



Maynooth University  
Department of Law

# Study Criminology as Part of your Degree

## Maynooth University Department of Law announces new suite of undergraduate criminology programmes.

Following the launch of the MA in Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice, Maynooth University Department of Law is now introducing exciting new opportunities to study Criminology at undergraduate level.

Criminology has been described as 'the study of the making of laws, the breaking of laws, and of society's reaction to the breaking of laws', signaling the three main branches that make up the subject.

As Ireland's youngest and fastest growing law school, we bring a fresh approach to the study of crime, incorporating perspectives from a wide range of other disciplines such as Sociology, Psychology, and Economics. At Maynooth, we offer a unique opportunity to study criminology as part of a broad Arts degree (BA) or in combination with Law as a BCL degree.

### Bachelor of Civil Law and Criminology

Study Criminology and Law in equal measure for each of the three years of your degree.

### Bachelor of Arts

Study Criminology with up to three other subjects in Year 1 (including Law, Psychology, Economics, Spanish, and Sociology). In Years 2 and 3, you continue with a BA in Criminology, studying in combination with one of your other subjects.



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Whether you choose to undertake the BA or BCL, you will be taught by leading international experts in the field with research interests in prisons, terrorism, comparative criminal justice, human trafficking, the death penalty, and mental health; and you can avail of the opportunity to:

- Think about crime using real life examples and theory;
- Develop strong research, writing, and analytical skills which are useful for most career paths;
- Broaden your career prospects into the criminal justice world, opening up potential careers in the Gardaí, security services, data analytics, probation, prison service, civil service, research institutes, and NGOs;
- Apply for work placements and study abroad;
- Combine academic work with practical exercises, such as role plays and policy debates.

You will take modules from a wide range of disciplines during your degree, opening you up to a variety of challenging perspectives on the nature of crime, criminal behaviour, and the criminal justice system. You will gain perspectives from Psychology, Law, Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, and more.

## Topics covered with include:

The meaning of crime and criminal justice; the causes of crime and the responses to it; the workings of the criminal justice system; crime and the media; youth justice; contemporary methods of policing; sentencing and punishment; occupational crime; personality and crime; the economics of crime; psychology and criminal behaviour; and drugs and crime.



These unique programmes will be available from September 2017. For more details contact [law@nuim.ie](mailto:law@nuim.ie).