



**Centre of Criminology and Sociology**  
**Undergraduate Studies**

Royal Holloway  
University of London



# Royal Holloway University of London



Royal Holloway is widely recognised on the world stage as one of the UK's leading teaching and research universities. One of the larger colleges of the University of London, we are strong across the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities. Our 8,500 students work with internationally renowned scholars in 20 academic departments. The University of London degree gained by our talented, high-achieving graduates is valued the world over.

As a cosmopolitan community, with students from 130 countries, we focus on the support and development of the individual. Our friendly campus, just 19 miles west of central London, provides a unique environment for university study. Campus life revolves around the Students' Union, which runs over 100 societies and sports clubs, and we are recognised as London's best sporting college.

The Centre provides research focused, intellectually challenging degree programmes for students wishing to study Criminology and Sociology. Our internationally renowned academics bring both their research and experience of real life situations into the lecture theatre, helping students gain current and relevant skills and knowledge.

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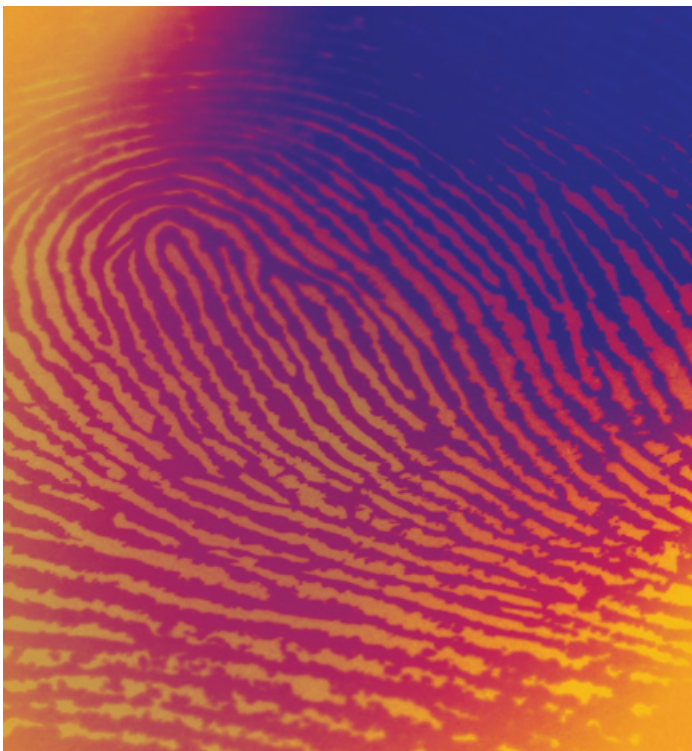
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This brochure is designed to complement Royal Holloway's Undergraduate Prospectus and information on the Department's website at [www.rhul.ac.uk/criminologyandsociology/](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/criminologyandsociology/)

It is also available as a PDF at:

[www.rhul.ac.uk/criminologyandsociology/prospectivestudents/undergraduate/home.aspx](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/criminologyandsociology/prospectivestudents/undergraduate/home.aspx)



# Why study Criminology and Sociology?

National Student Survey 2012  
overall 82% and Teaching 85%

## Centre for Criminology and Sociology

The Centre has a strong reputation for excellence in research and teaching. Although a recent development at Royal Holloway, the Centre has been established in response to the specialist areas of staffing group and student interest. Criminology is the study of crime as individual and social phenomena. It focuses on the incidence and causes of crime and considers social and governmental responses. It is a field of study that draws on a range of disciplines including sociology. Sociology analyses ways in which life experiences are shaped by social forces, institutions and groups, and social rules and processes that organise people.

Our degree programme reflects the very latest developments in Criminology and Sociology and examines real-life situations. As you progress through your courses, you will become equipped with the knowledge, skills and experiences essential to advance your future career.

## Fast Facts

<b>BSc Criminology and Sociology</b>	
Number of Places	35
UCAS code	LM39
Programme Duration	3 years
Study Programme	The course has a modular structure, whereby students take 12 units at the rate of four per year. Some units are compulsory while others are elective thereby offering flexibility and choice.
Assessment	Course units are assessed by a combination of essays, end of year exams and in addition, in the third year, a dissertation
Entry Requirements	Typical A level offer is ABB, UCAS Tariff 320pts
FT Fees (2012-13)	UK/EU £9,000 International £12,220

<b>BSc Psychology and Criminology (joint honours)</b>	
Number of Places	19
UCAS code	CL83
Programme Duration	3 years
Study Programme	The course has a modular structure, whereby students take 12 units at the rate of four per year. Some units are compulsory while others are elective thereby offering flexibility and choice.
Assessment	Course units are assessed by a combination of essays, end of year exams and, in the third year, an optional dissertation.
Entry Requirements	Typical A level offer is AAB, UCAS Tariff 340 pts
FT Fees (2012-13)	UK/EU £9,000 International £12,220



We recognise that university life is a new experience for undergraduate students. This step by step guide will help you prepare for this experience by illustrating the type of students we take and what is expected from them.

