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### Important information

The programme information published in this brochure was correct at time of going to print (July 2020) and may be subject to change. Prospective students are advised to check the definitive programme information, including entry requirements, that is available on our website before making an application, to ensure that the programme meets their needs.

# Welcome

Law has been taught at Aberystwyth since 1901. The Department has a proud tradition of scholarship and research, and has prepared generations of people from all over the world for professional careers and for life in general. Some of the most distinguished lawyers, politicians and academics in Wales, the UK and further afield have studied here.

The Department has always been dynamic and forward-looking, the addition of Criminology to the mix, has enabled us to establish the thriving Department of Law and Criminology which is here today, at the University's Penglais campus, set against the stunning background of Cardigan Bay.

If you come here to study, you will find a stimulating, supportive and rewarding environment within a department that has a distinctive identity, a wealth of experience, excellent teaching and dynamic research activity, backed up by superb library and IT provisions.

Above all you will be taught and guided by a community of scholars whose main focus will be helping you to succeed and to fulfil your potential. It is not by accident that Aberystwyth University has been awarded University of the Year for teaching quality two years consecutively (Good University Guide, The Times and Sunday Times 2018 & 2019) and has also been honoured with Welsh University of Year in The Times and Sunday Times, Good University Guide 2020.

In addition to the exceptional teaching quality, Aberystwyth University offers a student experience that is regarded highly by its students. For three years, the University has been ranked top in England and Wales for student satisfaction.

As an undergraduate you can study law or criminology as a single subject or together, or in combination with other subjects. We also offer specialist degrees such as Human Rights Law and Criminology and Criminal Psychology.

All our law degrees offer a good foundation for entry into the legal professions. They are qualifying law degrees for the purposes of the Bar Professional Training Course (for intending barristers) and the Legal Practice Course (for intending solicitors). These degrees as they stand will provide an excellent platform for those wishing to prepare for the new Solicitors' Qualifying Examination, and we are planning to introduce both undergraduate and postgraduate courses which are aimed at preparing students fully for this new route to qualification as a solicitor.

Having been a legal practitioner for over thirty years, I understand the value of students acquiring practical skills and hands-on experience during their time at university. As well as excellent academic learning, the department offers many opportunities to do this. These include our Family Law Clinic, where students can do casework under the guidance of a qualified solicitor, our very active mooted society where students can acquire and practise advocacy and case preparation skills, and the opportunities to volunteer at our ground-breaking Dewis/Choice research project, which

is focused on addressing the increasingly high-profile issue of abuse of elderly people.

The interests and expertise of our staff cover a wide range of subjects. Many participate in debate and policymaking at both domestic and international level. This includes working with the European Union, United Nations, Council of Europe, central and devolved governments and corporations. Human Rights and diversity are a strong focus, and we offer courses in human rights at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. Issues of gender, culture, language, youth, military veterans and their families, and old age are important themes in the department's work. Business and commercial law are also strong components of our teaching, including a specialist LLB course in business law.

Choosing a University can be a perplexing experience. There is a wide choice, and it's not always easy to select the one that's right for you. Having said that, if you are interested in studying Law or Criminology at an established University in a beautiful and unique part of the world, Aberystwyth can offer you a dynamic and friendly department with a focus on teaching quality.

I look forward to welcoming you at Aberystwyth.

Professor Emyr  
Lewis

Head of  
Department.





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# Law Courses

Law

Law and Criminology

Business Law

Criminal Law

European Law

Human Rights

Senior Status Law

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*Cerflun Lady Justice, The Old Bailey, Llundain.*

# Why study Law at Aberystwyth University?

The Department of Law and Criminology at Aberystwyth University is one the oldest and most established Law departments in Wales. From the start of your degree, you will benefit from access to our established connections with local legal professionals and be encouraged to engage with real clients and case work under the guidance and support of our esteemed academic team. Students also benefit from unrivalled resources such as the National Library of Wales (one of only five copyright libraries in the UK), just a few minutes' walk away.

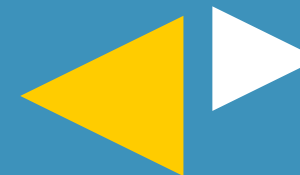
## Why Aberystwyth?

With over 100 years of teaching experience, we combine modern approaches to learning and will encourage you to develop professional skills throughout the duration of your degree. This is one of the reasons why the University has been awarded University of the Year for Teaching Quality two years consecutively by *The Times* and *Sunday Times Good University Guide* 2018 and 2019.

In addition, you will also learn from internationally renowned lecturers who are actively engaged in cutting-edge research. The research undertaken within the Department creates a stimulating learning environment and offers you the chance to contribute to wider law and policy debates. You will also benefit from our strong links with alumni all over the world.

