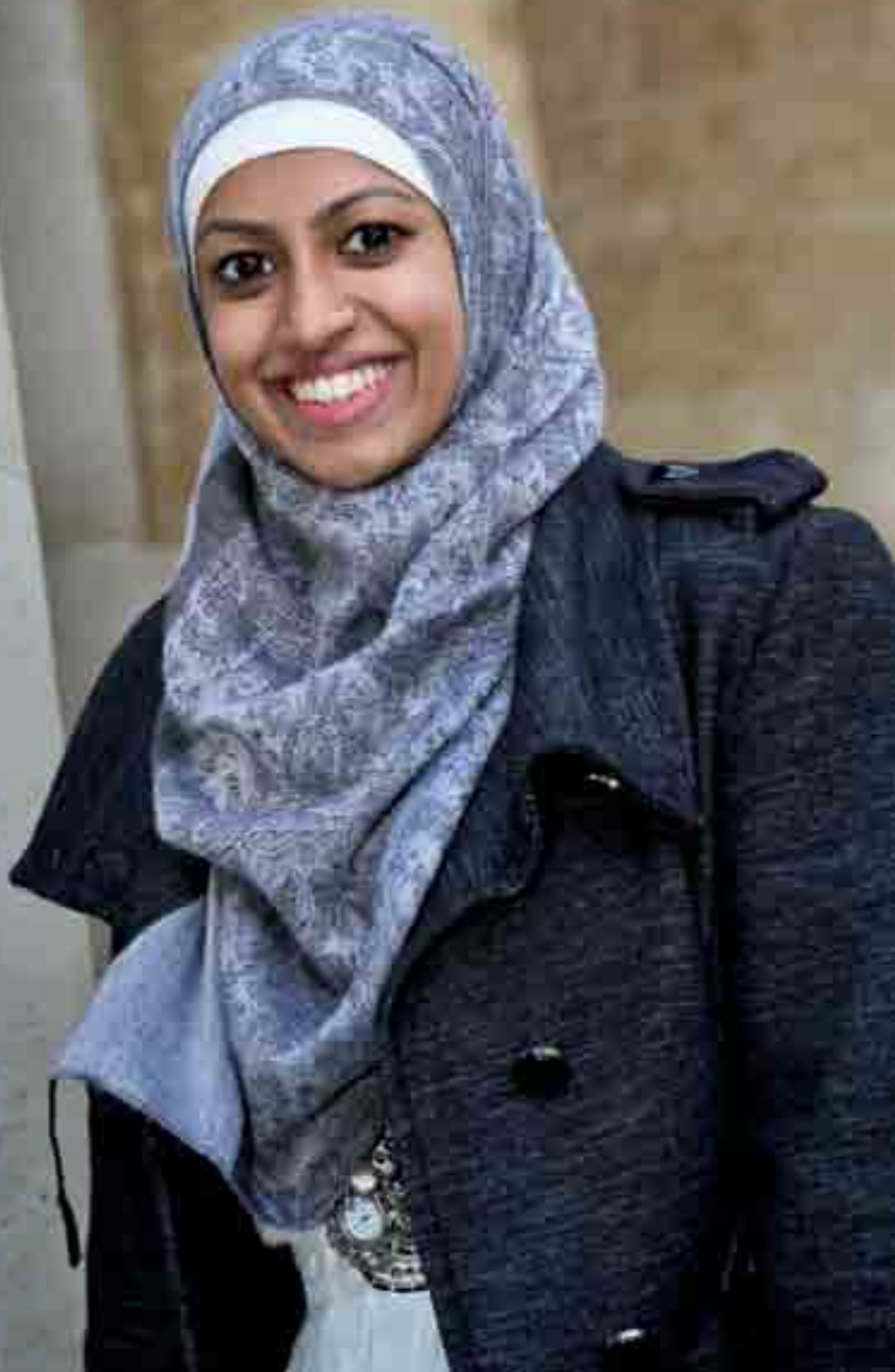


"TO COME INTO THE CENTRE OF LONDON WAS SO DIFFERENT FROM WHERE I LIVE. BUT NOW I LOVE IT, I WOULD NEVER CHANGE MY DECISION."

SIMA ISLAM
CRIMINAL JUSTICE BA HONOURS





"I ABSOLUTELY LOVED MY THREE YEARS AT WESTMINSTER, FROM THE ACCOMMODATION AND HALLS, TO THE LECTURES AND THE PEOPLE I STUDIED WITH."