## Typical Offers

UCAS Tariff	320–340pts
A level	ABB BSc Criminology and Sociology AAB plus a B in GCSE Maths BSc Psychology and Criminology
International Baccalaureate	34 for BSc Criminology and Sociology 35 for BSc Psychology and Criminology
AP's (US Advanced Placements)	2 at Grade 4 (out of 5)

## Eligibility

Each year the centre admits approximately 60 new undergraduate students on single or joint honours programmes.

Our aim is to attract intelligent, self-motivated students who will contribute to and benefit from, a lively and stimulating environment.

## Potential applicants

### Sixth formers

The majority of applicants are sixth formers preparing for A-levels or equivalent and the conditions of entry will vary according to your circumstances.

## Mature applicants

We are pleased to receive applications from mature students from any educational or career background. We may invite you for interview so that we can consider your circumstances.

## International students

The faculty takes a significant number of international students each year and this enriches the programme and the environment. We recognise a wide range of qualifications but if you are in any doubt, please email the Admissions Office: [Admissions@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:Admissions@rhul.ac.uk) or call: +44 (0)1784 443399 and we will be happy to assist you.

## Deferred entry

Applicants for deferred entry are accepted and spending time pursuing different interests between leaving school and entering university can be a very worthwhile undertaking for a student.

The terms and conditions on which Royal Holloway, University of London makes offers of admission to its programmes of study, including those covered in this booklet, may be found in the Undergraduate Prospectus or Postgraduate Prospectus, copies of which are available on request from: [www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/)



# Degree programmes and structure

## BSc Criminology and Sociology

The study of Criminology and Sociology is approached from an interdisciplinary social science perspective. This is evident in all our compulsory teaching units. Criminology and Sociology courses are taught mainly through lectures and seminars. Seminar groups are usually small enough to allow an active exchange of ideas with your tutor and other students. Students take the equivalent of four course

units a year, which means a commitment to eight hours formal engagement with academic staff and other students. Students are expected to spend at least a further thirty hours each week on private study in preparation for seminars and coursework. Courses are assessed by a combination of essays, end of year exams and in addition, in the third year, a dissertation.

### Single Honours specialisms

Year 1	Year 2	Final Year
Students take the following Core Courses	Students take the following Core Courses:	Core Course:
CR1011 Introduction to Criminology	CR2011 Research Methods for Social Scientists	CR3011 Dissertation
CR1013 Criminal Justice System	CR2012 Data Analysis for Social Scientists	Students also choose six options from the following list:
CR1014 Introduction to Sociology	CR2013 Key Perspectives and Debates in Criminology	CR3002 Sociology of Health and illness
CR1015 Social Problems and Social Policy	CR2014 Sociology of Contemporary Society	CR3003 Youth & Society: Deviance and Delinquency
	Students also choose two option units from the following list	CR3004 Youth & Society: Culture, Subculture & Transgression
	CR2015 Violent Crime – Sociological and Psychological Perspectives	CR3005 Crime and the Media
	CR2016 Crime and the Law	CR3006 Crime and Literature
	CR2018 Lost in Music: The Sociology of Popular Music	CR3007 Critical Readings in Sociology
	CR2019 Sociology of the Family	CR3008 Critical Readings in Criminology
		CR3009 Race & Ethnicity in Contemporary Society
		CR3015 Children, Society and Risk



# Degree programmes & structure

## BSc Psychology and Criminology

### Joint Degrees

Joint honours students take five courses in the first year. You will have introductory courses in biological psychology, criminology and sociology, the criminal justice system and morality and behaviour. You will be taught in several different ways, mostly through lectures, tutorials and laboratory classes. Altogether you can expect around 12 hours of tutorials, lab classes and lectures each week and the rest of the time you will be engaged in private study, reading and revision.

Courses in the second year build on the knowledge gained in the first year. They are more specialised and give students the chance to learn about particular topics in greater depth. Second year students are expected to carry out more independent reading and to begin to understand research design. You will receive lab classes, tutorials and lectures in research methodology and key debates in Criminology and Sociology. You will also have a choice between studying options such as crime and the law and violent crime; plus four from six courses in Psychology.