## Your Future: Employability

Figures released in June 2018 by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) show that 96.8% of our full-time, first degree students were either in work or further study six months after graduating from Aberystwyth University in 2017 (HESA 2018).



## The Family Legal Clinic

The Clinic, which is shortlisted for 'The LawWorks Cymru Award 2018' offers free confidential legal advice in family and child law, an area where people may find it difficult to find or afford other legal services. At the same time, the Clinic provides an opportunity for students to gain valuable real-life experience and put theory into practice. Everything that the Clinic does is overseen by an experienced solicitor, ensuring a consistently high standard of legal advice throughout.

## The Veterans Legal Link project

Veterans Legal Link was established in 2015 to address the legal advice deficit in Wales. The project invites lawyers and law students to assist veterans and their families in receiving free legal advice. The service supports the reintegration of Veterans and their families by providing a comprehensive signposting and referral service to legal advice and non-legal advice services. The project is run nationwide via online, telephone, Skype and face-to-face delivery methods.

## Employability skills for professionals

This module integrates community service with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen the local community and its rootedness in the unique history, environment, culture and economy of Ceredigion. It consists of ring-fenced high-quality credit-bearing bilingual placement opportunities with major local employers.



# Law

## LLB (Hons)

Studying our degree, which is recognised by the Bar Standards Board and the Solicitors Regulation Authority, will give you the opportunity to examine the law, how it functions, and the relations between justice and injustice in society.

You will study the foundational legal subjects, while also having the opportunity to tailor your degree according to your own interests, from a range of optional modules covering contemporary and specialist areas of law.

The Department offers a range of subjects, ranging from those with a strong focus on current law and practice (termed 'black letter' law to those with a more sociological and theoretical basis). Therefore, the subject encompasses very practical discussions of whether or not an individual has broken the law, to more theoretical considerations of what law is and how it might be changed.

Our LLB degrees provide a foundation for those intending to qualify as a solicitor or a barrister in England and Wales and more widely and are qualifying law degrees for those purposes.




Specialist opportunities at Aberystwyth for Law students include:



- being part of one of the most experienced and well-regarded Law departments in Wales
- studying a range of modules including work experience
- the chance to study criminology alongside law
- the chance to join the mooting society which competes in and hosts a number of competitions during the academic year
- expertise in criminal law, business law, European law and human rights
- opportunities to study through the medium of Welsh and to study the specific law of Wales.

### Employability

Our degree in Law is a valuable qualification for a range of careers. Recent graduates are succeeding in criminology, financial management, business, human resources, international relations, journalism and education. Throughout your training you will develop a wealth of core legal skills and other skills that can be easily transferred into almost any graduate or professional employment situation. This degree provides an excellent foundation in law for those intending to take the Solicitors' Qualifying Examination.

## Key facts

	<b>Degree type:</b> LLB
	<b>UCAS Code:</b> M100
	<b>Duration:</b> 3 years.

	We also offer a BA Law (M103) degree.
	This course is also available as a 4-year degree with a foundation year.

## Modules

Below is an indicative list of core modules that you may study on this course.

### First Year:

- Contract Law
- Criminal Law\*
- Legal and Criminal Justice Systems
- Legal Skills and Research
- Tort.

### Second Year:

- Public Law\*
- European Law\*.

### Third Year:

- Equity and Trusts\*
- Land Law

...to name but a few. For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.

*\* also available partially or entirely through the medium of Welsh.*



# Law and Criminology

## LLB (Hons)

This course is perfect for anyone ambitious for a law career in the twenty-first century. This challenging and stimulating course within the department of Law and Criminology will introduce you to the basics of law alongside criminology modules which introduce theories and debates relating to crime, deviance, victimhood, law and punishment.

You will benefit from the experience and the enthusiasm of our expert staff, many of whom have also practised as barristers, solicitors, thus providing a practical application to your theoretical studies.

Our fascinating LLB degree combines our expertise in law and criminology to prepare you for employment in the legal profession and criminal justice system. This Qualifying Law Degree draws upon our established expertise in both Law and Criminology, allowing you to gain a multidisciplinary view of crime. Our LLB degrees provide a foundation for those intending to qualify as a solicitor or a barrister in England and Wales and more widely, and are qualifying law degrees for those purposes.

The objective of this scheme is to ensure that after the building blocks of the first year, students have complete freedom of choice, with little or no compulsory modules from the second year.




With our course, you'll have the opportunity to practise your skills as you study. Work placements are available for this programme. We place our students with relevant local employers, so you get work experience alongside your theoretical studies. You'll be encouraged to put your skills to good use through our *Family Legal Clinic*, where you can help people and get your first taste of the law in practice.

You will be taught by an expert teaching team whose expertise and knowledge are closely matched to the content of the modules on the course. The team includes senior academics and professional practitioners with industry experience.