ADRIENNE BARTHRAM
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT,
FOCUS PR

» Our wide range of course options and combinations means that you can tailor your course to your particular areas of interest.

» We offer courses in History, Sociology, Criminology and Development Studies, but we are strongly committed to research and teaching across disciplines. Some of our courses are delivered in collaboration with the Departments of English, Linguistics and Cultural Studies, and Politics and International Relations, so you will benefit from expert teaching in all of these disciplines.

» You will be able to take advantage of our central London location, with its unrivalled range of library and archive resources, as well as its social diversity. We also provide an international environment for learning, teaching and research. This is reflected in the research interests of our staff, in the courses we offer and in our student body.

» All our undergraduates have the opportunity to undertake a work experience or internship module.

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- Politics and International Relations (p163) • Psychology (p168)

Criminology as an academic discipline seeks to understand a whole range of behaviours which society finds deviant. It draws upon a variety of academic disciplines in the attempt to do so, and its methodology combines theoretical, qualitative and empirical approaches.

This degree offers a broadly-based interdisciplinary course in criminal justice with clear vocational relevance. It focuses on the policy implications of theoretical perspectives on international dimensions, and the social inclusion agenda (with particular reference to race, gender and age), as well as developing research skills.

Course content

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

There is flexibility to enable you to experience a number of social science perspectives. Core modules in the first year ensure that you develop the key study and transferable skills needed to complete your studies successfully, by focusing on skills relating to studying, library and information retrieval, information technology, group work, presentation and communication.

You take core modules on the key theoretical perspectives in the study of crime and justice, and an introduction to key institutions of the administration of criminal justice in England and Wales. Option modules provide an opportunity to experience perspectives from outside your chosen programme, allowing you to change course at the end of Year 1 (Credit Level 4) where appropriate. One of these option modules is a free choice module which can be taken from anywhere across the University.

Year 2 and Year 3 (Credit Levels 5 and 6)

Core modules

Core modules are designed to give you a solid grounding in the important theories and institutions of the criminal justice system, together with a broad grounding in the range of research methods used in this interdisciplinary field. At Year 3 (Credit Level 6) you will also carry out a research project on a topic of your own choice.

Option modules

The course provides a wide and exciting range of options, a number of which are unique to this University. These currently include: Civil Liberties and Human Rights in the UK • Crime and the City • Crime in International Context • Crimes of the Powerful • Cybercrime and Society • Gender, Crime and Justice • Images of Crime • Law, Politics and the State • Policing and Social Order • Punishment and Society • Race, Crime and Criminal Justice • The Criminal Justice Process • Understanding Crime Prevention • Work Experience Internships • Youth, Crime and Criminal Justice

Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
five-year, part-time

UCAS code

M211

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

Various assessment methods are used. Some modules are assessed by course work only and some by a combination of course work and exam. Course work assessments include essays, presentations, book reviews, portfolio preparation and mini-projects.

Associated careers

There are opportunities in a range of statutory and voluntary agencies, including posts in policy development and crime prevention, as well as working directly with offenders. There are also many opportunities for postgraduate study.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	BBC
International Baccalaureate	28 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM plus A Level Grade B in a Humanities-related subject

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

International Foundation course

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With the continuing growth in globalisation, issues such as human trafficking and refugees highlight the increasingly evident relationship between development, injustice and crime.

This combined degree in Development and Criminology enables you to explore two disciplines with affinity with one another. Development Studies analyses the reasons behind poverty, wars, corruption caused by a lack of political processes, and institutions at national and international level in the 'Third World'. Criminology focuses on the study of crime, disorder and crime reduction, and the explanation of criminal action ranging from petty theft to state-sponsored terrorism. You will also have the opportunity to study crime in an international context, in the developing world.

Course content

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

There are two core modules for this degree. Introduction to Criminology will give you an insight into the key concepts and theoretical approaches in relation to the study of crime, victimisation and responses to crime and deviance. Introduction to Politics and Society in Developing Countries focuses on the creation of developing countries, from colonialism to independence, and the impact of globalisation.

For the rest of the first year you can choose from a range of option modules. These include: Cultural Studies • History and Crime • Law and Criminal Justice • Migration and Development • Self and Society • Thinking Sociologically • Women's Studies

Year 2 and Year 3 (Credit Levels 5 and 6)

Core modules

The core modules in Year 2 will give you a solid grounding in the theories in each field – the important theories in criminology and the institutions of the criminal justice system, as well as political economy, which is crucial to understanding the developing world. In Year 2 you will study research methods in preparation for your dissertation in Year 3.

