



# Policing Studies

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Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies



LJMU has delivered highly effective, cutting-edge Policing Studies degree programmes for serving officers in Merseyside Police for nearly a decade, making the University one of the longest established providers of policing education. More recently, the Policing Studies Foundation and Bachelor of Arts degrees have been available for civilians to study and now, following the launch of the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies in October 2015, a new suite of Policing Studies degrees are being offered for September and January starts.

### **Choose from the following courses:**

- **Foundation Degree (FDA) Policing Studies**
- **BA (Hons) Policing Studies (part-time and distance learning routes available)**
- **BSc (Hons) Policing Studies and Computer Forensics**
- **BSc (Hons) Policing Studies and Cybercrime**
- **BSc (Hons) Policing Studies and Evidence-based Practice**
- **BSc (Hons) Policing Studies and Forensics**
- **BSc (Hons) Policing Studies and Forensic Psychology**
- **MSc Advanced Policing**
- **MSc International and Transnational Policing**
- **MSc Policing and Criminal Investigation**
- **MSc Policing and Cybercrime**
- **MSc Policing, Port and Maritime Security**



# The Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies is an academic school, dedicated to supporting the needs of 21st century policing.

Its aims are to produce sector-leading research, which cuts across traditional disciplinary boundaries, developed to meet the challenges facing modern policing, law enforcement and security.

Research undertaken within the Centre makes a significant contribution to the emerging evidence-base within the sector and will contribute to the development of policing policy and practice.

The Centre's interdisciplinary learning portfolio equips students and practitioners with the skills they will need to respond to the complex demands of contemporary policing. The Centre's portfolio has been designed to ensure students and practitioners will make a significant professional impact in their chosen field through their knowledge and understanding of evidence-based approaches to policing.

It is this focus on providing cutting-edge learning through undergraduate, postgraduate and Continuous Professional Development programmes, designed with practitioners and bodies, such as the College of Policing, which makes the Centre a destination for anyone wishing to enter the Police or allied professions, such as security or the criminal justice sector.



“ Studying for a degree in policing at LJMU will provide you with the necessary skills, understanding of evidence-based policing methods and the latest learning in new and emerging areas of law enforcement.

You will learn from staff who are former serving officers, experts in their fields and well-connected to many areas of policing, law enforcement and security.

**Sir Jon Murphy QPM**

Professor of Advanced Policing and former Chief Constable, Merseyside Police



# Undergraduate degree programmes

All of our undergraduate Policing Studies programmes are closely designed around the key learning requirements set out by the College of Policing, the UK Police's professional body. Successful completion of any of our undergraduate programmes will provide you with the equivalent of the Certificate in Knowledge of Policing.

The BA (Hons) Policing Studies degree is now offered in part-time and Distance Learning modes, offering you complete flexibility in how you wish to study – particularly useful if you are in employment or wishing to return to education.

The new Policing Studies combined honours degree programmes have been designed around the growing and evolving demands of the UK and international police forces. The professionalisation agenda of the UK forces, being led by the College of Policing, has identified the need for future serving officers to be qualified to degree level, professional support staff with understanding in a range of fields, and experts in areas such as cybercrime, computer security, forensics and evidence-based practice.

Each of the programmes below combines cutting-edge policing theory and understanding about UK law, community engagement, principles of academic research and rigour, alongside more specialised learning. We also offer the unique and highly desirable International Fieldwork Module in year two, which could provide you with the opportunity to travel overseas to observe how police forces work in other countries.

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- **BSc (Hons) Policing Studies and Cybercrime**
- **BSc (Hons) Policing Studies and Evidence-based Practice**
- **BSc (Hons) Policing Studies and Forensics**
- **BSc (Hons) Policing and Forensic Psychology**

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The course has been extremely interesting, giving me an insight into the policing world while developing my understanding that the term policing can be incorporated in to many different career aspects. I have developed a firm understanding of academic theories and have been able to apply these greatly to my role as a Special Constable. The course incorporates a great mix of academia, practical teaching and an overall student experience. I feel that I have grown a lot as a person in confidence and knowledge.