### Employability

A degree in law and criminology is a valuable qualification for a range of careers. Recent graduates are succeeding in criminology, financial management, business, human resources, international relations, journalism and education. Upon completion of this degree, you will emerge with real-world capabilities, enabling you to shape your future and develop the career you deserve.

## Key facts

	<b>Degree type:</b> LLB
	<b>UCAS Code:</b> MM91
	<b>Duration:</b> 3 years.

## Modules

Below is an indicative list of core modules that you may study on this course.

- Introduction to Criminology
- Criminal Law\*
- Legal and Criminal Justice Systems
- Legal Skills and Research
- Crime Control and Prevention
- Commercial Law
- Company Law
- Criminal Justice Placement
- Criminal Justice and the Penal System
- Employability Skills for Professionals
- Drugs and Crime
- Family and Child Law
- Humanitarian Law
- Labour law
- Human Rights
- Police, Policing and Society
- Principles of Evidence
- Public Law\*
- European Law\*
- Equity and Trusts\*
- Land Law

...to name but a few. For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.

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# Business Law

## LLB (Hons)

A basic understanding in law is essential to the successful running of any business. Whether you intend to run your own, or whether you intend to advise the commercial sector, the Business Law degree is an opportunity to gain a deep understanding of corporate responsibility, management structures and employment law.

On this degree you will focus your studies more specifically on modules related to commercial law, company law, and corporate liability. In addition to providing a foundation for careers in the commercial sector, it also provides a basis for a future career in human resources, business management and business advice.

On these themed degrees, the first year of study will be the same as for the LLB Law degree and the second and final year will focus more specifically on the theme in question.

The first year of a themed LLB degree scheme provides you with a foundation to studying law, with a focus on the fundamental skills needed to understand legal materials and the legal system, and also the key principles of the core legal subjects, including criminal law and civil disputes in contract and torts.




The second and third years build on these key principles, but also allow you to explore other areas of law. You may also tailor your choice of optional modules according to your own interests and career aspirations.

Our LLB degrees provide a foundation for those intending to qualify as a solicitor or a barrister in England and Wales and more widely and are qualifying law degrees for those purposes.

### Employability

A degree in business law is a valuable qualification for a range of careers. Recent graduates are succeeding in financial management, business and human resources. Upon completion of this degree, you will emerge with real-world capabilities, enabling you to shape your future and develop the career you deserve.

## Key facts

	<b>Degree type:</b> LLB
	<b>UCAS Code:</b> MM91
	<b>Duration:</b> 3 years.

## Modules

Below is an indicative list of core modules that you may study on this course.

- Introduction to Criminology
- Criminal Law\*
- Legal and Criminal Justice Systems
- Legal Skills and Research
- Commercial Law
- Company Law
- Labour law
- Human Rights
- Employability Skills for Professionals
- Principles of Evidence
- Public Law\*
- European Law\*
- Equity and Trusts\*
- Land Law

...to name but a few. For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.

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# Criminal Law

## LLB (Hons)

This degree will give you the opportunity to study aspects of the criminal legal system in greater detail and includes aspects such as the regulation of criminal behaviour and the effectiveness of punishment and rehabilitation mechanisms. The department currently offers modules such as evidence, criminal justice and the penal system and introduction to criminology.

This scheme will provide you with a valuable foundation for a career in criminal legal work either as a solicitor or a barrister, but also in other areas of the criminal justice system including the police, the prison service and the probation service.

On these themed degrees, the first year of study will be the same as for the LLB Law degree and the second and final year will focus more specifically on the theme in question.

The first year of a themed LLB degree scheme provides you with a firm basis to studying law, with a focus on the fundamental skills needed to understand legal materials and the legal system, and also the key principles of the core legal subjects, including criminal law and civil disputes in contract and torts.




The second and third years build on these key principles, but also allow you to explore other areas of law. You may also tailor your choice of elective modules according to your own interests and career aspirations.

Our LLB degrees provide a foundation for those intending to qualify as a solicitor or a barrister in England and Wales and more widely and are qualifying law degrees for those purposes.

### Employability

Our degree in Criminal Law is a valuable qualification for a range of careers. Some common career paths of our graduates include: legal professions, government advisory departments, investigating justice and victim support, policing, the prison service and probation service. Upon completion of this degree, you will emerge with real-world capabilities, enabling you to shape your future and develop the career you deserve.

## Key facts

	Degree type: LLB
	UCAS Code: MM91
	Duration: 3 years.

## Modules

Below is an indicative list of core modules that you may study on this course.