Option modules

The course offers you an exceptionally wide and exciting range of options, some of which are unique to this University. Currently you can choose from: China and the World • Civil Liberties and Human Rights in the UK • Crime and the City • Crime in International Context • Crimes of the Powerful • Cybercrime and Society • Gender and Development • Gender, Crime and Justice • Gender, Ethnicity and Cultural Representations • Globalisation and Britain • Globalisation and Media • Globalisation and NGOs • Images of Crime • Law, Politics and the State • Oil, Globalisation and Development in the Middle East • Policing and Social Order • Policy • Punishment and Society • Race, Crime and Criminal Justice • The Criminal Justice process • Understanding Crime Prevention • US-Latin American Relations • Work Experience Internships • Youth, Crime and Criminal Justice

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Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
five-year, part-time

UCAS code

LM19

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

Various teaching methods are used, according to the combination of subjects which you choose to study. You will encounter various types of assessment, designed to meet the learning outcomes of the specific modules you choose. Depending on the modules you take, you may be assessed by exam, essay, research report, oral presentation, group work, poster presentation or a contribution to an electronic discussion board.

Associated careers

The course provides graduate-level skills appropriate for a wide range of careers. Specific opportunities will be related to the disciplines which you have chosen to study in your course.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	BBC
International Baccalaureate	28 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM plus A Level Grade B in a Humanities-related subject

You will also need a minimum IELTS score of 6.0, including 6.0 in both reading and writing.

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

Development Studies is one of the fastest growing social science disciplines, and focuses on the social, political and economic changes in the developing world. It explores how and why these societies have been transformed in the post-colonial period, which makes the degree combination with History particularly effective.

Britain's foreign policy and her imperial and post-imperial history form a strand within the History programme at Westminster. You will have the opportunity to develop an in-depth understanding of the forces which make the developing world what it is today.

Modules become more specialised and focused as you progress through the levels, and the course culminates in a self-selected dissertation in either History or Development Studies. You will also have the chance to take a work-based internship module.

Course content

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

The core modules for this degree are British Foreign Policy since 1815, and Society and Politics in Developing Countries. They complement one another and provide a strong grounding in the knowledge and skills for this course. You will also choose from a range of option modules, including: British History 1783-1867 • Globalisation, Power and International Governance • London Since 1960 • Migration • Nineteenth-Century America • The French Revolution • The London Blitz • Victorian London

Years 2 and 3 (Credit Levels 5 and 6)

Core modules

Development in the Era of Globalisation • Dissertation (either History or Development Studies) • Global Political Economy • Research Methods (either History or Sociological Research Methods) • Twentieth-Century British Politics or Twentieth-Century Europe

Option modules

Subjects of study include: British Defence Policy • China and the World • Cultural History of World War II • Decolonisation • Fascism • Foundations of the European Union • Globalisation, States and NGOs in Developing Countries • Jack the Ripper • London and its Museums • Modern Ireland • Oil, Globalisation and Development in the Middle East and Central Asia • Origins of World War II • Race, Society and Politics in the USA • The Cinema as a Source for Historians • The Cold War • The New Imperialism • The Spanish Civil War • The Troubles • US-Latin American Relations • Women's History

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Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
five-year, part-time

UCAS code

LV12

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

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Associated careers

Graduates are highly sought after by employers in media and marketing, in education, the Civil Service and the Foreign Office, NGOs (non-governmental organisations), and international organisations such as the EU and the UN and in all sectors of industry. Many students go on to postgraduate study.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	BBC
International Baccalaureate	28 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM plus A Level Grade B in a Humanities-related subject

You will also need a minimum IELTS score of 6.0, including 6.0 in both reading and writing.

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

Development Studies is one of the fastest growing social science disciplines, and focuses on the social, political and economic changes in the developing world. This course addresses the ways in which developing countries and regions of the world, including Africa, Asia, the Middle East, China, India, Central Asia and Latin America, have been transformed in the period after colonialism/imperialism.

The study of International Relations enables you to develop a comprehensive understanding of the evolution of the international system, and relate it to contemporary developments in international relations. It provides a theoretical framework for understanding the international distribution of power at the global, regional and national levels. The course also includes examination of regime change and ‘transition societies’, such as those moving from authoritarian to democratic forms of government.

Course content

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

There are two core modules for the Development Studies and International Relations degree. Introduction to Key Concepts and Issues in International Relations provides you with a conceptual toolkit, focusing on the principal concepts in International Relations and their application to theoretical and empirical analysis. Introduction to Politics and Society in Developing Countries focuses on the creation of developing countries, from colonialism to independence, and the impact of globalisation. For the rest of the first year of the course you can choose from a range of option modules, including migration, globalisation and power, immigration, and the global economy.

