



BSc
Policing, Law, and
Investigation (level 6 top up)

School of Law and
Social Justice



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Welcome

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Policing society and investigations are becoming ever more complex with the introduction of new technology and sophisticated organised crime methods. Police and partner agencies have adopted multi agency working strategies to incorporate bespoke skills to address crime and disorder.

The development of artificial intelligence has created controversial crime reduction and detection methods which must balance the safety of communities without intrusion of individual privacy. Political and economic aspects introduce complicated restraints which affect how policing is conducted. Recent high profile media exposure associated with poor leadership has damaged public trust which has set new challenges for future leaders involved in policing and other investigatory roles. Rapid changes are taking place to ensure policing retains legitimacy and community cohesion.

Arguably now more than ever leadership in these roles must embed significant change. To prepare future leaders in the police and associated investigation agencies there needs to be a clear understanding of the issues which matter to communities.

This programme will provide students' knowledge and insight into topical key issues and crimes which will enable students to be more prepared and suitable candidates for future employment. As a student you will explore topical subjects such as the protection of vulnerable persons to understand offending and safety in communities. You will study terrorism and organised crime understanding extremism and considering how to balance the freedom of speech whilst reducing radicalisation. You will examine organised crime nationally and see how this can drive local crime in communities. Students will research the wider political and economic aspects associated with drug and alcohol abuse and how these substances drive a high percentage of crime and disorder. Students will also study digital crime which effects most people in society as more sophisticated criminal activity evolves.

The skills developed whilst studying these interesting and relevant topics include communication, problem solving, research, teamwork, and leadership skills. You will also delve into criminological aspects which will provide students with a solid background as law enforcers and future leaders.



As programme leader I have a wealth of previous policing experience as do my colleagues who have all been selected as module leaders for these subjects based on their knowledge, skills, and practical experience of law enforcement in their previous careers.

We are very much a family here at the university of Chester School of Law and Social Justice. Whilst achieving academic success and creating future employability opportunities are important our student welfare is a top priority. Each student is allocated a Personal Academic Tutor (PAT) who will be with them throughout their academic studies to assist with any personal issues a student may have.

On successful completion of the programme students and their families can attend Chester Cathedral graduation ceremonies where they are presented with their academic qualification in splendid surroundings.

We look forward to speaking to you.



Core Modules

Within the programme you will study five core modules and on successful completion you will be awarded the BSc Policing, Law, and Investigation. This is a valuable qualification which provides many transferable skills which will assist your future employment. As you will discover the subjects in this programme are extremely topical and relevant to modern society.

The modules include.

Research Methods in policing dissertation.

This 40-credit module will enable you to undertake your own research in relation to a topic of your choice which relates to policing, crime, and disorder. Here you can select something which really interests you and is topical. This will assist you to understand ethical research methods, writing literacy reviews, practically putting into practice academic methodologies, designing questionnaires, and interpreting information to provide a critical analysis of your findings. You will have the academic year to complete your dissertation and will be supported by an assigned subject expert lecturer.

Protection of vulnerable persons

This module will assist you to understand the issues surrounding the sexual exploitation of vulnerable persons of all ages. You will speak to persons involved in safeguarding, domestic abuse, and child protection to gain an understanding of the impact on victims and what drives offenders to commit such crime.

Counter Terrorism, transnational and organised crime.

This module examines various terrorist organisations to understand the historic background and changes through to the challenges of current trends. You will also critically consider the links to organised crime which includes various offences from illegal substance importation, counterfeit goods, and modern-day slavery.





Impact of drug and alcohol abuse.

This module examines the personal and social cost of substance abuse. You will critically consider the political and economic influences which affect the way in which these issues are approached. You will understand how government strategies can be influenced by criminological considerations, the media, glamourisation, and ever-changing inconsistencies associated with enforcement.

Digital crime Investigation and Intelligence.