- Criminal Law\*
- Legal and Criminal Justice Systems
- Legal Skills and Research
- Crime Control and Prevention
- Introduction to Criminology
- Commercial Law
- Company Law
- Criminal Justice Placement
- Criminal Justice and the Penal System
- Drugs and Crime
- Family and Child Law
- Employability Skills for Professionals
- Humanitarian Law
- Labour law
- Human Rights
- Police, Policing and Society
- Principles of Evidence
- Public Law\*
- European Law\*
- Equity and Trusts\*
- Land Law

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# European Law

## LLB (Hons)

In recent years, the United Kingdom’s relationship with the European Union has changed significantly. Law within Europe also includes other aspects of legal regulations, including, most importantly, the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

This degree will provide you with an opportunity to explore the changing nature of the United Kingdom’s relationship with Europe, and its development into the future. It provides a foundation for careers in journalism, negotiations where laws conflict, and also politics.

On these themed degrees, the first year of study will be the same as for the LLB Law degree and the second and final year will focus more specifically on the theme in question.

The first year of a themed LLB degree scheme provides you with a foundation to studying law, with a focus on the fundamental skills needed to understand legal materials and the legal system, and also the key principles of the core legal subjects, including criminal law and civil disputes in contract and torts.




The second and third years build on these key principles, but also allow you to explore other areas of law. You may also tailor your choice of optional modules according to your own interests and career aspirations.

Our LLB degrees provide a foundation for those intending to qualify as a solicitor or a barrister in England and Wales and more widely and are qualifying law degrees for those purposes.

### Employability

European Law offers you the opportunity to gain knowledge of other legal systems, experiencing another legal culture, enhance your European language skills and develop international links. Depending on your language skills, while abroad you may study in English or in another modern language.

## Key facts

	Degree type: LLB
	UCAS Code: MM91
	Duration: 3 years.

## Modules

Below is an indicative list of core modules that you may study on this course.

- Criminal Law\*
- Legal and Criminal Justice Systems
- Legal Skills and Research
- Crime Control and Prevention
- Commercial Law
- Company Law
- Family and Child Law
- Humanitarian Law
- Labour Law
- Employability Skills for Professionals
- Human Rights
- Police, Policing and Society
- Principles of Evidence
- Public Law\*
- European Law\*
- Equity and Trusts\*
- Land Law

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# Human Rights

## LLB (Hons)

The study of human rights often transcends national boundaries and may sometimes conflict with individual States’ notions of what should be protected as a right. This degree scheme enables you to focus on issues pertaining to the protection of human rights, and the effectiveness of international human rights mechanisms.

The degree can lead to opportunities for employment with human rights organisations such as Amnesty International and a variety of non-governmental organisations such as the United Nations. Recent graduates work in the areas of human rights advocacy, immigration rights, and equality protection.

On these themed degrees, the first year of study will be the same as for the LLB Law degree and the second and final year will focus more specifically on the theme in question.

The first year of a themed LLB degree scheme provides you with a foundation to studying law, with a focus on the fundamental skills needed to understand legal materials and the legal system, and also the key principles of the core legal subjects, including criminal law and civil disputes in contract and torts.




The second and third years build on these key principles, but also allow you to explore other areas of law. You may also tailor your choice of optional modules according to your own interests and career aspirations.

Our LLB degrees provide a foundation for those intending to qualify as a solicitor or a barrister in England and Wales and more widely and are qualifying law degrees for those purposes.

### Employability

The Human Rights LLB (Hons) degree opens up national and international career opportunities in both the legal and rights-related professions. You'll gain the skills to enter roles within NGOs, charities and other civil society bodies specialising in advocacy, protection, public information and education.

## Key facts

	<b>Degree type:</b> LLB
	<b>UCAS Code:</b> MM91
	<b>Duration:</b> 3 years.

## Modules

Below is an indicative list of core modules that you may study on this course.

- Human Rights
- Introduction to Criminology
- Criminal Law\*
- Legal and Criminal Justice Systems
- Legal Skills and Research
- Crime Control and Prevention
- Commercial Law
- Company Law
- Criminal Justice Placement
- Criminal Justice and the Penal System
- Drugs and Crime
- Employability Skills for Professionals
- Family and Child Law
- Humanitarian Law
- Labour law
- Police, Policing and Society
- Principles of Evidence
- Public Law\*
- European Law\*
- Equity and Trusts\*
- Land Law

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# Senior Status Law

## LLB (Hons)

The LLB Senior Status Law degree at Aberystwyth University is engineered to enhance your career prospects by completion within two years. Taught in the oldest and most established law department in Wales, this course is both challenging and stimulating. The LLB Senior Status Law degree is available to those who already hold an existing Bachelors degree in another subject.

The LLB Senior Status Law Degree is recognised by the Bar Standards Board and the Solicitors Regulation Authority, thus providing a direct route to the legal profession. As a student on this course, you will benefit from the experience and enthusiasm of our expert staff, many of whom have also practised as solicitors - providing a practical application to your theoretical studies. The Department of Law and Criminology’s ethos is to nurture ingenuity and your ability to think outside of the box will enable you to emerge from the degree with real-world capabilities, shaping your future and career development.

