

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
Awarding Bodies	University of Suffolk
Level of Award ¹	FHEQ Level 6
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	None.
Credit Structure ²	360 Credits Level 4: 120 Credits Level 5: 120 Credits Level 6: 120 Credits
Mode of Attendance	Full-time and Part-time
Standard Length of Course ³	3 years full-time
Intended Award	LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
Named Exit Awards	LLB Law with Criminology DipHE Law with Criminology CertHE Law with Criminology
Entry Requirements ⁴	<p>Standard:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Typical offer: 112 UCAS tariff points (or above). 2. GCSE English and Maths at grade 4/C or above or equivalent. 3. Applicants whose first language is not English will be required to provide evidence of their competency in the use of English in accordance with the University admissions policy. <p>Applications from mature applicants will be considered in accordance with the University admissions policy, with particular attention to evidence of ability to cope with the demands of the course.</p>
Delivering Institution(s)	Ipswich main campus
UCAS Code	M101

¹ For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

² All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England.](#)

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This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 4 in the 2024-25 academic year⁵.

Course Summary

Law is taught from a range of perspectives, based on the finest traditions of legal education and recent innovations for the 21st century. Our approach is to examine law well beyond basic legal rules and legal institutions, taking account of wider contexts and discourses that allow deeper understanding of law in society. With this approach, the University of Suffolk provides students with firm grounding in the subject of law and the contexts in which law functions. Equally important is the breadth and depth of education that this subject facilitates. Students will be equipped to take on challenging questions about law and related issues, and to apply their knowledge and skills in a variety of contexts. This ethos runs right through all subjects in the law curriculum which includes a number of modules specifically designed to provide opportunities to apply your knowledge and skills in different contexts.

This course places emphasis on the use of law to solve problems. With this in mind, teaching and learning on this course is designed to encourage the development of strong legal and problem-solving skills. In addition to engaging in legal reasoning, students also learn how to analyse the impact of law in society. Though law is often studied as a distinct subject, its methods and analytical approaches draw on fields within the humanities and the social sciences. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills in the use of a wide range of legal research methods and approaches, with increasing emphasis on independent work as you progress through your course. The course also emphasises the importance of developing a range of legal and academic skills to enable students to learn, research and analyse the law as independent learners to prepare them for further study or a variety of legal careers. This course also recognises the importance of practical legal skills for employability, and endeavours to infuse skills-based learning on all modules.

As a criminology student at University of Suffolk, you will be able to critically engage with national and international dimensions of crime and criminal justice policy, and develop well informed views on contested public issues. There is a strong emphasis on challenging “common-sense” notions of criminal and deviant behaviours by critically examining academic research and making informed decisions based on available evidence. To this end, you will be introduced to a variety of research methods and ethical considerations, so that you can challenge and understand the limitations and ambiguities of empirical research, whilst assessing its value. This will provide an excellent theoretical and practical platform for the completion of a third-year independent project in an area of personal or career interest.

⁵ The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#).

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Intellectual Skills

6. Critically evaluate a range of primary and secondary sources identifying limitations and weaknesses of particular sources.
7. Discuss the law from different perspectives such as moral, social economic and political.
8. Demonstrate intellectual independence through the design and development of an independent project drawing on a range of different sources, data, and/or first-hand experiences.
9. Critically evaluate ambiguity, uncertainty, gaps and growth points in the law.

Capability and Employability Skills

10. Manage own learning including through independent research and learning.
11. Analyse and distil a range of material from a range of appropriate sources to inform judgements and reach accurate conclusions.
12. Present complex legal information clearly both orally and in writing including responding to questions and instructions taking into account the needs of the audience.
13. Articulate complex legal points and argument based on credible evidence using appropriate language and legal terminology.
14. Demonstrate mastery of relevant professional legal skills.

Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the following QAA Benchmarks, Professional Standards and Competency Frameworks:

- QAA Subject Benchmark Statement – Law (2023)
- Solicitors Regulation Authority Solicitors Qualifying Examination – SQE1 Functioning Legal Knowledge Assessment Specification (2020)
- SRA/BSB Academic Stage Handbook (2014) and the Common Protocol on the Academic Stage of Training (2020)
- Bar Standards Board, The Bar Qualification Manual (2020)

Course Structure

The LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology comprises modules at levels 4, 5 and 6.

Module Specifications for each of these modules are included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

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	Advanced Property Law and Practice	20	O
	Wills and Probate	20	O
	International Law and Human Rights	20	O
Criminology Optional Modules (available at level 6)			
	Victimology	20	O
	Drugs, Crime and Society	20	O
	Penology	20	O

