SECURITY AND CRIME SCIENCE
BSc / UCAS CODE: L311
2021 ENTRY

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The BSc in Security and Crime Science aims to create a generation of leaders in the crime, intelligence and security sectors. Using science from different disciplines (psychology, political science, statistics, computer science, and forensic sciences) you will learn to tackle real-world crime problems and develop creative and ethical ways to increase security in a changing world.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2021

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// UCL Security & Crime Science is the first university department in the world devoted specifically to reducing crime and other risks to personal and national security.

// You will learn to critically examine traditional approaches to thinking about and responding to crime, and explore new ways to address crime and security problems worldwide.

// You will be taught by academic experts in security and crime reduction, with input from practitioners and policymakers to provide a focus on real-world relevance and impact.

// The problem-solving and critical thinking skills you will acquire will enhance your employability in this constantly changing area.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 30-credit module is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

In the first year all your modules are compulsory, providing a good grounding in security and crime science. In years two and three, in addition to compulsory modules, you will be able to choose from a range of options, according to your specific areas of interest, including a work placement based module (subject to availability). Compulsory modules follow specific strands; for example, crime theories, where you will study the causes of, and responses to, crime through modules such as Understanding the crime event (year one) and Psychology and crime (year two).

You also learn about statistics, data collection and analysis methods, GIS and programming tools in the analytical techniques strand.

Each term, you will apply newly gained skills to examine crimes such as terrorism and cybercrime, and develop effective strategies to prevent them.

In the final year you will explore the multidisciplinary nature of crime analysis, detection and prevention further during a six-month project.

Upon successful completion of 360 credits, you will be awarded a BSc (Hons) in Security and Crime Science.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

YEAR ONE

Compulsory module(s)

// Crime and society
// Crime mapping
// Introduction to security and crime science
// Probability, statistics and modelling I
// Programming for crime scientists
// Qualitative methods
// Terrorism
// Understanding the crime event

Optional modules

// All first year modules are compulsory.
YOUR TWO

Compulsory module(s)
- Introduction to research
- Preventing crimes
- Probability, statistics and modelling II
- Psychology and crime
- Systems and problem solving

Optional modules
You will choose 60 credits of optional modules from a range. Please see departmental website for further details about optional module combinations. Options may include:
- Forensic psychology
- Perspectives on organised crime
- Policing: theory and evidence
- Professional development
- Professional practice in the workplace
- Project in investigative decision making
- Project in policing
- Project in security and crime prevention
- Security technologies

FINAL YEAR

Compulsory module(s)
- Advanced crime analysis
- Criminal investigation and intelligence
- Cybercrime
- Evaluation of crime prevention measures
- Security and crime science research project (dissertation)

Optional modules
You will choose two 15 credit optional modules from a range which may include:
- Perspectives on organised crime
- Simulation for research
- Options from other departments at UCL are also available but may vary from year to year

Your learning
A combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, individual and group projects will form your learning experience, which also includes problem-based learning methods, outcome-based analysis and research activities.

Assessment
A wide range of assessment methods are used by this programme, including unseen examinations, coursework assignments, practical assignments, oral presentations and the dissertation.

Accessibility
Details of the accessibility of UCL buildings can be obtained from AccessAble. Further information can also be obtained from the UCL Student Support & Wellbeing team.

Your career
You will gain the necessary insight and skills, both intellectual and practical, to take up a wide range of crime and security-relevant positions throughout the world. The multidisciplinary approach gives you a competitive edge in the job market through your ability to work across disciplines in the service of crime reduction.

With the increasingly technologically driven and international nature of crime and security problems, law enforcement, government, and the private sector are now looking for a new generation of professionals with broad disciplinary backgrounds, strong analytical skills and practical experience to adapt their security strategies in continuously evolving environments.

Your application
Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

In addition to academic requirements, we will also use your application to assess your motivation for studying security and crime science. We will be seeking applicants committed to studying at the highest level, and who are eager, and able to rise to the challenges presented both by the programme and by a career in this field.

You will be invited to an applicant open day which will provide an excellent opportunity to talk to departmental staff before making a final decision.
**Entry requirements**

**A LEVELS**

**Standard Offer:** AAA. No specific subjects. At least two A level subjects should be taken from UCL’s list of preferred A level subjects.

**GCSE:** English Language and Mathematics at grade C or 5. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs).

**Contextual Offer:** ABB. No specific subjects. At least two A level subjects should be taken from UCL’s list of preferred A level subjects.

**GCSE:** English Language and Mathematics at grade C or 5. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs).

**IB DIPLOMA**

**Standard Offer:** 38 points. A total of 18 points in three higher level subjects, with no score below 5.

**Contextual Offer:** 34 points. A total of 16 points in three higher level subjects, with no score below 5.

**CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME**

As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see [www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus).

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals).

**UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)**

UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: [www.ucl.ac.uk/upc](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/upc).

**TUITION FEES**

The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2021/22 academic year. The UK fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2021/22 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

- **UK:** £9,250 (2021/22)
- **Overseas:** £25,800 (2021/22)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the [UCL Students website](http://www.ucl.ac.uk).

**ADDITIONAL COSTS**

This programme does not have any additional costs outside of purchasing books or stationery, printing, thesis binding or photocopying.

A guide including rough estimates for these and other living expenses is included on the [UCL Fees and funding pages](http://www.ucl.ac.uk). If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc., please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

**FUNDING**

Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the [Fees and funding pages](http://www.ucl.ac.uk) for more details.

**CONTACT**

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**UK withdrawal from the EU**

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s withdrawal from the EU, please refer to: [www.ucl.ac.uk/brexit](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/brexit).