The LLB Senior Status Law degree is designed to meet employers’ needs and you will be taught by experienced legal professionals and academics. The teaching team of the Department of Law and Criminology at Aberystwyth University are active for large organisations e.g. GRETA, the Countryside Council for Wales, the Youth Justice Board, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Upon completion, you will be eligible to continue vocational training on the Legal Practice Course (LPC), or the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC). In addition, you will also gain exemption from certain professional examinations by selecting relevant modules.

### Employability




The skills and knowledge that you’ll acquire here can open up careers in roles both inside and outside the legal field.

A number of our graduates embark on legal careers as solicitors or barristers; others use their degree as a springboard for a career in management, business or the civil service.

Our career support services include:

- employability workshops, employers’ talks, bespoke events and careers fairs
- individual advice and guidance from professionally qualified Careers Advisers
- help with finding jobs, internships, work placements and volunteering opportunities
- access to information resources on a wide range of career management topics
- advice and guidance on postgraduate study and funding.

## Key facts

	<b>Degree type:</b> LLB
	<b>UCAS Code:</b> MM91
	<b>Duration:</b> 3 years.

## Modules

Below is an indicative list of core modules that you may study on this course.

### First Year:

- Contract Law
- Criminal Law\*
- Legal and Criminal Justice Systems
- Legal Skills and Research
- Tort.

### Second Year:

- Equity and Trusts\*
- Public Law\*
- European Law
- Land Law

...to name but a few. For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.

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# Criminology Courses

Criminology  
Criminology and Criminal Psychology  
Criminology and Sociology

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# Criminology

## BSc (Hons)

Criminology is a fascinating subject that explores the meaning of crime and why certain behaviours are regarded as criminal. The subject explores the consequences of being labelled ‘criminal’, and how society responds to criminal behaviour by detecting, punishing and rehabilitating individuals who commit offences. The subject also considers the impact of crime and criminality on victims and society in general.




The BSc in Criminology will provide you with opportunities to develop an understanding of the criminal justice system in the United Kingdom and beyond, as well as developing your skills in evaluating current research and debates on crime and criminality, policy and legislation, and criminal justice processes. You will also have opportunities to conduct your own research within this field, as the criminology degree in the department of Law and Criminology provides a foundation in criminological research methods.

- Specialist opportunities at Aberystwyth for Criminology students include:
- the opportunity to undertake work experience as part of an optional module, which will greatly increase your employability upon graduation
  - an option to combine the study of Criminology with the study of Law or Psychology.

### Employability

Criminology provides an excellent academic foundation for careers in the criminal justice sector, including the Police, HM Prison and The National Probation Service, and youth justice. Completing the degree can also provide opportunities to work in crime or intelligence analysis, community care and social work.

## Key facts

	Degree type: BSc
	UCAS Code: M900
	Duration: 3 years.

## Modules

### First year:

The first year of your degree will provide you with the necessary understga to study criminology. This will include exploring societal responses to crime, and the categorisation of behaviour as criminal. You will be introduced to research methods in criminology, developing your understanding of how research is conducted and how to evaluate the findings. The first year will also introduce you to the foundations of the legal and criminal justice systems, and to criminal law.

### Second and third years:

In the second and third years you will have the opportunity to develop your understanding of the subject according to your interests with opportunities to pursue an approach that places greater emphasis on the sociological and psychological aspects of the field, or a more law-focused approach to the study of criminology.

# Criminology and Criminal Psychology

## BSc (Hons)

Criminology and Criminal Psychology is a themed criminology degree providing you with an opportunity to study crime and criminal behaviour from a psychological perspective. This degree scheme examines the behaviour and thoughts of criminals, the causes and effects of criminality, and how to prevent offending behaviour through a dual lens of criminology and psychology. It also explores the application of legal and forensic psychology to areas of police investigation and the criminal justice system.




Our research-active academics will train you in the basic methods of criminological research, which provides you with the skills for critical evaluation of both theoretical and empirical studies within this field.

- Specialist opportunities at Aberystwyth for Criminology and Criminal Psychology students include:
- the opportunity to undertake work experience as part of an optional module, which will greatly increase your employability upon graduation
  - combining the study of criminology with psychology and exploring why people commit crime, as well as why particular actions are defined as criminal.

### Employability

Criminology provides an excellent academic foundation for careers in the criminal justice sector, including the Police, HM Prison and The National Probation Service, and youth justice. Completing the degree can also provide opportunities to work in crime or intelligence analysis, community care and social work.

## Key facts

	Degree type: BSc
	UCAS Code: M9C6
	Duration: 3 years.

