

Postgraduate Virtual Open Days

MSc in Criminology &
Criminal Justice

MSc in Global Crime,
Justice and Security

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Why Edinburgh?

- The University is ranked 27th in the world, 8th in Europe and 5th in the UK (QS World University Rankings 2025)
- We are ranked 13th in the world, 4th in Europe and 4th in the UK for Law (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 by subject: law)
- The city of Edinburgh is ranked 13th Best Student City in the world and 2nd in the UK (QS Best Student Cities 2025)



Our Community

- Become part of a diverse and welcoming student community
- Student-led social life: Edinburgh Law School Postgraduate Student Society
- Law School's world-class facilities based in historic Old College



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Beyond the classroom

- A world-class library of resources
- Extracurricular lectures and seminars by invited experts
- Student organised social events



MSc Degree Structure

Basic requirements - Completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses



Contingent on successful
completion of taught element

60 credit dissertation

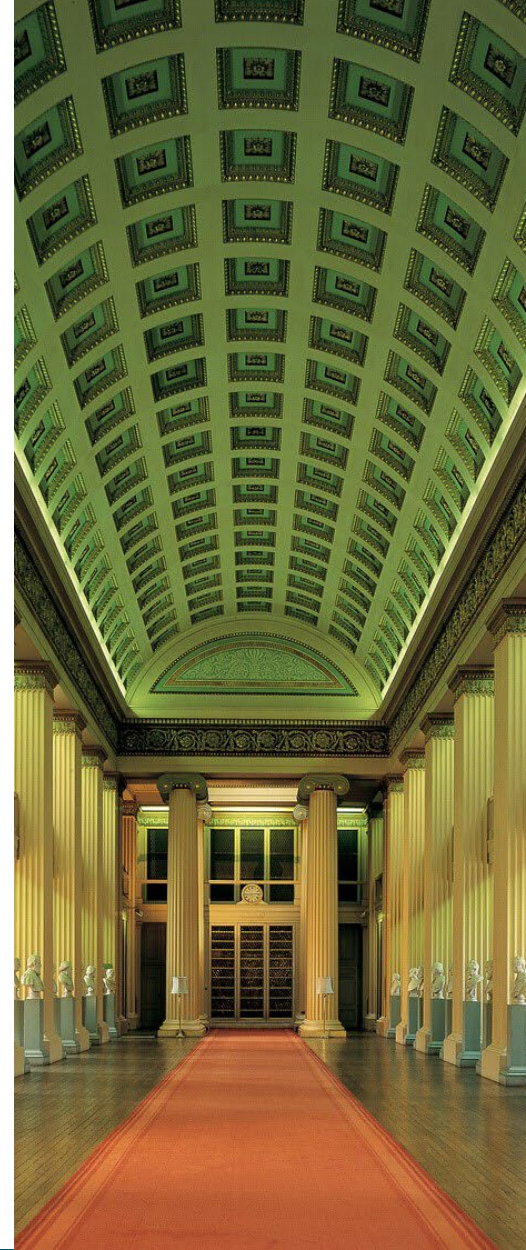


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MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice

- A research focused degree, building on a distinguished history of criminological research in the School of Law
- Engages with theory, research, critical developments and debates
- In local, international and global contexts
- Allows for specialism in particular areas of criminology
- Taught by leading researchers in the field
- Our students are:
 - Diverse
 - Global
 - Interdisciplinary
- Range of academic and professional backgrounds and stages of career