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**Ben Griffin, current level 6 BA (Hons) Policing Studies student**

# Policing Studies

## Foundation (FDA) and BA (Hons)

Full time and part time study modes available  
UCAS Code: FDA: L231, BA (Hons): L232

Police forces are powerful institutions that routinely engage with diverse communities and social groups. It is this very public aspect of policing which provides the ongoing context for study and makes for a heated and lively debate.

The Policing Studies programme studied within the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies will enable you to critically explore contemporary policing issues alongside developing skills required for professional practice. It moves beyond taken for granted definitions and ideas, and critically evaluates claims to knowledge.

You are strongly encouraged to become a Special Constable for the duration of your studies. We will assist you in making an application to a Special Constabulary and in particular we have a close relationship with Merseyside Police. However, there is nothing to stop you applying to become a Special Constable in another policing organisation prior to commencing your studies. More information will be sent out to you regarding this process once you have been offered and accepted your place at LJMU. For those students who are not eligible for a place in the Special Constabulary, we can develop your work-based skills through a student project.

### Career prospects

Once you complete this degree, you will have the knowledge, skills and qualification that makes you an attractive candidate for recruitment by the police service or other employers in related fields, such as security and risk management.

Alternatively you may consider pursuing a postgraduate degree in Policing, Social Sciences, Criminal Justice or Law which could lead to further academic research.

You may consider also embarking on a career that is not directly concerned with policing, such as roles within the armed services, security, prison service, social work, criminal justice-related roles or within the Civil Service.

Successful completion of the BA (Hons) programme, which includes achievement of the Certificate in Knowledge of Policing, does not in itself provide any guarantee of recruitment as a trainee Police Constable.

### Professional links

Both the Foundation and BA (Hons) degrees conform to the professional and regulatory guidelines established by the College of Policing. They also reflect changes in the way that police constabularies are recruiting new constables nationally.

### Entry Requirements

UCAS tariff points required: FDA: 96, BA (Hons): 104

A levels minimum requirement: 2

General Studies acceptable? Yes

BTEC Diploma grades/subjects required: FDA: DD; BA (Hons): D\*D

BTEC Extended Diploma grades/subjects required: FDA: MMM, BA (Hons): DMM

GCSE/Standard grade: Grade 4/Grade C or above in English

Language and mathematics or equivalent qualifications accepted

Interview required? Mature or non-standard applicants may be invited to attend interview

DBS check required? No



# Policing Studies and Computer Forensics

## **BSc (Hons)**

Three years full time

UCAS Code: I2M5

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This new Policing Studies degree programme is at the vanguard of an increasingly important area of contemporary law enforcement.

The course will provide you with valuable insights and skills that will allow you to understand and carry out computer forensics investigations. Part of a suite of Policing Studies degree programmes, studying on this degree will open up topics that examine how digital forensics principles are used to gather information about criminal activities using computers and networks.

You will study diverse topics from Criminology and Investigative Skills, to Computer Forensics and Security to Intelligence-led Policing and Terrorism and Counter-terrorism.

This degree programme is carefully designed to ensure that once you graduate, you will be equipped with the necessary transferable and specialist skills to make you stand out in policing and allied security and investigatory professions. You will develop skills in analysis and interpretation, presentation, teamwork, initiative and research, as well as specialist knowledge in computer forensics, digital law and transnational policing.

### **Career prospects**

Successful completion of the degree includes achievement of the Certificate in Knowledge of Policing - a recognised qualification by the College of Policing. Once you complete the degree, you will have the knowledge, skills and qualification that makes you an attractive candidate for a career in the police service or for careers in many areas particularly connected to investigation, security or criminal justice, including roles within the armed services, prison service, social work or criminal justice-related roles within the Civil Service.

### **Professional links**

This degree conforms to the professional and regulatory guidelines established by the College of Policing.

