

**DEGREE IN CRIMINOLOGY (2022-23)**

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#### AIMS

The basic aim of the Degree Course in Criminology is to produce professionals capable of meeting the needs of society with regard to security and the prevention and control of criminal behaviour. Students will develop a thorough knowledge of all areas concerning criminal activity and deviant behaviour, enabling them to work within the criminal justice system and in public and private security, developing criminological, psycho-social, legal and scientific skills and expertise, and the ability to adapt rapidly to an environment in constant evolution. The ultimate aim is to produce graduates capable of working with other professionals in identifying, preventing and intervening in problems concerning crime, criminals, deviant behaviour and victimisation. Criminology graduates can work with the Police, the Legal authorities, the Penitentiary authorities, in community and prevention programmes, in intervention against marginalisation, victim support centres, etc. The course will also prepare future graduates for specialisation in post-graduate study, where they may require more specialised learning to specific professional profiles.

On the basis of the foregoing and taking into account the skills required for the University of Alicante Degree Course, we would like to emphasise the following general aims, which coincide with the aims defined in both the White Book of Degree Courses and in Royal Decree 1335/2007:

- To give graduates the necessary knowledge, skills, expertise and capabilities to work in professions having to do with criminal analysis, victimisation and responses to criminal and deviant behaviour.
- To develop students' capacity to apply their criminological knowledge in solving practical problems.
- To stimulate students' capacity to write or professional (criminological) reports, design criminal investigations, etc.
- To encourage the acquisition of the skills required for independent learning.

Within the framework of the following general principles:

- Respect for basic rights and equality between men and women.
- Respect for and promotion of Human Rights and the principles of free access and design for all, in accordance with the terms of Final Provision Ten of Act 51/2003 of 2 December, on equal opportunities, non-discrimination and universal access for persons with disabilities.
- The values of a peaceful and democratic society.



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**CREDIT STRUCTURE OF THE DEGREE COURSE**

The University of Alicante Degrees in Criminology course programme consists of 240 ECTS credits, distributed over 4 years, each worth 60 ECTS credits and, in turn, divided into two 30 ECTS semesters. The programme covers all theoretical and practical aspects to be acquired by students. The following table summarises the subjects and the distribution of credits.

**DISTRIBUTION OF CREDITS PER SUBJECT TYPE**

Subject type	Credits
Core	240
Compulsory	135
Optional	30
Final Project	0
<b>Total credits</b>	<b>240</b>

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE PROGRAMME**

Core subjects are taught in the first year. These are followed by 135 compulsory ECTS credits, aimed at ensuring that students acquire the professional skills covered by the Degree, and 6 ECTS credits corresponding to the Final Project, which is undertaken in the final semester. The final 36 ECTS credits correspond to optional subjects aimed at specialisation and, as the case may be, work experience. These are taken in the final year of the course programme and enable students to choose their own area of specialisation. The routes are Public Security, Private Investigation and Judicial Administration.

Core subjects are taught in the first year, and aim to provide students with the knowledge and skills that will give them a conceptual and methodological approach to Criminology.

The optional subjects, taught in the fourth year, are grouped into three specialties, corresponding to three well-defined professional profiles: public security, private investigation and Judicial Administration.

The aim of the optional subjects is to provide students with the opportunity to undertake a more in-depth study of those subjects of most interest to them, within the more general nature of the degree course as a whole. 135 ECTS credits correspond to either core or compulsory subjects, while optional subjects account for just 24 credits, except for that of Private Investigation, which is worth 30 credits, whilst at the same time beginning the professional specialisation which will continue in their post-graduate courses. The route chosen is mentioned in the appendix to the degree only if the corresponding subjects are passed. In order to make up their quota of optional subjects (24 credits), students may then choose freely from among the other subjects on offer. Students are also offered the possibility of carrying out work experience (6 credits) or a range of cultural, sporting, student representation, charity and cooperation activities established by the University, for which they may obtain up to a maximum of 6 optional credits.

