary Degree.

## BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology with Professional Placement

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| **Level 5** | | | | | | | |
| **BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology with Professional Placement** | | | | | | | |
| **Core modules** | **Module code** | **Credit**  **Value** | **Level** | **Teaching Block** | **Pre-requisites** | **Full Time** | **Part Time** |
| Work Placement | PN5003 | 120 | 5 | 1 and 2 |  | 0 | 0 |

Exit Awards at Level 5

Students exiting the programme at this point who have successfully completed 120 credits at level 5 or above are eligible for the award of Diploma of Higher Education.

1. **Teaching, Learning and Assessment**

This course uses a range of teaching and assessment methods which have been designed to support students’ learning and achievement of the learning outcomes. The course has been developed with reference to the Kingston University Academic Framework which sets-out core principles relating to Course and Credit Structure (including Module delivery Structure and Pattern, and Learning Hours and Learning Formats); Curriculum Design (inclusion Learning Design Principles and Inclusive Curriculum); and Future Skills. In addition the course is designed to meet the British Psychological Society (BPS) standards.

Teaching and Learning on the course consist of Scheduled Learning and Teaching and Guided Independent Study (self-managed time). Scheduled Learning and Teaching includes the following, and the format for each module is set out in the module specification:

* Laboratory Sessions
* Lectures
* Seminars
* Tutorials
* Workshops
* Placements

Guidance for students on the use of independent study time is communicated through the ‘Succeed in your module’ section on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and through other communications during the course.

In addition to the core Scheduled Learning and Teaching activities for the course, the University may offer students additional optional opportunities for learning. Examples of these include Study abroad and Work-based learning.

The course will provide students with the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills relating to at least two United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). We are committed to empowering students with the knowledge, skills and opportunities to understand and address the UN SDGs: each course is thus also required to prepare students for at least two of the SDGs (not including Quality Education, which all courses must deliver).

1. **Support for Students and their Learning**

Students are supported through a range of services that provide academic and wider support. These include:

* A Module Leader for each module
* A Course Leader to help students understand the course structure
* Personal Tutors to provide academic and personal support
* Technical support to advise students on IT and the use of software
* Student Voice Committee – to ensure the views of students are heard
* Canvas – Kingston University’s Virtual Learning Environment
* Student support facilities that can provide advice on issues such as finance, regulations, legal matters, accommodation, international student support
* Disabled student support
* The Kingston Students’ Union
* Student Development and Graduate Success
* Psychology facilities (including a range of laboratories, equipment and software supported by a Psychology technician)

1. **Ensuring and Enhancing the Quality of the Course**

The University has several methods for evaluating and improving the quality and standards of its provision. These include:

* External examiners
* Continuous Monitoring of courses through the Kingston Course Enhancement Programme (KCEP)
* Student evaluation including Module Evaluation Questionnaires (MEQs), and the National Student Survey (NSS)
* Moderation policies
* Feedback from employers
* The BSc Psychology with Criminology course is accredited by the British Psychological Society. The BPS monitors development of the programme, while ensuring its quality.

1. **External Reference Points**

External reference points which have informed the design of the course. These could include:

* PSRB standards
* QAA Subject benchmarks
* Other subject or industry standards

1. **Development of Course Learning Outcomes in Modules**

This table maps where programme learning outcomes are **summatively** assessed across the **core** modules for this course. It provides an aid to academic staff in understanding how individual modules contribute to the course aims, a means to help students monitor their own learning, personal and professional development as the course progresses and a checklist for quality assurance purposes.

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| **Module Code** | | **Level 4** | | | | | | | | **Level 5** | | | | | | | | | | **Level 6** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **PS4009** | | **CM4001** | | **PS4008** | | **PS4001** | | **CM5013** | | **PS5001** | | **PS5003** | | **PS5012** | | **PN5003** | | **AX6001** | | **PS6005** | | **PS6000** | | **CM6027** | | **PS6011** | | **PS6021** | | **PS6022** | |
| **Knowledge & Understanding** | A1 | S | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |
| A2 | S | |  | | S | | S | |  | | S | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |
| A3 | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |
| A4 | S | |  | |  | | S | |  | | S | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |
| A5 | S | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |
| A6 |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| A7 |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |
| A8 |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |
| A9 |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |
| A10 |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | | S | |  | |  | | S | | S | | S | |  | |  | |
| A11 |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | | S | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |
| **Intellectual Skills** | B1 | S | | S | | S | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | | S | | S | | S | |  | |  | |
| B2 | S | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | | S | |  | |  | |
| B3 | S | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | | S | |  | |
| B4 |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | | S | |  | |  | | S | |  | | S | | S | |  | |
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| B6 |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |
| B7 |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |
| B8 |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |
| B9 |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |
| B10 |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |
| **Practical Skills** | C1 | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| C2 |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | |
| C3 | S | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |
| C4 | S | | S | | S | |  | |  | | S | | S | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | | S | |  | |
| C5 |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | |  | | S | |  | |
| C6 |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | |  | |  | |  | |  | | S | | S | | S | |  | |  | |

**Students will be provided with formative assessment opportunities throughout the course to practise and develop their proficiency in the range of assessment methods utilised.**

**Additional Information**