### **Entry Requirements**

UCAS Tariff points required: 104

A levels minimum requirement: 2

General Studies acceptable? Yes

BTEC Diploma grades/subjects required: D\*D if no other level 3 qualifications taken

BTEC Extended Diploma grades/subjects required: DMM if no other level 3 qualifications taken

GCSE/standard grade: Grade 4/Grade C or above in English

Language and Mathematics GCSE or equivalent qualifications

Interview required? Mature or nonstandard applicants may be invited to attend interview

DBS check required? No

Prior to application you should be mindful that you will be required to become a Special Police Constable or police volunteer for the duration of your studies at LJMU. As such, you must fulfil the minimum requirements set by the police (in terms of integrity and health) and are therefore advised to consult Merseyside Police's policies on recruitment to ensure that you are eligible: [www.policecouldyou.co.uk/special-constables](http://www.policecouldyou.co.uk/special-constables)

# Policing Studies and Cybercrime

## **BSc (Hons)**

Three years full time

UCAS Code: M900

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An exciting and intellectually challenging degree which examines how criminals have used opportunities presented by the growth of the internet to commit new crimes against individuals, organisations and governments.

This degree incorporates specific and specialist work-related topics into every level of learning, as well as equipping you with a versatile range of transferable skills and knowledge in analysis and interpretation, presentation, teamwork, initiative and research. You will have opportunities to study a cutting-edge subject in the context of transnational policing, including topics examining Problem-solving for Computer Security, Computer Operating Systems, Secure Software Security and Forensics.

The course is delivered in collaboration with the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, and as such you will gain valuable insights and specialist skills that will allow you to carry out computer crime investigations, understand contemporary issues in policing, and study the complexities of digital criminal networks, including the development of security software and systems.

As part of the suite of Policing Studies programmes, taught within the Centre for Advanced Policing Studies, this degree will take you on a critical exploration of contemporary policing issues enabling you to develop specialist skills and prepare you for a rewarding career. You are strongly encouraged to become a Special Police Constable, a police volunteer or to volunteer in some other way within the criminal justice field for the duration of your studies on the Policing Studies degree programmes. We will assist and support you to identify such opportunities and in making applications for such roles.

## **Career prospects**

Once you complete the degree, you will have the knowledge, skills and qualification that makes you an attractive candidate for a career in the police service or for careers in many areas particularly connected to investigation, security or criminal justice e.g. roles within the armed services, prison service, social work or criminal justice-related roles within the Civil Service.

## **Professional links**

This degree conforms to the professional and regulatory guidelines established by the College of Policing.

## **Entry Requirements**

UCAS Tariff points required: 104

A levels minimum requirement: 2

General Studies acceptable? Yes

BTEC Diploma grades/subjects required: D\*D if no other level 3 qualifications taken

BTEC Extended Diploma grades/subjects required: DMM if no other level 3 qualifications taken

GCSE/standard grade: Grade 4/Grade C or above in English Language and Mathematics GCSE or equivalent qualifications

Interview required? Mature or nonstandard applicants may be invited to attend interview

DBS check required? No

Prior to application you should be mindful that you will be required to become a Special Police Constable or police volunteer for the duration of your studies at LJMU. As such, you must fulfil the minimum requirements set by the police (in terms of integrity and health) and are therefore advised to consult Merseyside Police's policies on recruitment to ensure that you are eligible: [www.policecouldyou.co.uk/special-constables](http://www.policecouldyou.co.uk/special-constables)

# Policing Studies and Evidence-based Practice

## **BSc (Hons)**

Three years full time  
UCAS Code: M901

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The UK Police Service has identified a skills gap in relation to conducting and analysing quantitative research when designing services. This new programme, part of a new suite of Policing Studies courses taught in the Centre for Advanced Policing Studies, has been designed to specifically address these issues and to train a new generation of police professionals.

The professionalisation of the UK's police forces spearheaded by the College of Policing, places learning and development and evidence-based practice at the heart of the police service agenda. This cutting-edge degree programme will encourage you to critically evaluate claims to knowledge through the development of quantitative and qualitative research skills. Evidence-based practice brings together world-leading scholarship and pedagogy, practical contemporary policing and experience from other sectors, to provide you with the very latest knowledge and prepare you for a head start in professional practice.

You will study a challenging mix of modules from Evidence-based Policing and Criminology, to Investigative Skills, Intelligence-led Policing and Security and Risk. Successful completion of the degree includes achievement of the College of Policing's Certificate in Knowledge of Policing.

### **Career prospects**

You will graduate with the knowledge, skills and qualification that makes you an attractive candidate for a wide variety of careers, including the police service or careers in areas connected to investigation, security or criminal justice e.g. roles within the armed services, prison service, social work or criminal justice-related roles within the Civil Service. The degree will also prepare you for postgraduate study and research.