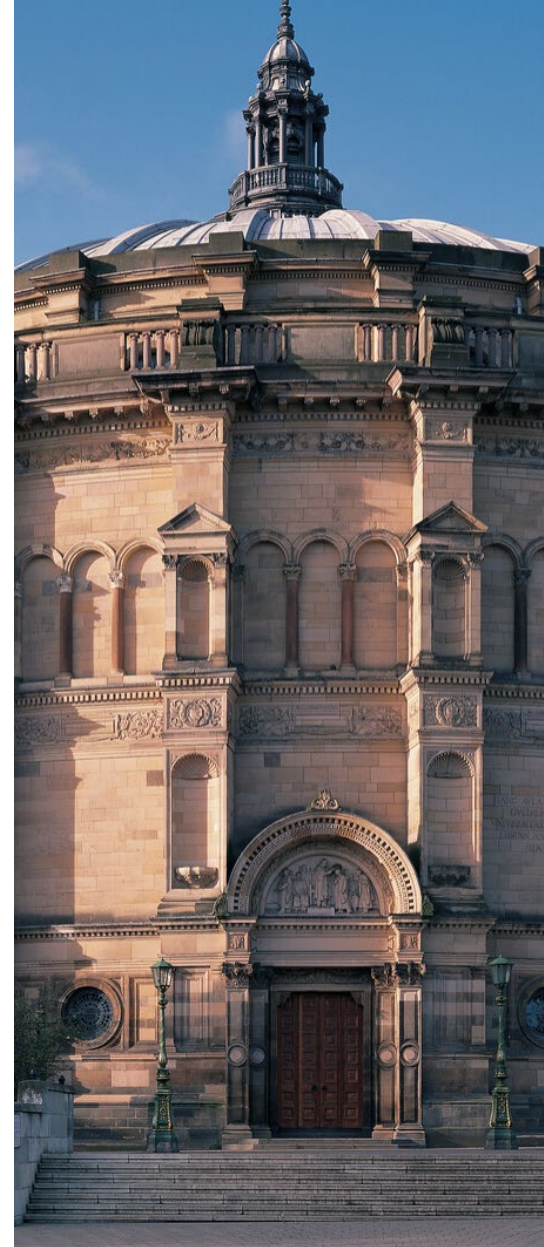
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MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice continued

It will provide you with:

- An advanced, theoretical engagement with problems of crime and social justice in the contemporary world
- Critical and evaluative skills for the analysis of political, policy and legal responses to crime and punishment
- Equip you to work in policy and advisory-related positions as well as research and practice
- You will become part of an active community of researchers, students and practitioners across Scotland
- You will also receive a thorough training in empirical research and methodology



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An empirical research training

You will undertake an original research project in collaboration with local practitioners

- You will receive theoretical and practical methodological training.
- You have the opportunity to carry out a small-scale, original research project with practitioners including
 - Police
 - Prosecutors
 - Third sector organisations working in criminal justice
 - The Scottish Government.
- The research you carry out will be fed back to the organisation you work with, giving you a chance to make a difference



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MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice Courses (listed for the 2024-25 academic year)

Compulsory courses:

- Criminological Research Methods (20 credits, semester 1)
- Theoretical Criminology (20 credits, semester 1)

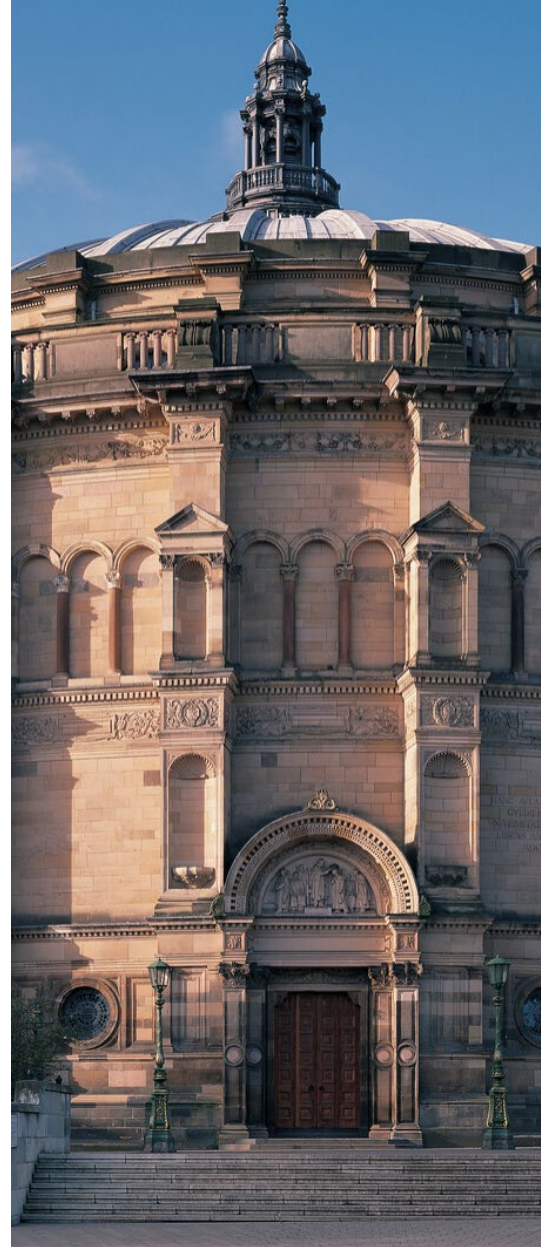


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Core courses

Select either of these 20 credit courses:

- Criminal Justice and Penal Process (20 credits)
- Global Crime and Insecurity (20 credits)



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MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice

Courses (listed for the 2024-25 academic year)

Optional courses (select 60 credits)

- Police and Policing (20 credits)
- Surveillance and Security (20 credits)
- Sexual Offending and the Law (20 credits)
- Responding to Global Crime and Insecurity (20 credits)
- Current Issues in Criminal Law (20 credits)
- Cybercrime and Cyber Security (20 credits)
- Prisons and Places of Confinement (20 credits)
- Citizenship in Europe (20 credits)
- Visual Criminology (20 credits)
- Applied Criminological Research Methods (20 credits)

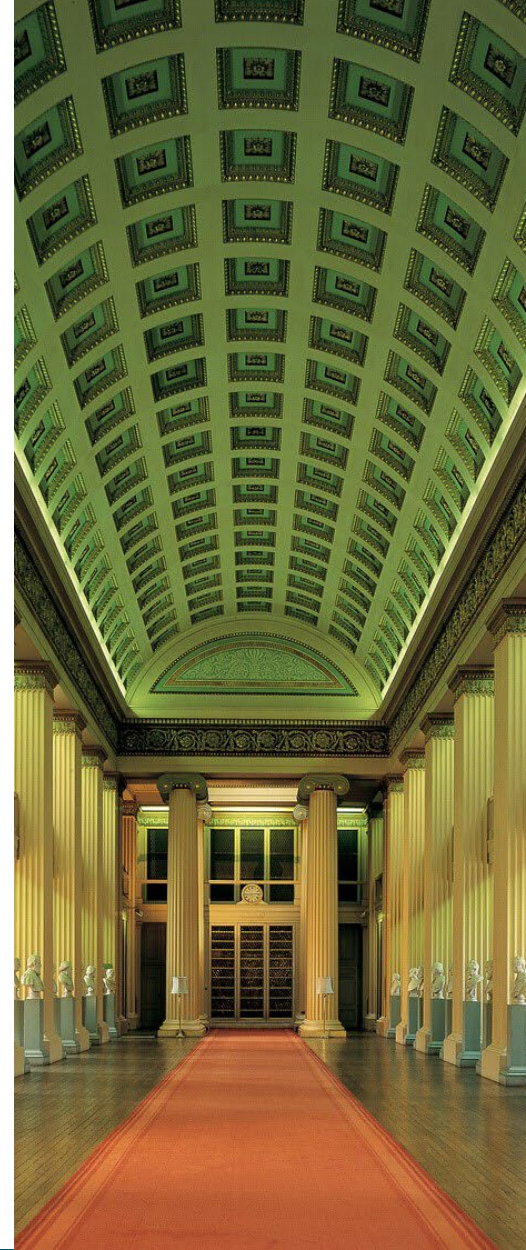


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Dissertation (60 credits)

- Approved topic in the field of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- 10,000 words
- Written between April-August
- Structured supervision to support your independent scholarly research
- An excellent foundation for doctoral research



MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice ESRC Track

- Fully-funded studentship can be used to cover fees and a living allowance for a
- One year MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice, including research training,
- Plus three and a half years of PhD study.
- Provides comprehensive training in criminology, criminal justice, and extensive training in social science research methods required by the ESRC.

<https://www.law.ed.ac.uk/study/research-degrees/scholarships-funding>



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MSc Global Crime, Justice & Security

- Join academic communities in both the Law School and Social and Political Science
- Explore issues of crime and security in an increasingly interconnected and global world
- Inter-disciplinary reflection; criminology, criminal justice, criminal law and social sciences (sociology, political science, IR)
- Cutting-edge research environment
- The Global Justice Academy



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MSc Global Crime, Justice & Security Courses (listed for the 2024-25 academic year)

Compulsory course:

- Global Crime and Insecurity (20 credits, semester 1)
- Responding to Global Crime and Insecurity (20 credits, semester 2)



MSc Global Crime, Justice & Security

Courses (listed for the 2024-25 academic year)

Core courses - select between 40 and 80 credits:

- Criminal Justice and Penal Process (20 credits)
- Police and Policing (20 credits)
- Theoretical Criminology (20 credits)
- General Principles of Criminal Law (20 credits)
- Current Issues in Criminal Law (20 credits)
- EU Criminal Law (20 credits)
- Prisons and Places of Confinement (20 credits)
- EU Immigration and Asylum Law (20 credits)
- Criminological Research Methods (20 credits)
- Applied Criminological Research Methods (20 credits)
- Research Skills in the Social Sciences: Data Collection (20 credits)
- International Security (20 credits)
- Conflict, Security and Development (20 credits)
- Research Design for Societal Challenges (20 credits)
- Core Quantitative Data Analysis (20 credits)