## Modules

### First year:

The first year of your degree will provide you with the foundations necessary to study criminology and psychology. This will include exploring societal responses to crime, and the categorisation of behaviour as criminal. You will be introduced to research methods in criminology, developing your understanding of how research is conducted and how to evaluate the findings. The first year will also introduce you to the foundations of the legal and criminal justice systems, and to criminal law.

### Second and third years:

In the second and third years you will have the opportunity to develop your understanding of the subject according to your interests with opportunities to pursue an approach that places greater emphasis on criminal and forensic psychology. You can also engage with the broad range of exciting optional modules available within the department.

# Criminology and Sociology

## BSc (Hons)

The BSc in Criminology and Sociology at Aberystwyth University will enable you to critically evaluate ideas, concepts and approaches across the two disciplines.

This degree scheme will provide you with an in-depth understanding of society and criminality and will introduce you to new perspectives on social inequality and social change that are taking place both locally and internationally.

Providing insight on criminology from a sociological perspective, our degree will give you the sophisticated knowledge and analytical skillset needed for breaking into the public and social sectors, as well as the criminal justice system. Alternatively, it is a great starting block for further study.




Specialist opportunities at Aberystwyth for Criminology and Sociology students include:

- the opportunity to undertake work experience as part of an optional module, which will greatly increase your employability upon graduation
- combining the study of criminology and sociology and exploring why people commit crime, as well as why particular actions are defined as criminal.

### Employability

Criminology and Sociology provides an excellent academic foundation for careers in the criminal justice sector, including the Police, HM Prison and The National Probation Service, and youth justice. Completing the degree can also provide opportunities to work in crime or intelligence analysis, community care and social work.

### Key facts

	<b>Degree type:</b> BSc
	<b>UCAS Code:</b> ML93
	<b>Duration:</b> 3 years.

## Modules

### First year:

The first year of your degree will provide you with the foundations necessary to study criminology and sociology. This will include exploring societal responses to crime, and the categorisation of behaviour as criminal. You will be introduced to research methods in criminology, developing your understanding of how research is conducted and how to evaluate the findings. The first year will also introduce you to the foundations of the legal and criminal justice systems, and to criminal law.

### Second and third years:

In the second and third years you will have the opportunity to develop your understanding of the subject according to your interests with opportunities to pursue an approach that places greater emphasis on the sociological and psychological aspects of the field, or a more law-focused approach to the study of criminology.





# Other courses

Single Honours	
LLB Law (with integrated foundation year) (4years)	M10F
BA Law (3 years)	M103
Joint Honours	
Law and Accounting and Finance (3 years	MN14
Law and Business and Management (3 years	MN11
Law and International Politics (4 years)	ML12
Law and French (4 years)	RM11
Law and German(4 years)	RM21
Law and Spanish (4 years)	RM41
Law and Cymraeg Proffesiynol (3 years)	MQ56

Single Honours	
BSc Criminology (with integrated foundation year) (4 years)	M90F
Anrhydedd Cyfun	
BSc Psychology and Criminology (3 years)	CM89
BSc Psychology and Criminology (with integrated year in industry) (4 years)	A1C6





## Studying through medium of Welsh

The Department of Law and Criminology offers a number of degree schemes through the medium of Welsh, in both Law and Criminology.

On our LLB and BA degree programmes in Law, you can study up to 80 credits from a total of 120 credits through the medium of Welsh, which would make you eligible for certain Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol scholarships. Please see <http://www.colegcymraeg.ac.uk/en/study/financialsupport/> for further information.

On our Criminology degree scheme and our two-year LLB course, a total of 40 out of 120 credits in every year are available through the medium of Welsh. This will enable you to apply for the University's Welsh-medium scholarships as well as Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol scholarships. Please see <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/undergrad/before-you-apply/scholarships/welsh-medium/> for further information.

Criminology or Troseddeg at Aberystwyth offers the most Welsh medium credits out of any other University in Wales. For example, the whole of your first year could be completed through the medium

of Welsh should you wish to do so. The course is continually developing and our modules are designed to reflect the discipline in Wales, offering a Wales centred approach to Criminology or Troseddeg. Our module *Trosedd yn y Gymru Gyfoes* is a good example of this.

There are many advantages to studying your course partly or entirely through the medium of Welsh. Not only will you be a part of a Welsh-speaking community, but you will also develop a close working relationship with your lecturers and fellow students as well as developing bilingual skills which will be advantageous when searching for employment. You will also be allocated a Welsh-speaking Personal Tutor and have a right to a number of services in your preferred language.

The Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol's course finder provides further information regarding the courses we offer partly or wholly through the medium of Welsh, please [www.colegcymraeg.ac.uk/en/study/mediumofwelsh/](http://www.colegcymraeg.ac.uk/en/study/mediumofwelsh/) for further information.