### **Professional links**

This degree conforms to the professional and regulatory guidelines established by the College of Policing.

### **Entry Requirements**

UCAS Tariff points required: 104

A levels minimum requirement: 2

General Studies acceptable? Yes

BTEC Diploma grades/subjects required: D\*D if no other level 3 qualifications taken

BTEC Extended Diploma grades/subjects required: DMM if no other level 3 qualifications taken

GCSE/standard grade: Grade 4/Grade C or above in English

Language and Mathematics GCSE or equivalent qualifications

Interview required? Mature or nonstandard applicants may be invited to attend interview

DBS check required? No

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# Policing Studies and Forensics

## **BSc (Hons)**

Three years full time

UCAS Code: MC11

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Have you ever watched a film or TV drama and wondered how the police and investigators manage a crime scene and collect evidence? This exciting new Policing Studies degree programme is designed with law enforcement and forensics experts to ensure you receive a cutting-edge learning experience in this highly specialist area.

At every stage of the degree you will be engaged in the understanding and development of key strategies for effective crime scene management, while nurturing an understanding of key principles of professional policing, community engagement, crime scene investigations and forensics methods.

You will study an exciting range of modules covering the spectrum of professional policing learning, endorsed by the College of Policing in meeting the Certificate in Knowledge of Policing. Subjects include Policing Duties and the Criminal Law, Investigative Skills, Intelligence-led Policing and Evidence-based Policing, underpinned with research skills at each level of learning to ensure you graduate as an independent and self-sufficient learner.

### **Career prospects**

The programme is taught in the Centre for Advanced Policing Studies and all students will receive regular career workshops and symposiums delivered by police officers, forensics experts, police career specialists and criminal justice practitioners, which will help to prepare you for a career in policing or criminal justice. The course will also prepare you for postgraduate study or research.

You will be strongly encouraged to become a Special Police Constable, a police volunteer or to volunteer within the criminal justice field throughout your studies so that you can gain practical insight into operational practices, build professional relationships and enhance your employability skills for police and related criminal justice professions after graduation.

### **Professional links**

This degree conforms to the professional and regulatory guidelines established by the College of Policing.

### **Entry Requirements**

UCAS Tariff points required: 104

A levels minimum requirement: 2

General Studies acceptable? Yes

BTEC Diploma grades/subjects required: D\*D if no other level 3 qualifications taken

BTEC Extended Diploma grades/subjects required: DMM if no other level 3 qualifications taken

GCSE/standard grade: Grade 4/Grade C or above in English

Language and Mathematics GCSE or equivalent qualifications

Interview required? Mature or nonstandard applicants may be invited to attend interview

DBS check required? No

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# Policing Studies and Forensic Psychology

## **BSc (Hons)**

Three years full time

UCAS Code: MC11

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Have you ever wanted to gain an in-depth understanding of the British legal system and how the criminal justice system intersects with psychology, and the principles which drive contemporary policing?

This Policing Studies programme will take you on a critical exploration of contemporary policing issues, combined with cutting-edge learning in the fascinating area of Forensic Psychology.

You will study an interesting and varied mixture of professionally focused modules including Policing Duties and the Criminal Law, Digital Technologies, Cognitive and Biological Psychology and Forensic Psychology. Our students are also taught important academic skills such as effective researching as well as key graduate skills, to prepare you for finding work upon graduation.

You will be taught by academics and practitioners who have a wide range of practical and academic policing-related and psychology-related experiences, and are actively engaged in research exploring innovative topics in policing, criminal justice, psychology and HE pedagogy.

### **Career prospects**

The programme is taught in the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies and all students will receive regular career workshops and symposiums delivered by police officers, psychologists and police career specialists will help to prepare you for a career in policing or criminal justice.

You will be strongly encouraged to become a Special Police Constable, a police volunteer or to volunteer within the criminal justice field throughout your studies so that you can gain practical insight into operational practices, build professional relationships and enhance your employability skills for police and related criminal justice professions after graduation.