Year 2 and 3 (levels 5 and 6)

Core modules

Year 2 provides more in-depth analysis of both theory and practice. The core modules in Year 2 are Global Political Economy, and Order and Justice in International Relations, along with the Research Methods module which prepares you for your dissertation in Year 3.

Option modules

The course offers you an exceptionally wide and exciting range of options, some of which are unique to this University. Currently you can choose from: American and the Vietnam War • China and the World • Decolonisation since 1945 • Diplomacy and International Relations • Empires and Imperialism • Foreign Policy Analysis • Gender and Development • Gender, Ethnicity and Cultural Representations • Globalisation and Britain • Globalisation and the Media • International Security Studies • International State-Building • Oil in the Middle East • Russian Politics and Society • US-Latin American Relations • Work Experience Internships

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Length of course

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UCAS code

LL12

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

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Associated careers

Graduates pursue a range of careers, including policy and research, local government, non-governmental organisations, international agencies, finance administration, HR and teaching. Some students go on to postgraduate study.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	BBC
International Baccalaureate	28 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM plus A Level Grade B in a Humanities-related subject

You will also need a minimum IELTS score of 6.0, including 6.0 in both reading and writing.

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

In a globalised world which is rapidly changing, a degree in Development Studies and Sociology has never been more relevant. Development Studies is a multidisciplinary subject, drawing on sociology, politics, economics and geography. It combines well with Sociology, with its interest in globalisation, ethnicity, class and culture.

Development Studies enables you to learn about the process of change from colonial to post-colonial regimes and cultures, focusing on key issues in relation to social, economic and cultural change. Sociology will equip you with the tools to understand the world around you and your place within it; you will examine the social and cultural change in the contemporary world, with a focus on gender, ethnicity, class and sexuality.

Course content

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

There are three core modules combining both Development Studies and Sociology. Self and Society examines social identities including gender, ethnicity, national identity, sexuality, class, disability, body and age. Researching Society uses London as the focus for thinking sociologically about space, inequalities and globalisation, and introduces you to the tools of sociological inquiry. Introduction to Politics and Society in Developing Countries focuses on the creation of developing countries, from colonialism to independence and the impact of globalisation.

The rest of the first year will be chosen from a range of option modules, including Cultural Studies, Migration, Thinking Sociologically, and Women's Studies.

Year 2 and 3 (Credit Levels 5 and 6)

Core modules

The core modules in Years 2 and 3 provide the theoretical knowledge that is central to this degree – Global Political Economy, Theorising Modernity, Theorising Postmodernity, and Development in an Era of Globalisation. The Research Methods module in Year 2 provides a thorough grounding for your dissertation in Year 3 on a topic of your choice.

Option modules

The course offers you an exceptionally wide and exciting range of options, some of which are unique to this University. Currently you can choose from: Applied Social Research • Body and Society London: Pleasures and Perils • China and the World • Consuming Race in a Globalised World • Contemporary Issues in Education • Culture and Identity • Decolonisation Since 1945 • Empires and Imperialism • Feminist Theory and Sexual Politics • Gender and Development • Gender and Education • Gender, Ethnicity and Cultural Representations • Globalisation and Britain • Globalisation and the Media • Globalisation, States and NGOs in Developing Countries • Health and Illness • Masculinities, Gender and Change • Media Power • Oil, Globalisation and Development in the Middle East • Politics in Latin America • Race and Ethnicity • Sexualities • Women, Family and Social Policy • Women, Gender and Power • Work Experience Internships

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Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
five-year, part-time

UCAS code

LL13

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

Our staff are actively engaged in researching and writing, and research underpins much of our teaching. We aim to enthuse and inspire you, and we use a range of assessment methods to help you learn and to equip you with the skills required in today's competitive job market. These include research, evaluative and analytical skills, time-management, communication, numerical and ICT skills, team working, and the ability to present your ideas in a variety of formats to different audiences. Assessments include essays and exams, presentations, book reviews, portfolio preparation and mini-projects. You can also take a semester abroad, in the United States or Australia.

Associated careers

Graduates pursue a diverse range of careers, including policy and research, local government, non-governmental organisation, international agencies, finance administration, HR and teaching. Some students go on to postgraduate study.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	BBC
International Baccalaureate	28 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM plus A Level Grade B in a Humanities-related subject

You will also need a minimum IELTS score of 6.0, including 6.0 in both reading and writing.

