



ATTENDANCE

Full-time students attend lectures two evenings per week and part-time students one evening per week. Timetabling will vary, however, depending on the optional modules chosen.

In addition to scheduled classes, students are required to undertake a substantial amount of independent learning. It is strongly recommended therefore that those in full-time employment complete the programme on a part-time basis.

FEES

<http://www.dit.ie/study/postgraduate/feesandfunding/list/>

APPLICATION

Application forms are available at:

<http://www.dit.ie/study/postgraduate/howtoapply/>

Full programme information can be found at:

<http://www.dit.ie/socialscienceslaw/socio-legalstudies/maincriminology/>

Deadline for receipt of applications is 23rd April 2010.

Late applications will be considered on a case by case basis.



For additional queries please contact:

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Criminology is an exciting inter-disciplinary subject that draws on sociology, psychology and law to focus on issues such as the causes of crime, the meaning of crime and community or societal reactions to crime.

MA IN CRIMINOLOGY

SCHOOL OF
SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND LAW



The MA in Criminology at the School of Social Sciences and Law, Dublin Institute of Technology provides students with a strong theoretical grounding in, and understanding of, contemporary criminological issues as well as advanced training in research skills.



The programme provides an excellent grounding for those seeking to pursue a career in research and/or policy making or for those seeking to pursue higher qualifications (such as MPhil or PhD degrees). The programme is also targeted at those working in, or aspiring to work in, the criminal justice field including lawyers, gardaí, court officers, social workers, social care workers, psychologists, youth workers and related professionals.

WHY STUDY AT DIT?

- Staff expertise
- Lectures held in the evening
- Convenient city centre college locations (Aungier St. and Mountjoy Square).
- Small classes and individual attention
- Remote access to a wide range of criminological resources including the top criminological journals (downloadable electronically from outside DIT)
- Excellent student support and services

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will normally hold a second class honours degree (Level 8), lower division (2.2) or higher in the area of social science, law, sociology, psychology or cognate discipline.

Applicants who do not meet the minimum academic requirements, but who have substantial professional or vocational experience in the criminal justice system shall also be considered. In addition to completing an application form, this latter category may be asked to present for interview.

All applicants will be short-listed on the basis of their academic qualifications and work experience.

MA PROGRAMME CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The MA is a one year full-time or two year part-time modularised programme and consists of 90 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) points. Students are required to complete three core modules, two of six optional modules and a dissertation. Core modules include Research Methods, Criminological Theory and the Criminal Justice System. The optional modules incorporate courses in Criminal Law, Penal Policy, Policing, Sentencing, Victimology, Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice Policymaking and Youth Justice.

FULL-TIME PROGRAMME – 1 YEAR

Semester 1 (September – December)
Criminological Theory (Core module)
Research Methods (Core module)

Semester 2 (January – June)
The Criminal Justice System (Core module)
Students complete two of eight optional modules: Criminal Law, Penal Policy, Policing, Sentencing, Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice Policymaking, Youth Offending & Youth Justice Perspectives and/or Victimology
(Note: optional modules operate subject to viable cohorts)

Completion of MA Dissertation (June – September)

PART-TIME PROGRAMME – 2 YEARS

Year 1 Semester 1 (September – December)
Criminological Theory (Core module)

Year 1 Semester 2 (January – June)
The Criminal Justice System (Core module)
*Optional module/s** Criminal Law, Penal Policy, Policing, Sentencing, Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice Policymaking, Youth Offending & Youth Justice Perspectives and/or Victimology

Year 2 Semester 1 (September – December)
Research Methods (Core module)

Year 2 Semester 2 (January – June)
Optional module/s Criminal Law, Penal Policy, Policing, Sentencing, Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice Policymaking, Youth Offending & Youth Justice Perspectives and/or Victimology.

Year 2 Completion of MA Dissertation (June – September)

** Optional modules may be completed by part-time students in Year 1, Year 2 or in both Year 1 and 2 respectively – in total, 2 optional modules must be completed. Optional modules operate subject to viable cohorts. Criminal Law is an optional module completed in Semester 1 and Semester 2.*