This module identifies how we have all become dependent on digital technology and outlines the changes in crime trends as a result. You will examine both economic and personal vulnerability as digital crime and organised crime involvement develops at an alarming rate. You will explore the challenges faced by investigators and the latest methods used to address criminal activity.



Studying in Chester

Offering a range of benefits that make it an attractive destination for students, here are some of the key advantages of studying at Chester.

Rich History and Cultural Heritage: Chester is a city steeped in history, dating back to Roman times. Immerse yourself in the city's fascinating past, explore landmarks like the Roman Amphitheatre, Cathedral, and iconic city walls. The blend of ancient and modern creates a unique and inspiring environment for learning.

Vibrant Student Life: The city boasts a lively and inclusive student community. With a large student population, you will have opportunities to meet like-minded individuals, join clubs and societies, and participate in various social and cultural events. This vibrant atmosphere fosters personal growth, networking, and a chance to make lifelong friendships.

Compact and Walkable City: Chester is easy to navigate and explore. The city's pedestrian friendly layout allows easy access to educational institutions, libraries, shops, theatres, and entertainment venues, fostering a sense of community and a safe environment for students.

Beautiful Surroundings: Chester is situated in a picturesque location in the northwest of England, surrounded by stunning countryside, including the nearby Peak District and North Wales. This offers students the opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, cycling, and exploring nature, providing a refreshing balance to their academic pursuits. The river

Dee which runs through the city provides a wonderful place to relax. There are many exciting sporting events in the city with a racecourse and football team providing varied entertainment.

Career Opportunities: Chester's proximity to major cities such as Liverpool and Manchester provide students with access to a wide range of job opportunities and internships. The city itself has a growing economy with diverse industries, including tourism, retail, hospitality, and healthcare, ensuring students have access to potential career prospects and established connections in their chosen fields.

Strong Support Services: The educational institutions in Chester prioritise the well being and success of their students. They provide comprehensive support services, including academic guidance, career counselling, mental health support and a range of extracurricular activities, contributing to a supportive learning environment and helping students thrive both academically and personally.

Overall, studying in Chester provides a unique blend of academic excellence, cultural richness, and a supportive community, making it an ideal destination for students seeking a well-rounded and fulfilling educational experience.





Programme Summary

Teaching on the Programme

The programme can be studied on a full-time basis over one year or a part time basis over two years, with face-to-face class lectures held on a Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday each week, thereby allowing you to plan your attendance in advance and minimising any disruption to family or professional work life.

Enrolment Requirements

The programme is intended for students who have an undergraduate degree and successfully completed studies at level 4 and 5 and who want to top up their qualification to a level 6 honours degree. It is also intended for any student who has successfully completed their HND in public services or similar studies.

Career Opportunities

The BSc Policing Law and Investigation has been designed and developed in consultation with various agencies to ensure the content delivers key knowledge requirements of professionals working in these fields. The programme will provide an in-depth understanding and appreciation of the complexities of combined investigations between police and partner agencies. Students will study investigation methods, problem-solving models and develop communication skills as well as many other transferable qualities required in both the public and private sector.





Student Testimonials

Kieran, part of a management graduate entry scheme for a major car hire company.

“The research that I undertook during various written assignments such as essays and my dissertation has enabled me to look at issues from a broader perspective, and when I couple this with the learning in relation to critical decision making it puts me in a better position to identify a problem, research it, solve it, and then explain what I have done and why.”

James working in the UK Civil Service cyber security industry.

“The topics covered during lectures really helped me get to where I am. I could use knowledge I’d learnt during my studies on my job application to help establish my first role in Cyber Security. Also, the subject matter expertise of the lecturers helped develop my understanding of topics and build my confidence talking about such matters.”



Alana - Currently on the MSc Policing and Law Enforcement programme and considering joining the police service on completion.

"The tutors are so helpful, the workload is fair which gives you opportunities to combine work, hobbies or joining clubs at the university. I had a great time and experience throughout my year doing the top up and I would 100% recommend to others wanting a route into policing".





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