### **Professional links**

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# Policing Studies (Distance Learning)

## **BA (Hons)**

Part time distance learning

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This flexible distance learning course, taught entirely online at level 6 stage, will take you on a critical exploration of policing, encouraging you to reflect on the contemporary challenges within policing and investigation.

The degree features innovative and thought-provoking modules, which both reflect and challenge current policing practices and debates, taught by staff with professional expertise across a broad cross-section of disciplines.

You will study an exciting range of topics including, multi-agency and partnership working in the public sector; geographic information science; terrorism, intelligence and investigative studies; policing, security and risk, and contemporary policing.

Throughout your studies you will have the online support of experienced and dedicated distance-learning lecturers, plus the first-class administrative and library support enjoyed by all LJMU students. Regular synchronous and asynchronous forums will be offered in addition to individual tutorials conducted via Skype, Google Hangouts or Facetime.

Extra sessions and materials will be available in respect of study skills, in addition to the Learning Hub and Community Site on the 'Blackboard' Virtual Learning Environment.

As part of the suite of Policing Studies programmes, taught within the Centre for Advanced Policing Studies, this degree will allow you to develop specialist skills and prepare you for a rewarding career. It also addresses opportunities for continuing professional development, by focussing on key academic material from specialist areas of policing, such as intelligence-led policing, terrorism and counter-terrorism studies and criminal investigation. The

programme primarily focusses on policing in the United Kingdom, but the content can be applied to contemporary policing globally.

### **Career prospects**

The degree will equip you with the necessary knowledge to apply to join the police service (providing you hold the Certificate in Knowledge of Policing) and for those already serving, provide development opportunities.

In a broader context, you will have gained the required knowledge and understanding to pursue other opportunities for roles such as police staff, for example civilian investigators and seek posts within the military police services, including the intelligence community.

### **Professional links**

The degree conforms to the professional and regulatory guidelines established by The College of Policing and has been developed to reflect changes in the way that police constabularies are recruiting new constables nationally.

Graduates could (subject to the proviso above) receive accreditation/exemption from core aspects of the Initial Police Learning and Development Program through which student police officers in England and Wales are trained in the role of Constable.

# Masters programmes

The Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies has significant expertise in the Policing sector and provides supervision on a wide range of topics. You will be supervised by a diverse community of leading academics and fellow researchers, while receiving specialist training in research methods and academic skills.

We are particularly interested in interdisciplinary methodologies and our suite of Policing Studies masters qualifications are focused on developing the professionalisation agenda.

Our particular areas of strength include: transnational organised crime (as defined by convention or OCN/OCG as understood in UK), public order and protest, human trafficking, terrorism, intelligence and security policing in conflict zones. Staff are actively researching in fields including: crime prevention, GIS, people trafficking, public order, mental health, multi agency and partnership working in the public sector, computer crime investigation, terrorism and counter-terrorism, port security, risk management and education.

Choose from one of our new, professionally-focused masters programmes, all delivered flexibly either in full-time, or part-time routes.

- **MSc Advanced Policing**
- **PG Dip Advanced Policing**
- **MSc International and Transnational Policing**
- **MSc Policing and Criminal Investigation**
- **MSc Policing and Cybercrime**
- **MSc Policing, Port and Maritime Security**



Approaching retirement from the police service I was looking for opportunities to build on my policing career whilst looking for new opportunities. A masters course provided me with an excellent introduction to academic research methods and provides a solid foundation for further academic or career based research and personal development.

**Sean Bell, BA (Hons) Policing Studies alumni and current PhD student**



# Advanced Policing

## MSc

Full time (1 year), part time (2 years)

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Specifically designed to address the skills gap that the police service has identified in relation to Quantitative Research.

### At a glance

- Available for a January or September start
- Based in the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies where you will work alongside other students and leading academics in this new, exciting and fascinating field
- Foundation for PhD progression
- Work alongside active researchers in the field and become a part of a thriving academic community
- Excellent career development opportunities

### Why study this course at LJMU?

Advanced Policing combines supervised independent research with specialist training in research methods and academic skills, while also helping students become aware of emerging approaches currently practiced in the discipline.