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

History remains among the most fascinating and best-loved of the arts and social science disciplines, and this is an exceptional degree which makes the most of our unique West End location. The course is modern and UK-focused, but as Britain was shaped by her relationship with Europe, the empire and the wider world, there are many opportunities to study European, American and imperial history as well. A distinctive element of the degree is its focus on the extraordinary history of London.

You'll learn inside and outside the classroom, on stimulating modules in political, diplomatic, military and social history, many of which are unique to Westminster. You'll explore the streets of the capital on field walks and trips to repositories, museums and libraries. You'll learn how to conduct your own research in London's unique archives, and will graduate as a well-trained and experienced historian, ready to launch yourself into the world of work, research or further study. And you will make great new friends, with staff and students from around the world.

Course content

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

There are two core modules, Modern British Socio-Economic and Political History, and British Foreign Policy Since 1815. Option modules include: London's Liquor Trade • London Since 1960 • Nineteenth Century America • The French Revolution • The London Blitz • Victorian London

Year 2 and Year 3 (Credit Levels 5 and 6)

There are two core modules on Twentieth-Century British Political History and Twentieth-Century Europe. There is a core Research Methods module, to help you choose your dissertation topic. The dissertation is the only core module in Year 3. You can choose from a wide variety of option modules, including: America and the Vietnam War • Britain and the Great War • Britain Between the Wars • British Defence Policy • Cultural History of World War II • Decolonisation • England Since 1945 • Fascism • History of the EU • Jack the Ripper • London and its Museums • Modern Ireland • Origins of World War II • Race and Politics in the USA • The American Wild West • The Cinema as a Source for Historians • The Cold War • The New Imperialism • The Russian Revolution • The Spanish Civil War • The Troubles • Women's History

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Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
five-year, part-time

UCAS code

V100

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

Research underpins much of our teaching, and we encourage you into a community of scholars, through teaching which will enthuse and inspire you. We use a range of assessment methods to help you learn and to equip you with the skills for today's job market. Assessments include essays and exams, presentations, book reviews, portfolio preparation and mini-projects. You can take a credit-bearing internship in an archive, library or museum. Previous interns have had placements in the Imperial War Museum, the House of Lords Records Office and many other London institutions.

Associated careers

Historians have a wide range of research, analytical, and evaluative skills. They know how to work on their own, manage their time, work collaboratively, synthesise data, work to a brief and argue a case. As such, they are highly sought after by employers in the media, in education, the Civil Service and in all sectors of industry.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	BBC
International Baccalaureate	28 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM plus A Level Grade B in a Humanities-related subject

You will also need a minimum IELTS score of 6.0, including 6.0 in both reading and writing.

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

History and Criminology BA Honours

This course will enable you to study two of the most popular arts and behavioural sciences disciplines, taking half of your modules in History, and half in Criminology. Criminology as an academic discipline seeks to understand a whole range of behaviours which society finds deviant. It draws upon a variety of academic disciplines in the attempt to do so, and its methodology combines the theoretical, the qualitative and the empirical.

By contrast, historians tend to eschew theory and concentrate instead on the empirical study of the past in the attempt to understand it. This degree offers you the combination of the theoretical and the empirical, with the result that each should inform the other.

The wide variety of methodologies studied and forms of assessment employed will equip you with a considerable battery of practical and analytical skills, which are much in demand in the current competitive employment market. The modules you will study become more specialised and focused as you progress through the levels, and the degree culminates in a self-selected dissertation, in either History or Criminology. You will also have the opportunity to take a work-based internship module.

Course content

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Core modules

British Foreign Policy Since 1815, or British History 1783-1867

- Introduction to Criminology

Option modules include:

London's Liquor Trade • London Since 1960 • Nineteenth-Century America • The French Revolution • The London Blitz

- Victorian London

Years 2 and 3 (Credit Levels 5 and 6)

Core modules

Criminological Theory • Dissertation (either History or Criminology) • Research Methods (either History or Criminology)

- Twentieth-Century British Politics or Twentieth-Century Europe

Option modules include:

British Defence Policy • Civil Liberties and Human Rights • Crime and the City • Crime in the International Context • Crime Prevention • Crimes of the Powerful • Cultural History of World War II • Cybercrime and Society • Decolonisation • Fascism • Foundations of the EU • Gender, Crime and Justice • Images of Crime • Jack the Ripper • Law and Discrimination • Law, Politics and the State • London and Museums • Modern Ireland • Origins of World War II • Policing and Social Order • Punishment and Crime • Race and Society in the USA • Race, Crime and Criminal Justice • The Cinema as a Source for Historians • The Cold War • The New Imperialism • The Russian Revolution • The Spanish Civil War • The Troubles • Victims of Crime • Women's History • Work Experience Internships • Youth, Crime and Criminal Justice