# Employability: your future

Developing your employability is about extending your skills, making contacts, broadening your ideas, and understanding how to gain and use your experiences to enhance your future prospects. At the Department of Law and Criminology we strive to prepare you for a rewarding career. Our modules are designed around the current needs of employers and the legal and criminal justice professions. We also place great emphasis on the development of your professional skills. Please read on to discover our exciting range of initiatives, schemes and opportunities which can develop relevant skills and experience providing you with a distinct advantage in the highly competitive employment market.

## Credit-bearing placements

Students who wish to obtain practical experience will benefit from undertaking a work placement via credit-bearing modules such as *Employability Skills for Professionals* and *Criminal Justice Placement*. Through our links we have placements available at many well known organisations. How this enhances your employability: You develop skills and experience in the workplace to complement the knowledge acquired from your programme. If you wish to find out more, then go to: <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/lac/employability/>

## The Family Legal Clinic

The Clinic offers free confidential legal advice in family and child law, an area where people may find it difficult to find or afford other legal services. At the same time, the Clinic provides an opportunity for students to gain valuable real-life experience and put theory into practice. Everything that the Clinic does is overseen by an experienced solicitor, ensuring a consistently high-standard of legal advice throughout.

You will develop skills and experience in the workplace to complement the knowledge acquired from your programme.

## The Veterans Legal Link project

Veterans Legal Link was established in 2015 to address the legal advice deficit in Wales.

The project invites lawyers and law students to assist veterans and their families in receiving free legal advice. The service supports the reintegration of Veterans and their families by providing a comprehensive signposting and referral service to legal advice and non-legal advice services.

The project is run nation-wide via online, telephone, Skype and face-to-face delivery methods. We are seeking students with excellent computer and client care skills, to serve a diverse and unique client base with a variety of legal issues.

You will be required to work on a flexible basis including weekends and evenings as and when is necessary. Expenses will be reimbursed.

How this enhances your employability:

You develop skills and experience in the workplace to complement the knowledge acquired from your programme.





# Student Profiles

Alex Magee  
Criminology

I am Alex Magee and I am a third year Criminology student. I came to Aberystwyth from Bristol which obviously is a stark difference going from city life to a small seaside town but I love them both the same.

I chose to study criminology in Aberystwyth because of how highly recommended the course and lecturers were. The Law and Criminology Department is also good because the lecturers are active in their research so are at the cutting edge of their chosen places of interest.

After I graduate I intend to get some internships at the United Nations Crime and Drugs department or at Interpol/Europol for the year. I will then do a masters in Criminology or a related area. The great thing about Criminology is there are so many avenues of work that you can go down from probation services, MI6/5, event security to work for the Home Office, the options are endless.

Aberystwyth is a great place to live/study as even though it is a small place there is so much you can do from sports clubs, societies, pub quizzes, cinema, bonfires on the beach and exploring the surrounding places of Aber. I am part of a number of clubs in Aberystwyth, I play football for AFC Gwatch as part of the DIGS League (Sunday League footy), I play Futsal for Aberystwyth University in the Welsh National League and I am Chairman of Aberystwyth University Business Society. I am also an Academic Rep for Criminology so represent my cohort for any issues they have regarding Criminology which means I really get to connect with fellow students and teachers.

Kayleigh Davis  
LLB Law

I am currently in my third year studying LLB Law at Aberystwyth University. Originally from Newton Abbot in Devon, I chose to study in Aber after receiving a merit award from the entrance scholarship scheme.

My favourite part of the course so far has been the Criminal/Evidence and Land Law modules due to the enthusiasm of the lecturers. I was able to have my article published in the 3rd edition of the University's Law and Criminology Journal last year. I am also currently undertaking a placement within the Legal Services department of Ceredigion County Council, as part of my degree. After graduation, I intend to complete my LPC before gaining a training contract.

Outside of my academics, I am part of the University Netball Club and I organise student volunteers for Girlguiding Ceredigion.

Amara Tamblyn  
Law

My name is Amara Tamblyn, and I come from the Carmarthenshire area. I decided to study Law having read several books on the subject as a teenager and upon gaining a Merit Award from Aberystwyth University.

The things I enjoy the most about the course are;

1. The interesting cases we have to study, especially since some are rather unusual in nature, such as the case of Gnango. The lecturers, who are all very good at engaging students and some of whom are rather humorous too (!).
2. And the fact that we get to do Mooting, both on Wednesdays within society meetings and of course within competitions.

After I graduate, I would like to become a barrister, so I aim to do the BPTC in the future.





# Departmental Research

The Department of Law and Criminology is a research-active department. The Department of Law and Criminology participated in the Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014) assessment. That assessment found that 96.5% of publications submitted were of an internationally recognised standard and that 98% of research activity in the department was rated as internationally recognised.