### Programme outline and structure

Over the course of the programme you will be introduced to key developments in the field of policing studies and given the skills necessary to producing a successful postgraduate research project. You will be working individually with a supervisor throughout the year, as well as taking part on taught modules with fellow Policing Studies students and from others, depending on your choices, who may be from other disciplines or Faculties. In addition, you will become a part of the wider research activities of the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies.

You will receive specialist supervision and study within a diverse community of fellow researchers. Staff are active in a wide range of fields including, crime prevention, GIS, people trafficking, public order, mental health, multi agency and partner-ship working in the public sector, computer crime, investigation, terrorism and counter-terrorism, port security, risk management and education.

### Key topics

- Evidence-based Policing and Evidence-based Practice
- Advanced Research Skills
- Dissertation

### Graduate employment

Policing other related public sector fields currently suffer a skills gap in relation to Quantitative Research so there are opportunities for employment or career progression for those with these skills. The programme teaches the advanced skills of research, conceptualisation, analysis and argument, and presentation and these are highly valued in many areas of employment.

Students with an interest in pursuing an academic path will be encouraged to progress to PhD level and the MSc plays an important development role in this process.

### Entry requirements

Applicants to the programme are normally required to possess a good honours degree (normally equivalent to grade 2:2) in a policing studies or related social sciences discipline.

Applications are welcomed from highly motivated non-standard entry students with relevant experience, but without the necessary formal qualifications. Prospective applicants are advised to contact the Programme Leader for further information.

Where English is not your first language, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 (minimum 5.5 in each component).

“The course will provide a solid foundation for further academic or career based research and personal development.”

**Sean Bell, current PhD student**

# International and Transnational Policing

## MSc

Full time (1 year), part time (2 years)

Policing is often an international partnership between forces and national agencies, so a deep understanding of issues affecting contemporary law enforcement is required. This masters programme will enable you to critically explore key issues and conduct exciting new research in this diverse area.

### At a glance

- Available for a January or September start
- Based in the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies where you will work alongside other students and leading academics in this new, exciting and fascinating field
- Be part of a growing area of research
- A valuable foundation for progression to PhD
- Excellent career development opportunities

### Why study this course at LJMU?

This MSc gives you the rare opportunity to pursue academic interests in policing from an International and Transnational perspective in a nurturing and multi-disciplinary environment.

### Programme outline and structure

You will develop a postgraduate research project focusing on the exciting area of international, transnational and global policing. The degree will develop your skills, which are necessary to successfully complete the research project and lay the foundations for further analysis and research. You will be working individually with a supervisor throughout the year, as well as taking part on taught modules with fellow Policing Studies students and, depending on your choices, students who may be from other disciplines or Faculties.

In addition, you will become a part of the wider research activities of the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies.

You will receive specialist supervision and study within a diverse community of fellow researchers. Staff are active in a wide range of fields including, crime prevention, GIS, human trafficking, smuggling of migrants, public order, mental health, multi agency and partnership working in the public sector, computer crime, investigation, terrorism and counter-terrorism, port security, risk management and education.

### Key topics

- International and Transnational Policing
- Advanced Research Skills
- Dissertation

### Graduate employment

Policing and other related public sector fields currently suffer a skills gap in relation to Quantitative Research creating opportunities for employment or career progression for those with these skills. The programme teaches the advanced skills of research, conceptualisation, analysis and argument, and presentation and these are highly valued in many areas of employment.

Students with an interest in pursuing an academic path will be encouraged to progress to PhD level and the MSc plays an important development role in this process.

### Entry Requirements

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Applications are welcomed from highly motivated non-standard entry students with relevant experience, but without the necessary formal qualifications. Prospective applicants are advised to contact the Programme Leader for further information.

Where English is not your first language, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 (minimum 5.5 in each component).

# Policing and Criminal Investigation

## MSc

Full time (1 year), part time (2 years)

Designed with policing organisations to prepare you for a variety of career opportunities in the modern policing environment.

### At a glance

- Based in the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies where you will work alongside other students and leading academics in this new, exciting and fascinating field
- Explore investigative issues to gain the knowledge and practical skills to operate as a crime investigator in serious and complex cases
- A valuable foundation for progression to PhD
- Excellent career development opportunities

### Why study this course at LJMU?

The MSc Policing and Criminal Investigation combines supervised independent research with specialist training in research methods and academic skills, while also helping students become aware of emerging approaches currently practiced in the discipline.