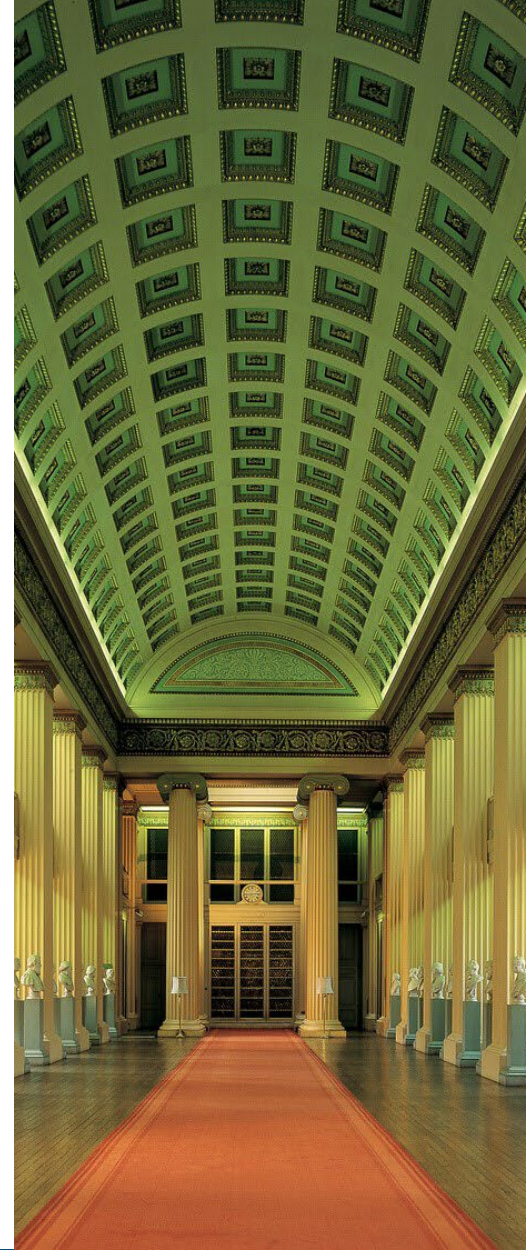


MSc Global Crime, Justice & Security Courses (listed for the 2024-25 academic year)

Optional courses - select between 0 and 40 credits:

- Policing and Punishment: Insights from across the globe (20 credits)
- Surveillance and Security (20 credits)
- Human Rights and Conflict Resolution (20 credits)
- Cybercrime and Cyber Security (20 credits)
- Citizenship in Europe (20 credits)
- Visual Criminology (20 credits)
- Working in Conflict-affected areas: Understand, Cooperate, and Protect (20 credits)
- International Relations Theory (20 credits)
- Institutions and Policies of the European Union (20 credits)
- Conflict and Peace in Africa (20 credits)
- European Foreign and Security Policy (20 credits)
- Conflict, Security, and Development (20 credits)
- Pursuing Justice after Violence (20 credits)

Students may also select up to 40 credits from level 11 courses in the Law School



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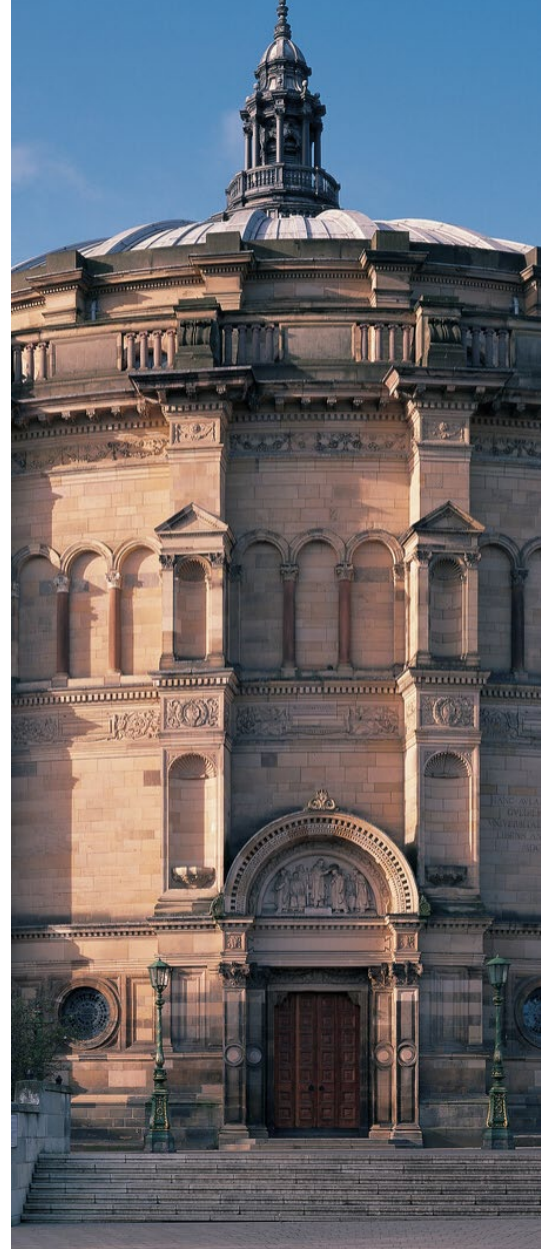