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Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
five-year, part-time

UCAS code

VM29

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

Our staff are engaged in research and writing, and research underpins much of our teaching. We aim to enthuse and inspire you, and equip you with the skills required in today's job market, including research, evaluative and analytical skills, time management, communication, team working, and numerical and ICT skills. Assessments include essays and exams, presentations, book reviews, portfolio preparation and mini-projects. You can also take a semester in America or Australia.

Associated careers

Graduates pursue a diverse range of careers, including in police and policing-support organisations, the probation and offender-rehabilitation services, the Civil Service, non-governmental organisations such as the charities sector, policy and research institutions, teaching, museums and librarianship, journalism and the private sector. Many students go on to postgraduate study.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	BBC
International Baccalaureate	28 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM plus A Level Grade B in a Humanities-related subject

You will also need a minimum IELTS score of 6.0, including 6.0 in both reading and writing.

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

This course allows you to study two of the most popular arts and social sciences disciplines in combination, taking half of your modules in each area. The Politics set offers you an in-depth understanding of comparative, institutional, international and theoretical approaches, while the History set gives you a firm grounding in the major developments in British and European affairs over the past two centuries. The degree offers the combination of the theoretical and the empirical. The study of Politics equips you with the analytical tools to explore and understand societies, while the History element provides a vast historical laboratory in which to test the validity of the theory.

Course Content

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

You will take a core history module (either British Socio-Economic and Political History, or British Foreign Policy Since 1815), and a core politics module on Political Concepts, Revolutions and Ideologies.

Option modules include:

Environmental Politics • Globalisation, Power and International Governance • Immigration: the European Experience • International Relations and the Global Economy • London Since 1960 • London's Liquor Trade • Nineteenth-Century America • The French Revolution • The London Blitz • Victorian London

Year 2 and Year 3 (Credit Levels 5 and 6)

At Credit Level 5 you take a history core in either Twentieth-Century British Political History or Twentieth-Century Europe, and a politics core in the Foundations of Western Political Philosophy. There is a core Research Methods module to help you choose your dissertation topic, which will be in either History or Politics. At Credit Level 6 you take either Power, Freedom and Justice, or Citizenship and Democracy.

There is a wide variety of option modules, including: America and the Vietnam War • American Power in the 21st Century • Analysing Policy • Applied British Politics • Britain and the Great War • Britain Between the Wars • British Defence Policy • British Politics • Cultural History of World War II • Decolonisation • Democracy in America • Diplomacy and International Relations • England Since 1945 • EU as a Global Actor • European Foreign Policy • Fascism • Foreign Policy Analysis • Gender, Politics and the State • Global Politics of Energy • Governing the European Union • History of the EU • Humanitarian Intervention and International Relations • International Security Studies • International State Building • Jack the Ripper • London and its Museums • Modern Ireland • Origins of World War II • Policymaking in the European Union • Political Ecology Today: Values, Power, Justice • Political Gaming and Simulations • Politics and Media Freedom • Politics of the Middle East • Protest, Participation, Power: Social Movements in Contemporary Europe • Race and Politics in the USA • Russian Politics and Society • The American Wild West • The Cinema as a Source for Historians • The Cold War • The New Imperialism • The Russian Revolution • The Spanish Civil War • The Troubles • Women's History

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Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
five-year, part-time

UCAS code

VL22

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

Our staff are engaged in research and writing, and research underpins much of our teaching. We aim to enthuse and inspire you, and equip you with the skills needed in today's job market, including research, evaluative and analytical skills, communication, numerical and ICT skills, and the ability to present your ideas in a variety of formats. Assessments include essays, exams, presentations, book reviews, portfolio preparation and mini-projects. You can take a credit-bearing history internship or a politics work-placement module. You can also to take a semester abroad in America or Australia.

Associated careers

Graduates have a wide range of research, analytical, and evaluative skills, and are highly sought after by employers in media and marketing, education, the Civil Service and the Foreign Office, NGOs, international organisations such as the EU and the UN, and all sectors of industry. Many go on to postgraduate study.

Typical offer for September 2011

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A Levels	BBC
International Baccalaureate	28 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM plus A Level Grade B in a Humanities-related subject

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See also standard entry requirements on p206.

