

MSc Applied Criminology and Forensic Psychology

FAQs

Do I need to have my qualification before I apply?

No, it is possible to apply whilst you are in the final year of your degree. Any offer made will be conditional on you achieving a 2:1 (or equivalent).

What if I do not have an honours degree, or do not have a degree?

We do consider applicants who do not meet these criteria, as long as they have work experience (either paid or voluntary) in a relevant field. This could include working with offenders or former offenders, offenders' families, disadvantaged children and families, those with substance dependency and/or mental health issues; community support; working with the police, prison service or courts. This is not an exhaustive list and you should contact the programme leader if you are unsure whether your experience is relevant.

What sorts of careers have graduates gone on to?

Our past graduates have gone on to work with Police Scotland, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies, third sector organisations such as Includem, to work in counter-terrorism, and others have gone on to study for PhDs. Several of our students have gained employment as a direct result of the work they have completed on their work placement.

What kind of placements are available?

The Work Placement module is flexible. We have programme-sourced placements with a wide variety of organisations, however it is also possible to find your own placement or to use your existing work.

Is this MSc accredited by the British Psychological Society?

This MSc is not accredited by the British Psychological Society, which means it does not qualify as Stage 1 training to become a forensic psychologist. It is however accessible for students with a variety of disciplinary backgrounds, and will develop knowledge and skills that will be beneficial for a range of careers.