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How you will learn

- Weekly two-hour interactive seminars per semester for each subject
- Active participation in discussions and advance reading expected
- Classes may also involve lectures, class debates, individual presentations, or group exercises for example.
- No exams
- Courses use a range of take-home assessments (e.g. essays, reports) or in-class work (oral presentations, class participation).



Communities

- Crime, Justice and Society seminars

<https://www.law.ed.ac.uk/research/crime-justice-and-society-seminars>

- Criminology Reading Group

(Law School PhD and MSc community)

- Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research (SCCJR)

<https://www.sccjr.ac.uk/>

- Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR)

<http://www.sipr.ac.uk/>

- Scottish Association for the Study of Offending (SASO)

<https://www.sastudyoffending.org.uk/>

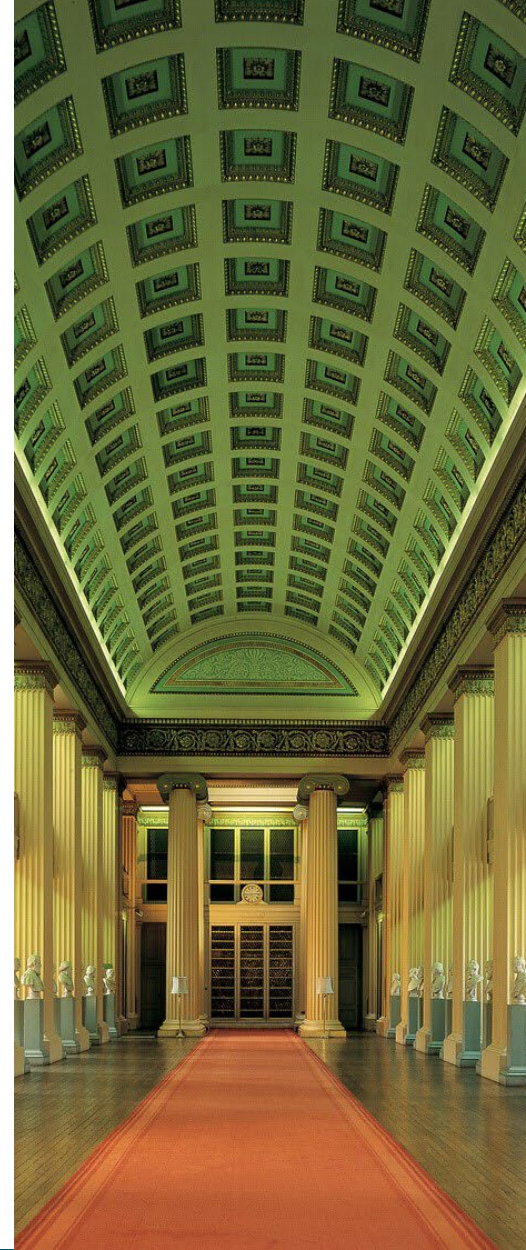


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Career opportunities

- Research
 - Consultancy
 - Policy
 - Civil service
 - Lawyers
 - Social workers
 - Prison governors
 - Prison officers
 - Doctoral study
- ... and anything else!



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Sources of support during your studies

- Student Advisor
- Postgraduate Team
- Institute for Academic Development
- English Language Education
- Careers Service
- The Advice Place
- Student Wellbeing Service
- IT Support



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Thank you Any questions?

You can find a lot of useful information about the programme and how to apply on the Edinburgh Law School website.

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