In the final year courses are flexible and you have a great deal of choice of which units to take. Courses are highly specialized and at the cutting edge of research. Note all courses are subject to change depending on what the Department is able to offer in any given year.

All students will choose options, in consultation with the Academic Coordinator, from the following (half from Criminology and half from Psychology)

#### Year 1

CR1011 Introduction to Criminology

CR1013 Criminal Justice System

PS1010 Introduction to Psychological Research

PS1060 Biological Foundations of Psychology

PS1110 Introduction to Abnormal Psychology

#### Year 2

##### Criminology

CR2013 Key Perspectives and Debates in Criminology

CR2011 Research Methods for Social Scientists

CR2015 Violent Crime

CR2016 Crime and the Law

##### Psychology

PS2021 Cognitive Psychology

PS2030 Social Psychology

PS2040 Developmental Psychology

PS2050 Personality and Individual Differences

PS2061 Brain and Behaviour

PS2080 Conceptual Issues in Psychology

#### Final Year

##### Criminology

CR3003 Youth in Society: Deviance, & Delinquency

CR3004 Youth in Society: Culture, Subculture & Transgression

CR3005 Crime and the Media

CR3006 Crime and Literature

CR3008 Critical Readings in Criminology

CR3009 Race and Ethnicity in Contemporary Society

CR3015 Children, Society and Risk

CR3011 Dissertation (Criminology)

CR3012 Health Care: Sociological and Criminological Perspectives

CR3020 Risk Insecurity and Terrorism

##### Psychology

PS3021 Psychology of Language

PS3041 Advanced Developmental Psychology

PS3050 Health Psychology

PS3060 Perception and Awareness of the World and the Self

PS3061 The Ageing Brain

PS3090 Advanced and Applied Social Psychology

PS3110 Adult Psychological Problems

PS3121 Developmental Disorders

PS3131 Human Neuropsychology

PS3141 Clinical and Cognitive Neuroscience

PS3151 Occupational and Organisational Psychology

PS3171 Human Performance: Work, Sport, and Medicine

PS3181 Criminal and Forensic Psychology

PS3210 Dissertation (Psychology)

# Teaching and assessment

## Information Technology

There are a wide range of ways in which IT is built into the provision of your degree programme. This includes the facility to connect to College resources both on and off campus. Most of the College's study bedrooms include data points enabling you to connect your laptop to the internet and College network. You can also use your computer or laptop in the majority of our study bedrooms to access some of the most common TV channels and a phone service. Access to the internet and College network can be gained in many parts of the campus using a wireless provision.

Situated around the campus are a number of fully equipped PC Labs which offer a range of essential applications that you may require for your degree; with most labs being open 24/7.

## Support for independent learning

The university facilities include state-of-the-art lecture theatres and high specification audio visual equipment aiding interactive and collaborative study, both in this country and globally. We are conveniently located opposite to the Computer Centre Building, which is open 24 hours a day and alongside the Careers Service. Programmes are supported by a virtual learning environment (Moodle). Online resources available to students may include copies of lecture slides, links to e-journals and past exam papers as well as course outlines. Our dedicated undergraduate staff will support you whilst you study for your degree. You may contact the Undergraduate Administrator that covers your programme, or the Admissions Officer, depending on the nature of your query.

## Library

The Royal Holloway libraries have a collection of over 500,000 books, as well as growing collections of audio visual materials. Bedford Library has recently been refurbished to offer a range of different working spaces for students. Level 2 is now a social learning space, which features group study areas, a café, a tea house, as well as various IT facilities such as data projectors and interactive whiteboards to enable group working. Level 3 has been refurbished to provide a silent study area for students, featuring improved lighting and wireless access. Bedford Library has an extensive collection of books in your field of study.