### Programme outline and structure

The degree will challenge your intellect and encourage you to explore and critically analyse key developments in the field of criminal investigations and policing. You will consider links between investigation, forensics and psychology, and by working with crime victims and witnesses, you will gain practical skills and knowledge to enable you to operate as a crime investigator. You will be working individually with a supervisor throughout the year, as well as taking part on taught modules with fellow Policing Studies students and, depending on your choices, students who may be from other disciplines or Faculties.

In addition, you will become a part of the wider research activities of the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies.

You will receive specialist supervision and study within a diverse community of fellow researchers. Staff are active in a wide range of fields including, crime prevention, GIS, human trafficking, smuggling of migrants, public order, mental health, multi agency and partnership working in the public sector, computer crime, investigation, terrorism and counter-terrorism, port security, risk management and education.

### Key topics

- Policing and Criminal Investigation
- Advanced Research Skills
- Dissertation

### Graduate employment

Policing and other related public sector fields currently suffer a skills gap in relation to Quantitative Research creating opportunities for employment or career progression for those with these skills. The programme teaches the advanced skills of research, conceptualisation, analysis and argument, and presentation and these are highly valued in many areas of employment.

Students with an interest in pursuing an academic path will be encouraged to progress to PhD level and the MSc plays an important development role in this process.

### Entry Requirements

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Applications are welcomed from highly motivated non-standard entry students with relevant experience, but without the necessary formal qualifications. Prospective applicants are advised to contact the Programme Leader for further information.

Where English is not your first language, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 (minimum 5.5 in each component).

# Policing and Cybercrime

## MSc

Full time (1 year), part time (2 years)

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Cybercrime is at the forefront of modern policing, and this masters degree programme will engage you in deep thinking, practical application of knowledge and cutting-edge research relating to this important field of law enforcement.

### At a glance

- Available for a January or September start
- Based in the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies where you will work alongside other students and leading academics in this new, exciting and fascinating field
- Be part of a growing area of research
- A valuable foundation for progression to PhD
- Excellent career development opportunities

### Why study this course at LJMU?

Studying on this degree will provide opportunities for you to pursue your interests in policing specialising in the challenges transnational police organisations face from cybercrime.

### Programme outline and structure

MSc Policing and Cybercrime combines supervised independent research with specialist training in research methods and academic skills, while also helping students become aware of emerging approaches currently practiced in the discipline.

Over the course of the programme you will be introduced to key developments in the field of policing studies and given the skills necessary to producing a successful postgraduate research project. You will be working individually with a supervisor throughout the year, as well as taking part in taught modules with fellow Policing Studies students.

Depending on your module choices you may also be studying with students from other disciplines or Faculties. In addition, you will become a part of the wider research activities of the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies, which aims to provide outstanding,

innovative teaching and research for the advancement of policing and police forces.

### Key topics

- Policing and Cybercrime
- Advanced Research Skills
- Theoretical and practical security concepts
- Network Security
- Software development possibilities offered by the emergence of information and social networks environments
- Computer forensics
- Information security concepts of identity and trust
- Dissertation

### Graduate employment

On successful completion of the course you will have the knowledge, skills and qualification to consider a number of options from further study to a career in the police service or for a career in many areas particularly connected to investigation, security or criminal justice.

### Entry Requirements

Applicants to the programme are normally required to possess a good honours degree (normally equivalent to grade 2:2) in a policing studies or related social sciences discipline.

Applications are welcomed from highly motivated non-standard entry students with relevant experience, but without the necessary formal qualifications. Prospective applicants are advised to contact the Programme Leader for further information.

Where English is not your first language, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 (minimum 5.5 in each component).

# Policing, Port and Maritime Security

## MSc

Full time (1 year), part time (2 years)

Due to the rise in cases of piracy, the growing humanitarian problem of boat refugees and the threat of maritime terrorism, port and maritime security are increasingly important factors in today's society.

