

# COURSE DETAIL

## UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING CRIME

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University College London

**Program(s)**

Summer at University College London

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology Legal Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

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**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING CRIME

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

UNDERSTANDING CRIME

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

### **Course Description**

This course introduces students to the study of crime and its prevention. It begins by considering the challenges with how we define and measure crime, and the implications these have for interpreting key crime trends. Special attention is devoted to how crime patterns manifest in space and time, and how they can be analyzed. Next, the key sociological, psychological, and ecological theories relating to criminal behavior are critically examined. Lastly, the formal structures and machinery in place to respond to crime and security problems are outlined. This includes the role and functions of the police, courts, and corrections as the chief components of the criminal justice system, as well as the role of government in setting crime policy. Students are encouraged to critically assess the strength of different theoretical approaches throughout the course.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

ISSU0033

### **Host Institution Course Title**

UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING CRIME

### **Host Institution Campus**

Bloomsbury

### **Host Institution Faculty**

Faculty of Engineering

### **Host Institution Degree**

Bachelors

## **Host Institution Department**

Security & Crime Science

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