Knowledge and understanding of our present and our past are of enormous value, both to the individual and to the community at large. It is the task of Sociology to explain societies as they are, and the task of History to explain how they came to be as they are. Thus, History and Sociology complement each other well.

This combined degree is designed around a range of core modules at each level, which will provide you with fundamental disciplinary knowledge as well as practical and intellectual skills. These are built upon with a large and exciting range of option modules, many of them unique to Westminster, and modules become more specialised and focused as you progress through the levels.

A distinctive element of the degree is its focus on the fascinating past and extraordinary present of London, and the course makes best use of Westminster's unique West End location. You will also have the opportunity to take a work placement module, and complete a final-year dissertation in either History or Sociology.

Course content

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Three core modules provide a strong basis for study in these complementary subjects. Researching Society and Self and Society provide sociological knowledge and skills in innovative ways.

In History you can choose British History 1783-1867, or British Foreign Policy since 1815. The remainder of the first year is chosen from a range of option modules, including: Cultural Studies

- Development Studies • Modern America • The London Blitz
- Thinking Sociologically • Victorian London • Women's Studies

Years 2 and 3 (Credit Levels 5 and 6)

Core modules

The core modules focus on Sociological Theory and Twentieth-Century British Political History. You will choose to do a Research Methods module in one of the subjects, which will provide a grounding for your dissertation in Year 3.

Option modules include:

America and the Vietnam War • Applied Social Research • Body and Society • Britain and the Great War • Britain Between the Wars • Britain in a Global Context • British Defence Policy • Contemporary Issues in Education • Cultural History of World War II • Culture and Identity • Decolonisation • England Since 1945 • Fascism • Feminist Theory • Foundations of the EU • Gender and Education • Gender, Ethnicities and Cultural Representations • Internship in a Feminist Organisation • Jack the Ripper • London and its Museums • London: Pleasures and Perils of the City • Masculinities • Modern Ireland • Origins of World War II • Power and the Media • 'Race' and Ethnicity • Race and Politics in the USA • Sexualities • Sociology of Health and Illness • Sociology of Medicine • The American Wild West • The Cinema as a Source for Historians • The Cold War • The New Imperialism • The Russian Revolution • The Spanish Civil War • The Troubles • Women, Family and Social Policy • Women, Gender and Power • Women's History

International Foundation course

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Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
five-year, part-time

UCAS code

VL23

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

Our staff are actively engaged in researching and writing, and research underpins much of our teaching. We aim to enthuse and inspire you, and equip you with the skills for today's job market. These include research, evaluative and analytical skills, communication, numerical and ICT skills, and the ability to present your ideas in a variety of formats to different audiences. Assessments include essays and exams, presentations, book reviews, portfolio preparation and mini-projects. You can take a credit-bearing history internship or a sociology work-placement module. You can also take a semester in America or Australia.

Associated careers

Our graduates pursue a diverse range of careers, including policy and research, local government, non-governmental organisations, international agencies, administration, finance and human resources as well as the professions such as teaching and social work. Many students choose to go on to postgraduate study.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	BBC
International Baccalaureate	28 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM plus A Level Grade B in a Humanities-related subject

You will also need a minimum IELTS score of 6.0, including 6.0 in both reading and writing.

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

The study of Sociology has never been more relevant and vital; a degree in Sociology will give you the tools to understand the world around you and your place in it.

Sociology examines theories of social life and questions the way you interpret the world. It is an ideal subject to prepare you for any career as it enables you to think beyond your own immediate experience. Sociological theories provide a framework for thinking about society from different standpoints, raising issues you may never have considered, in relation to a wide range of topics relating to society and social life.

Course content

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

The first year caters for students who have not studied Sociology before, and enables those who have studied Sociology to deepen and extend their knowledge. You will study three core modules: Researching Society uses London as the focus for thinking sociologically about space, inequalities and globalisation, and provides an introduction to the tools of sociological inquiry; Self and Society examines social identities including age, body, class, disability, ethnicity, gender, national identity and sexuality; Thinking Sociologically is an introduction to the 'sociological imagination', exploring social divisions, culture and everyday life.

The subjects you study for the rest of the year will be chosen from a range of option modules, including Crime, Culture, Developing Countries, Migration and Women's Studies.

Year 2 and 3 (Credit Level 5 and 6)

The core modules Theorising Modernity, Theorising Postmodernity and the applied theory module, Analysing the Social, provide you with theoretical knowledge that lies at the heart of Sociology. An excellent grounding in research methods will enable you to undertake research of your own for your dissertation in Year 3.