### At a glance

- Launching 2017 – your chance to be part of an exciting new area of study
- Collaborative programme with the Faculty of Engineering and Technology
- Explore port security and the threats posed by piracy and terrorism
- Ideal for serving officers and those about to embark on their policing or academic career
- Excellent employment opportunities in port and maritime security management and policing, ship safety and supply chain security

### Why study this course at LJMU?

Working with leading academics from the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies offers a fascinating insight into this area. The course is particularly important locally due to the increasingly important major expansion of the Port of Liverpool which will see super-sized ships arriving in the city, posing a more practical challenge for port policing and security than ever before.

### Programme outline and structure

This unique masters degree combines supervised independent research with specialist training in research methods and academic skills, while also helping you to become aware of emerging approaches currently practiced in the discipline.

Over the course of the programme of study you will be introduced to key developments in the field of policing studies and given the skills necessary to produce a successful postgraduate research project.

You will be working individually with a supervisor throughout the year, as well as taking part on taught

modules with fellow Policing Studies students and depending on your choices, students who may be from other disciplines or Faculties.

### Key topics

- Policing in Context
- Advanced Research Skills
- Port and Maritime Security
- Terrorism
- Maritime Law
- Marine Insurance
- Port Administration
- Dissertation

### Graduate employment

Thanks to our working relationships at local, regional and national level with policing organisations and through our links with a diverse range of Merseyside employers and organisations, you will enjoy excellent opportunities for academic and personal career development.

Specifically, graduates on this programme may go on to careers in port and maritime (security) management, ship safety and security, supply chain security and port policing. Potential employers include: shipping agents, shipping companies (Maersk, CMA CGM, Hamburg Süd), port authorities, the International Maritime Organisation, UNODC, Lloyd's Register, customs agencies, security companies with maritime expertise (G4S, Securitas) and port police organisations.

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# Advance your research career

Be part of a prolific research and learning environment, which is at the forefront of contemporary developments in policing, criminal justice and allied human security disciplines.

Our team of academics, research fellows, research students and practitioners are developing cutting-edge research with domestic and global outlooks. We are interested in hearing from dynamic candidates to drive forward the Centre's research agenda.

Current opportunities exist for MPhil, PhD and post-doctoral candidates with interdisciplinary research interests. Our research activities are grouped within the following research clusters:

- **Data Science**
- **Cyber Security**
- **Evidence-Based Practice**
- **Forensic Science**
- **Identity, Governance and Ethics**
- **Professional Development and Knowledge Exchange**
- **Transnational and Public Order Policing**
- **Urban Intelligence and Informatics**
- **Victimology and Criminal Investigation**

The Centre is also interested in hearing from people with particular interests in terrorism and counter-terrorism, child protection, child sexual exploitation, hate crime, crime prevention and reduction, human trafficking and maritime security. Please contact **Daniel Silverstone**, [d.m.silverstone@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:d.m.silverstone@ljmu.ac.uk) if you're interested in our research opportunities.

“ A masters course provided me with an excellent foundation to explore the knowledge and skills required to undertake a research project. The balance of formal inputs by lecturers from a range of academic disciplines, coupled with excellent supervisory support, has enabled me to take the theory and apply it to my own area of research. This not only fully equipped me to develop my own unique piece of research, but has provided a solid base for me to progress naturally to PhD studies. ”

**Mike Smith, current serving officer and PhD student**

# Why study with us?

As a Policing Studies student you will study mainly in the University's city centre Mount Pleasant campus. You will have easy access to the Aldham Roberts Library, IT suites, Special Archives, Liverpool Students' Union and other useful student services.

Depending on the course you choose to study, you will have at your disposal a range of new teaching facilities, which include the forensic science facilities being developed in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology's Byrom Street campus. These combined facilities will provide the Centre's students, academics and practitioners access to unrivalled state of the art equipment and resources.



If you choose to study on a masters programme you will have access to the Faculty of Arts, Professional and Social Studies' thriving postgraduate community, which includes academic conferences and opportunities to engage with fellow students across a wide variety of disciplines.





# Contact details

For further information about the Policing Studies programmes visit [ljmu.ac.uk/courses](http://ljmu.ac.uk/courses), to make an informal enquiry contact [apsadmissions@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:apsadmissions@ljmu.ac.uk) or telephone **+44 (0) 151 231 5175**.

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