

COURSE DETAIL

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

105

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

UCEAP Transcript Title

CRIMINOLOGY&JUSTICE

UCEAP Quarter Units

12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

This course raises questions about state powers to coerce, to intrude into people's private lives, and to inflict the pains of punishment. In recent years, there has been a radical shift from "just deserts" to "public protection" and prevention of re-offending. Criminal justice policies determined to be "tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime" have led to an astonishing increase in the use of imprisonment. The female prison population, for example, has more than tripled in two decades. The course covers all the major issues including patterns of crime and criminological theories of the causes of, and responses to, criminal behavior. Students examine policing, prosecution, sentencing, and the purpose and effects of imprisonment. Students consider special categories of offender – including children and young people, women, and those considered dangerous. Students examine how political ideology informs and shapes criminal justice policy. At all stages, they consider race, class, and gender and whether the system provides equal rights and protection to defendants, victims, and wider society.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

6FFLK020

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Host Institution Campus

King's College London/ Strand Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Law

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