**OPTIONAL SUBJECTS AND ROUTES**

ROUTES		
PUBLIC SECURITY	PRIVATE INVESTIGATION	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION
Private Security 24 ECTS	Private Investigation 36 ECTS	Private Investigation 24 ECTS
Administrative police & ECTS	Labour law & ECTS	Forensic psychology & ECTS
Judicial Police & ECTS	Civil Law & ECTS	Scientific police and the forensic laboratory & ECTS
Intervention in crises, catastrophes and emergencies & ECTS	Business Law & ECTS	Pharmacology & ECTS
Technological media & ECTS	Technological media in private investigation & ECTS	Forensic entomology & ECTS
Professional code of conduct & ECTS	Professional code of conduct & ECTS	Professional code of conduct & ECTS
Forensic psychology & ECTS	Forensic psychology & ECTS	Forensic psychology & ECTS

**Optional subjects:**

**Route 1: Public Security**

- Administration police
- Judicial Police
- Intervention in crises, catastrophes and emergencies
- Gender-related activities

**Route 2: Private Investigation**

- Labour law
- Civil Law
- Business Law
- Technological media in private investigation

**Route 3: Justice Administration**

- Witness psychology
- Scientific police and the forensic laboratory
- Pharmacology
- Forensic entomology

**Common optional subjects.** One subject may be chosen from the following group of common subjects:

- Profiling: psycho-criminological profiling of delinquents
- Professional code of conduct (this subject must be taken to qualify as a Private Detective)
- Forensic psychiatry

**Optional non-route credits may be taken by means of:**

- Work Experience
- Optional subject "Psychopathy and serial killers"
- Or any optional subject from either of the two routes not chosen.

The offer of optional subjects in the distance learning group may be limited due to the nature of the subjects themselves, in which student presence may be essential to ensure the acquisition of the skills and the learning outcomes expected for each subject.

In the final year, as a bridge between academic and professional life, students may opt for the Work Experience programme, worth 6 ECTS, which enables students to work in institutions or professional offices, in order to prepare for their entry into the labour market. The work experience programme has been established as an optional part of the syllabus in order not to handicap students already engaged in labour or professional activities.

If they choose one of the offered routes, students can opt freely either for the work experience or for any of the subjects from the remaining optional programme, also those belonging to the other two routes.

Moreover, it is compulsory to bring forth and defend a Final Project, worth 6 ECTS, which contributes to complete the acquisition of the abilities required for the attainment of this degree and will be conducted during the second semester of the last year. Students that follow the Private Investigation route will have to enrol in a specific Final Project (code 10548) for this route. The rest of the students will complete the general Final Project (code 10547)

Prior evaluation for the final grade, the student must accredit competence in a foreign language. Among others, one way of accreditation at the University of Alicante is to possess at least level B1 of the Common European Framework for Modern Languages. This requirement might be raised in a future.

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**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT (IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE)**

Students who study an undergraduate degree at the University of Alicante must complete a minimum level of B1 in a foreign language (B1 is recommended) in order to obtain the diploma.

The required language level is in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

The language accreditation requirement can be obtained previously or at any time during university studies. However, the language requirement will be necessary in order to access the final year project.

The different ways of obtaining such language requirement can be consulted in the additional information in this section.

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**LANGUAGE TEACHING COMPETENCE CERTIFICATE**

Students who want to take a course in the university teaching their own studies are recommended to obtain the teaching competence certificate (certificate under foreign languages).

The certificate can be obtained by taking specific courses in your university studies or by taking the BA teaching competence course in Valencian, German, French and English.

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**FINAL YEAR PROJECT (TFG)**

All the official undergraduate degrees must be completed by preparing and defending a final year project, which must be done in the final phase of the studies and be subject to the assessment of competence associated to the degree.

The final year project must be an original, independent and personal work. The evaluation of it may be individual or coordinated. Each student will prepare the project under the supervision of a tutor. Defending students will show the relevant content covered in an integrated way, as well as the acquired competences associated to the undergraduate degree.

In order to register for the final year project, students must comply with the requirements established in the "Regulation for coordination guides for students registered in undergraduate degrees at the University of Alicante". Among the requirements established to be able to register in the final year project, a minimum of 180 credits must be passed in undergraduate degrees with a total of 240 credits, and a minimum of 228 credits in undergraduate degrees with a total of 300 credits or more.

In order for the final year project to be assessed in B1 level of a foreign language (B1 is recommended) must be confirmed.

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**PROFESSIONAL PROFILES**

Criminology graduates are qualified to work within the police force, judicial or penal administration, community and prevention programmes, interventions to counter marginalisation, victim assistance, etc.

**Professions for which the degree qualifies its holder.**

A degree in criminology opens the doors to a wide range of professional activities, including policing and/or victimology activities in the field of public security, private security (directors and managers of private security agencies) and prison and judicial activities (participation in advisory teams and on the Treatment Boards of Prison Institutes, Panels or Juvenile Court consultancy activities, victim assistance, etc.).  
By resolution of the Home Office of 21/08/2013, the Degree in Criminology with itinerary in Private Investigation is recognised to effects of the habilitation for the professional exercise like Private Detective.