You will also be able to choose from an exceptionally wide range of option modules, including: Applied Social Research • Body and Society • Consuming Race in a Globalised World • Contemporary Issues in Education • Culture and Identity • Feminist Theory and Sexual Politics • Gender and Education • Gender, Ethnicity and Cultural Representations • Globalisation and Britain • Globalisation and Media • Health and Illness • London: Pleasures and Perils of the City • Masculinities, Gender and Change • Media Power • Race and Ethnicity • Sexualities • Sociology of Human Rights • Sociology of Medicine • Women, Family and Social Policy • Women, Gender and Power • Work Experience Internship

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Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
five-year, part-time

UCAS code

L300

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

Our staff are engaged in research and writing, and research underpins much of our teaching. We encourage you into a community of scholars, through teaching which will enthuse and inspire you. We use a range of assessment methods to help you learn and to equip you with the skills for today's job market: research, evaluative and analytical skills, time-management, communication, ICT skills, the ability to work alone or with others, and to present your ideas in a variety of formats. Assessments include essays and exams, presentations, book reviews, textual analysis, portfolios, reports and mini-projects.

Associated careers

Graduates pursue a diverse range of careers. They include policy and research, local government, non-governmental organisation, administration, finance and human resources, as well the professions such as teaching and social work. Some students continue studying on postgraduate programmes.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	BBC
International Baccalaureate	28 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM plus A Level Grade B in a Humanities-related subject

You will also need a minimum IELTS score of 6.0, including 6.0 in both reading and writing.

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

Sociology and Criminology BA Honours

The study of Criminology and Sociology has never been more important, with the current fears and anxieties about 'broken Britain' along with the challenges of living in a global society. The two disciplines make perfect partners in a combined degree: central to Sociology is a critical examination of the influence of class, gender, ethnicity and sexuality, while Criminology focuses specifically on how each affects what happens to individuals in the criminal justice process. Sociology and Criminology share theoretical frameworks that inform analysis, and draw on the same kinds of research methods. Contemporary concerns are reflected in this degree with modules that engage with globalisation and culture.

Course content

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

There are three core modules for this degree. In Self and Society you will examine social identities including gender, ethnicity, national identity, sexuality, class, disability, body, and age. Introduction to Criminology gives you an insight into the key concepts and theoretical approaches in relation to the study of crime, victimisation and responses to crime and deviance. Researching Society uses London as the focus for thinking sociologically about space, inequalities and globalisation, and provides an introduction to the tools of sociological inquiry. For the rest of the year you can choose from modules including Cultural Studies, History of Crime, Law and Criminal Justice, Migration, Thinking Sociologically, and Women's Studies.

Years 2 and 3 (Credit Levels 5 and 6)

Core modules

The core modules focus on theory – Criminology Theory, and the application of social theory in Analysing the Social (Year 2) and Theorising Postmodernity (Year 3) – along with an excellent grounding in research methods in Year 2 for your own research into a topic of your choice for the dissertation in Year 3.

Option modules

The course offers you an exceptionally wide and exciting range of option modules, some of which are unique to this University. Currently you can choose from: Applied Social Research • Body and Society • Civil Liberties and Human Rights in the UK • Consuming Race in a Globalised World • Contemporary Issues in Education • Crime and the City • Crime in International Context • Crimes of the Powerful • Culture and Identity • Cybercrime and Society • Feminist Theory and Sexual Politics • Gender and Education • Gender, Crime and Justice • Gender, Ethnicity and Cultural Representations • Globalisation and Britain • Globalisation and Media • Health and Illness • Images of Crime • Law, Politics and the State • Masculinities, Gender and Change • Media Power • Pleasures and Perils of the City • Policing and Social Order • Punishment and Society • Race and Ethnicity • Race, Crime and Criminal Justice • Sexualities • Sociology of Medicine • The Criminal Justice Process • Understanding Crime Prevention • Women, Family and Social Policy • Women, Gender and Power • Work Experience Internships • Youth, Crime and Criminal Justice

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Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
five-year, part-time

UCAS code

LM39

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

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Associated careers

Our graduates pursue a diverse range of careers. They include policy and research, local government, crime prevention, voluntary sector/NGOs, administration, finance and human resources as well the professions such as teaching and social work. Some students continue studying as postgraduate students on Masters and PhD programmes.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	BB/BCC
International Baccalaureate	28 points
BTEC National Diploma	DMM

See also standard entry requirements on p206.