Bedford Library also has a range of print journals but, more importantly, offers access to a very wide range of electronic resources. These resources include data sources, which contain more academic discussions and analyses of topics. Training on how to use these electronic resources is provided by the Information Consultants in the library, who run both general and subject-specific sessions. Students are also able to borrow books from and access the electronic resources of Senate House Library, the library of the University of London. For more information on Royal Holloway libraries, please visit:

[www.rhul.ac.uk/information-services/library/](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/information-services/library/)

The teaching and learning strategies employed in the centre take into account our students' diverse range of backgrounds. A-level students have studied different subjects at school; mature students

have worked in a range of different occupations; and international students enlighten the programme with their experiences of different cultures. Our first year Foundation courses are designed to take into account the different levels of student knowledge and to provide you with the basic tools and theories. For some students, our programme will further develop existing skills and knowledge. For others who may have little or no experience of certain key subjects, our programme will help you develop these. This relative inexperience should not be a daunting situation and you should have no reason to feel concerned about it. The diverse range of both students and academics within the Centre means everyone can benefit from the knowledge and skills they can gain from each other's different backgrounds and learning. Our overall approach to learning is to adopt a creative attitude to problem solving. You will be shown how to research a topic and how to organise, analyse and interpret data. You will be positively encouraged to acquire the skills and competencies necessary for the development of your creative and discursive capabilities. We actively encourage independent learning and you will be given as much freedom as possible for self-expression. Each course unit you take will be assessed.





## Study abroad

All students have the opportunity to study abroad and many students, particularly those with a language element in their degree, do this before their final year. Students study and live in their chosen country for a year, helping to broaden their academic knowledge and improve their language skills.

## UCAS and College Open Days

Our Open Days provide you with an opportunity to see if the Centre is the right place for you. You will be given a tour of the college campus to see the facilities and accommodation. You will also attend presentations providing further information about studying and life at Royal Holloway. Our academic and administrative staff will be present on the day to help answer any questions you may have. In addition to which our Student Ambassadors will also be happy to assist you and answer any queries or concerns about studying for a degree.

For more information about Open Days or to book a place at one, please visit: [www.rhul.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/opendays) or email [liaison-office@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:liaison-office@rhul.ac.uk)

Many College facilities can be accessed remotely. Whether you are working in a PC Lab, your study bedroom, or abroad you have the opportunity to access certain areas such as your College email, your personal disk storage area, and the Moodle virtual learning environment from which you can access a range of learning materials. Additionally, essential library resources can also be accessed, including the Library catalogue and online journals. To support these facilities, a range of IT related help is available at the College, either remotely via email and the internet, or face-to-face by visiting the Bedford Library Service Desk. For more information about many of the IT facilities available, please visit:

[www.rhul.ac.uk/Information-Services/Computer-Centre/](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/Information-Services/Computer-Centre/)

## Student support and facilities within the School

When you join the Centre, a member of our staff is immediately assigned to you as your Personal Adviser. Our staff are renowned for being friendly and approachable and will help you choose your courses and offer personal support and guidance throughout your degree study period.

Towards the end of each course unit, you will be asked to complete a short questionnaire that is designed to assess reactions to courses and lecturers. The objective is to pick up any problems that may have occurred with a view to rectifying the situation in the future. Your co-operation in completing these questionnaires is highly valued. This information is then used in the Annual Review of the centre where your feedback can help us to improve our courses and the service we provide to you.

## Student-Staff committee

The Student-Staff Undergraduate Committee is the forum for discussion of matters of concern to both Centre staff and students. The Committee makes recommendations and advises the Head of Department. The Student-Staff Committee meets once during each teaching term to review courses and general matters that students would like to bring to the attention of staff. In the first instance, students should bring forward matters for discussion through their Student Representative.



# Your future career



## Undergraduate careers support

The Careers Service is conveniently situated on campus and is affiliated with The Careers Group, University of London. At 100 years old is one of the largest and most established higher education careers organisations in Europe. Undergraduate Careers Advisers offer plenty of hands-on support, long with one-to-one coaching sessions, designed to assist you with your career strategy. In addition to which Careers Advisors focus on areas such as entrepreneurship and provide a specialist service for international students. It is strongly advised that you prepare for a job as early as possible by fully utilising the Careers Centre facilities and attending activities and events to network and gain information. Our workshops will help you with:

### Using Social media for Job Hunting

### Finding Internships and work Experience

### CVs, Applications, Interviews

### Assessment Centres

### Making the most of the recruitment fair

### What to do if you don't know what to do



## Maximising your job opportunities

Employers look for such skills such as teamwork, problem solving and decision-making. The best job applicants got involved with activities such as student societies, sports teams, volunteering and part-time work. Some student societies work with the Careers Service for assistance with guest speakers and vocational information. These include Entrepreneurs, the Law Society and the Management and Investment society. Your involvement with co-curricular activities can lead to you being awarded the Royal Holloway Passport, a recent initiative that helps you market your skills to employers. Egham is part of a business hub that has built up around Heathrow and the M25 which provides opportunities to work in the area for local, national and multi-national companies. There are businesses situated close to the college that include accountants, management consultants, law firms, IT and utilities companies and numerous restaurants and shops. Our affiliation with the Careers Group, provides access to employers and careers events in London as well as locally.