**IMPLEMENTATION**

The new Degree in Criminology offered by the Law Faculty will be implemented year by year:

ACADEMIC YEAR				
YEAR	2019-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
1st Year	Degree	Degree	Degree	Degree
2nd Year		Degree	Degree	Degree
3rd Year			Degree	Degree
4th Year				Degree

**TIMESCALE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW DEGREE IN CRIMINOLOGY (GRADO) AND PHASING OUT OF THE FORMER DEGREE IN CRIMINOLOGY (LICENCIATURA)**

Academic Year	Implementation of the new Degree in Criminology (Grado)	Phasing out of the former degree in Criminology (Licenciatura)
2019-2021	1st Year	
2021-2022	2nd Year	
2022-2023	3rd Year	
2023-2024	4th Year	4th Year
2024-2025		5th Year

Once a course has been phased out, the subjects corresponding to the course will no longer be taught. Students who do not wish to take the new degree course subjects are entitled to sit all four examinations in the two academic years following the end of each year. Any students wishing to continue their studies after sitting and failing these tests will be required to follow the new plan, according to the adaptation system established in the new plan.

PROCEDURE FOR THE CHANGE TO THE NEW STUDY PLAN

DEGREE IN CRIMINOLOGY former plan		DEGREE IN CRIMINOLOGY new plan	
Legal medicine and forensic science	6	Legal medicine and forensic science	3
Research methods in the social sciences	4.5	Research methods in the social sciences	6
Criminal law. General overview	6	Basics of Criminal Law	7.5
Concepts of prison sentences	4.5	Prison Law	6
Criminology I	6	Criminological theories	7.5
Criminology II	6	Applied criminology	7.5
Criminal punishment	6	Criminal penitentiary	7.5
Criminal policy	6	Criminal policy	7.5
Delinquency and moral responsibility in crime	4.5	Psychological development of social responsibility in crime	6
Ethics and human rights	4.5	The Law, ethics and human rights	6
Qualitative and qualitative research techniques in criminology	4.5	Quantitative and qualitative research techniques	6
Qualitative techniques in social research	4.5		6
Criminal law. Sentences	6	Criminal law. Sentences	6
Sociology of Law	6	Sociology of Law	6
Prevention and treatment of delinquency	4.5	Prevention and treatment of delinquency	6
Victimology	6	Victimology	7.5
Criminal procedural law	6	The penal process	6
Psychopathology of criminal behaviour	4.5	Psychopathology of criminal behaviour	6
Judicial Police	4.5	Judicial Police	6
Mediation in penal law and criminology	4.5	Mediation and alternative conflict resolution	6
Medical-legal and forensic anthropology	4.5	Forensic anthropology	6
Crisis intervention and approaches to health in crime and professionals	4.5	Psychological intervention in crime, criminological and emergency	6
Psychopathy and serial killers	4.5	Psychopathy and serial killers	6
Violence and gender: interdisciplinary approach	4.5	Gender-based violence	6
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>162</b>

NON-RECOGNISED SUBJECTS

DEGREE IN CRIMINOLOGY former plan		DEGREE IN CRIMINOLOGY new plan	
French for criminologists	4.5	Introduction to sociology	6
German for criminologists	4.5	Introduction to criminology	6
IT skills English	4.5	Introduction to Administration	6
English	4.5	Law	6
The economics of crime and criminal behaviour	4.5	Introduction to Statistics	6
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>22.5</b>	Anthropology for criminologists	6
		The Constitution: the system of rights and freedoms	6
		The sociology of deviant behaviour	6
		Penology	6
		Administrative police	6
		The legal responsibility of minors	6
		Labour law	6
		Business Law	6
		Civil Law	6
		Technological media in private investigation	6
		Forensic medicine (code of medical)	6
		Forensic psychology	6
		Profiling psycho-criminological profiles of delinquents	6
		Pharmacology	6
		Criminal penitentiary	6
		<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>120</b>

A total of 132 credits in the current Criminology Degree study plan (6 semesters) can be adapted to the new Criminology Degree study plan (6 semesters). Of these, 99 correspond to core and compulsory subjects, and 33 to optional subjects.

Credits taken by Criminology students not listed in the above table may be validated by means of:

• Degree course optional credits, up to the maximum number of optional credits established for each degree course.

• Recognised free-elective credits validated for university, cultural or representational activities will be validated for the degree course, with a maximum of up to 6 academic credits to be validated for various activities, as set out in A1.12.8 Royal Decree 1302/2007 (participation in cultural, sporting, student representation, charity and cooperation activities).





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Internal Quality Assurance System (IQAS) of the Title

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Information about the Centre	General information for students
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