In 2015, the Centre for the Study of Ageing, Abuse and Neglect within the Department of Law and Criminology was awarded a Big Lottery grant to carry out a research project looking into different aspects of ageing, family relationships, elder abuse and justice. The Department boasts a diverse range of research expertise, and specific themes include research involving those who are marginalised because of youth or old age, human rights, and constitutional law, devolution and the changing constitution of the United Kingdom.

The expertise of departmental staff includes membership of Council of Europe’s Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, membership of the Dyfed Powys police research board, giving evidence to the Silk Commission on Devolution in Wales, and citations in the judgments of the International Criminal Courts. Recent projects include ‘There’s no Place like Home’: Location and Self-defence, “Law in Action in Azerbaijan: Ministers, Lawyers, Political Prisoners and Weird Gifts. Just Don’t Mention Armenia” (Professor Ryszard Piotrowicz) ‘The tenth equality, and explorations into the other nine’ (Dr. Catrin Fflûr Huws) and Culture and Assisted Dying (Dr. Glenys Williams).



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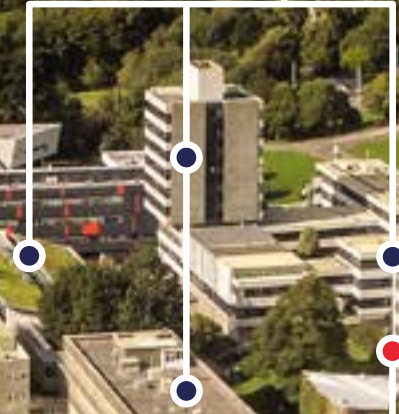
National Library of Wales



Academic facilities



Student accommodation



Physical Sciences Library



Department of Law and Criminology, Level B Hugh Owen Building



Library



Arts Centre



Students' Union



Sports Centre



Academic facility





## Departmental Life

### Mooting

The Mooting Society provides a great opportunity to take part in mock trial competitions called moots. This is a great opportunity to develop your understanding of the law and presenting legal arguments, it is also a good opportunity to develop your research skills and your presentation skills. The society meets on a weekly basis and offers training courses and mock trial competitions for new and experienced mooters alike.

The society also hosts a number of internal competitions during the year, including the Advocacy Competition for New Mooters, and a moot competition for each academic year. The society also organises fun 'mock trials' with recent competitions including R v The Three Little Pigs on a count of murder, and R v Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz, on one count of theft and one count of manslaughter.

The Society also participates in a number of National Competitions, including the OUP/ICCA National Moot, the Welsh National Mooting Competition (which Aberystwyth have won twice), and the University of Leicester Medical Law Mooting Competition (where Aberystwyth was one of the two finalists).

The Society has also held mooting competitions in real courts, including a moot competition held at the Supreme Court in 2016, as well as Aberystwyth Justice Centre. Moots are judged by legal practitioners and are therefore an excellent opportunity to meet with solicitors and barristers.

### Law Society

The Department also boasts an active student Law Society who organise trips to courts and law fairs, talks, book sales, social evenings as well as the high point of the calendar, which is the annual Law Ball.

### Criminology Society

The Criminology Society is also an important part of departmental life with a varied programme of crime movie nights, prison visits and study support sessions before exam periods.

### Aberystwyth Law and Criminology Journal

The Aberystwyth Law & Criminology Journal is an exciting initiative which aims to provide a platform for displaying the highest quality work produced by students. It is an opportunity to publish your academic writing, especially if you have completed a substantial piece of research such as a dissertation. The Journal also commemorates a former student of the department, Ern Nian Yaw, by awarding an annual award in his memory. Ern Nian was a student who helped to launch the journal, but who was killed before the first issue of the journal was published. The prize is awarded to the author of the article that demonstrates the very qualities possessed by Ern: outstanding academic ability, fantastic work ethic, and an eye for detail.



# How to apply

Once you have decided what course you want to study and where, you'll be able to start the university application process. Here's a brief overview of the process and our procedures here at Aberystwyth.

## 1 Apply through UCAS.com

Deadline 15 January. Aberystwyth University institution code: A40.

TOP TIP: You'll be given a 10 digit UCAS ID number. Keep this to hand as you'll be asked for it many times.

## 2 The university will consider your offer

TOP TIP: Use UCAS Track to keep an eye on your application. At Aberystwyth we aim to make a decision within 4 weeks.

## 3 The offer will show on UCAS track

## 4 Decide where to go

Once you've received all your offers, you'll need to decide which university you want to go to, within a set time. This is when you'll need to note which universities will be your firm and insurance choices.

## 5 Accommodation

Once you've chosen your firm/insurance choice you'll be able to apply for your accommodation (April 1<sup>st</sup> onwards).

## 6 Results day

UCAS Track will confirm your offer of a place. If you're not clear what the offer is, contact the university directly. Make sure you're not on holiday on results day. If you don't get the grades you've hoped for, you may want to consider entering Clearing.

## 7 Start packing!