## Step London Graduate Internship programme

This programme is run by The Careers Group and offer paid internships to graduates at: [www.careers.lon.ac.uk](http://www.careers.lon.ac.uk)

## Careers activities and employer events

- PWC, psychometric assessment skills session
- Proctor & Gamble – R&D presentation
- Deloitte, making successful applications, skills session
- Ernst & Young, CV clinic
- College of Law, is Law the careers for me?
- RAF interviews
- Centrica, succeeding at interviews skills session
- CV workshop, Job applications workshop
- Transferable skills from volunteering workshop
- Centrica summer internships presentation
- Using social media for job hunting
- Finding internships and work experience
- CV's, Applications, Interviews
- Assessment centres
- Making the most of the recruitment fair
- What to do if you don't know what to do!

[www.rhul.ac.uk/careers/events](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/careers/events)



## Your career, employability, and transferrable skills

### Services for students who wish to:

- Start a business, social enterprise or charity
- Become more enterprising and entrepreneurial
- Enhance employability with enterprise skills  
[www.rhul.ac.uk/rhentrepreneurs](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/rhentrepreneurs)
- Start-up Wednesdays – workshops and skills development
- Student Societies – gain experience through involvement in societies
- Enterprise Lab – one-to-one business guidance/incubation services
- Competitions – raise funds for your business/social enterprise
- Enterprise Training – boot camps/department workshops/one-off events

“A BSc in Criminology and Sociology at Royal Holloway is a challenging and comprehensive degree providing the necessary transferable skills for employment. A key feature of the degree is that there are a range of interesting and stimulating courses available including Race and ethnicity, Terrorism, Youth and society and Crime and the law. Studying such a range of areas has led me to develop a deeper understanding of social issues and concerns. The analytical and organizational skills I acquired during my three years of study are proving to be immensely useful in the process of setting up my own business.”

**Haris Adu**

After graduating you will become part of the Royal Holloway Alumni. We are in contact with 65,000 previous students both in the UK and abroad, enabling graduates to network with each other worldwide. To help you keep in touch we will send you information through Higher, our twice yearly magazine and our regular Alumni Update eNewsletter. Many alumni give their support because their time here left a positive impression on them, which they are proud of. They are very active and often become ambassadors of the university, helping with events, graduate recruitment, career talks, mentoring, networking and offering job opportunities. Some of our recent alumni events have included:

- Alumni Lecture Series – ‘The Apprentice’ finalist, Debra Barr
- Start It! Royal Holloway Entrepreneurs events – Business clinics, Bright Ideas Masterclass & Start-up Planning and events featuring speakers from ‘Dragons Den’

[www.royalhollowayentrepreneurs.com/](http://www.royalhollowayentrepreneurs.com/)

- Alumni in the city – networking and socialising
- Hancock Cup Alumni Sports Day – basketball, netball, football, rugby, hockey, mixed lacrosse, golf, American football
- International weekend reunions

For further information about Royal Holloway alumni events please visit: [www.rhul.ac.uk/For-Alumni/news\\_and\\_events.html](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/For-Alumni/news_and_events.html)

Through the alumni programme you can gain many benefits, some of which include:

- Royal Holloway Sports Centre membership
- Free access to the libraries
- Alumni bursaries for postgraduate study
- Ongoing careers support through our Careers Service
- Discounts on products and services

We always encourage our alumni to get involved in organising such events to help bring the alumni Community closer together. For further information please visit the Royal Holloway Alumni website:

[www.rhul.ac.uk/alumni/](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/alumni/)



## Graduate Profile

**Alumna:** Sabrina Leung  
**Subject:** BSc Criminology and Sociology  
**Graduated:** 2011

“Royal Holloway is the place that let me dream big. In my first year, I remember feeling scared but I talked to Professor David Denney [Head of Department] and he encouraged me to do a lot with a degree from Royal Holloway, to which he said ‘Why don’t you just try’; now, here I am finishing my Masters degree at Cambridge. Royal Holloway has a very supportive environment; everyone there is so driven and clear about what they want to do, so they achieve high. And that’s as much to do with personal growth as academic success”

## Graduate Profile

**Alumnus:** Amir El-Masry  
**Subject:** BSc Criminology and Sociology  
**Graduated:** 2011

“For me, Royal Holloway had the complete package. Not only is it a world-class research institution and part of the University of London, it is also a beautiful campus outside of London where you meet people from all kinds of different backgrounds.”

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