

# CAREERS FOR CRIMINOLOGY GRADUATES

## CRIMINOLOGY AT UCC

Criminology is the study of crime in society. It helps us to gain insight into crime, deviance, transgression, social harms and social justice as well as the effects of crime on individuals, groups and societies. You will gain a critical understanding of the social construction of crime and deviance, the differing theoretical approaches and practical applications, how criminal justice institutions function and the complexity of tackling criminal activity. Doing Criminology enables us to challenge taken for granted opinions about the nature of crime by evaluating evidence about human diversity in complex societies.



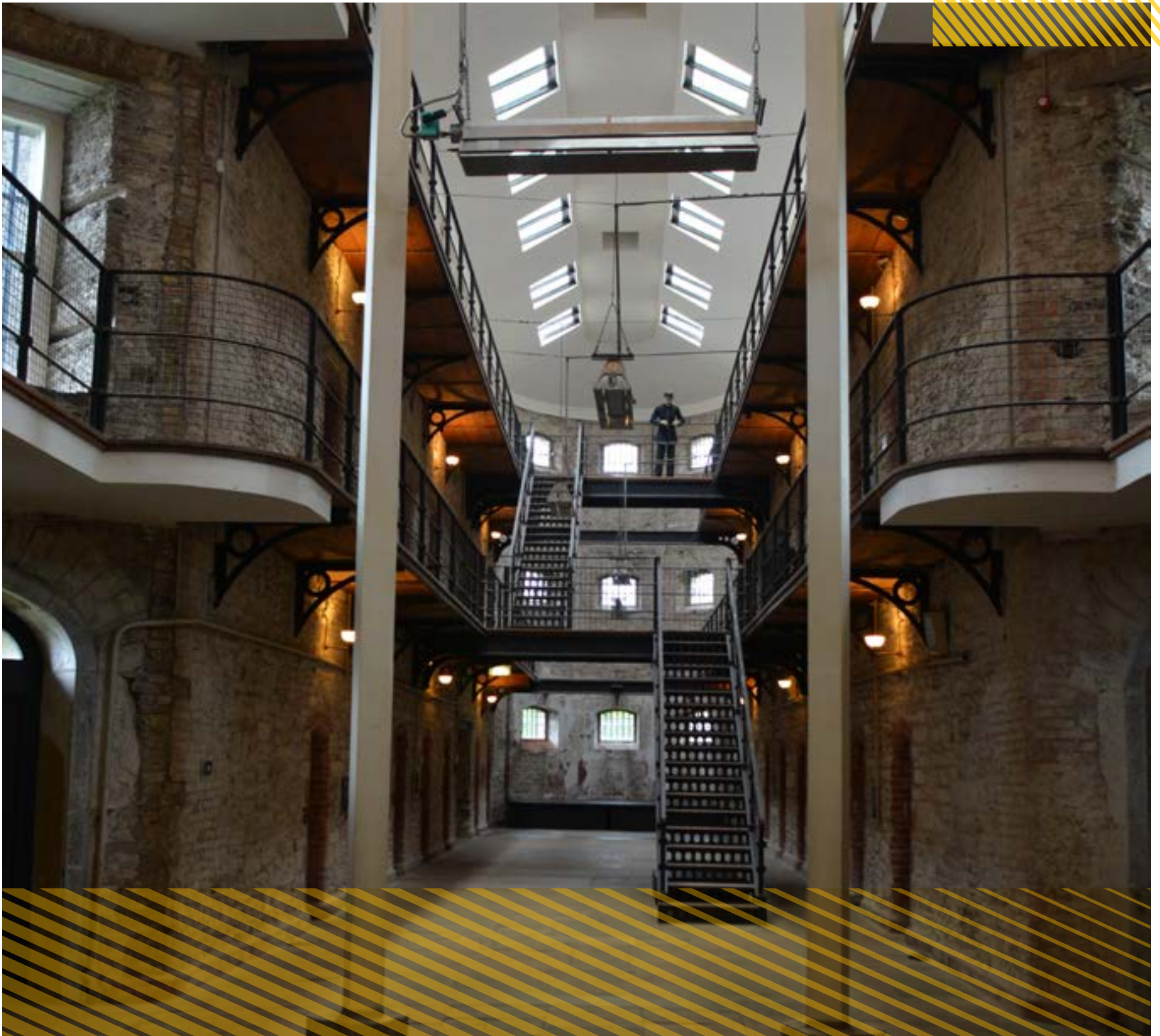
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University College Cork, Ireland  
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

Department of  
**Sociology & Criminology**

# WHAT CAN CRIMINOLOGY GRADUATES OFFER EMPLOYERS?

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Criminology at UCC is a research-driven, interdisciplinary programme. Your degree in Criminology can lead to a career in a diverse range of fields, such as education, social justice organisations, policing and prison roles. The attributes we aspire to develop in our students include: the ability to be strong communicators, independent and creative thinkers; to prioritise social justice; to value diversity; to be ethical in their interaction with others and to be responsive to a changing environment through evaluation, research, policy analysis, digital fluency and an international outlook.



# SPECIFIC SKILLS INCLUDE:

- Critical thinking, evaluating and analysing criminological theory and research
- Quantitative and qualitative research methods skills, that will enable you to evaluate and analyse complex criminological problems.
- Team work, computing and digital skills.
- Synthesise complex arguments and evidence to better understand crime in society and challenge common assumptions.

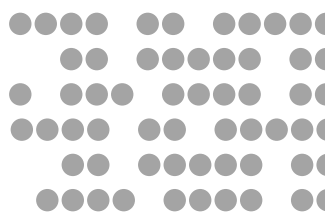
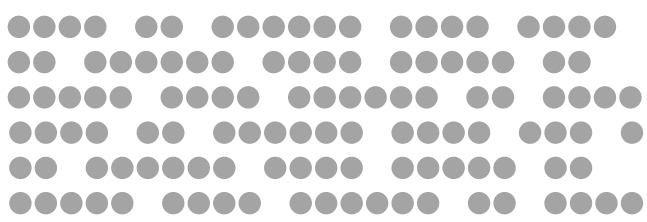


# GRADUATE OUTCOMES FOR CRIMINOLOGY

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UCC students study Criminology as a degree programme offered in the College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences. Over the last 4 years 90%+ of Bachelor of Arts graduates progress to employment or further study.

You can see the 5-year trend for all BA graduates on the UCC Careers website.



## GRADUATE STUDIES

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An MA in Criminology will provide advanced research opportunities in the critical understanding of criminological theory and applied approaches to crime and criminal justice institutions, policies and practices. Designed with professional career requirements in mind, you will undertake creative and original criminological research, which will hone your skills in critically assessing the complexities of crime and disorder on topics such as race, criminal and social justice, gender based violence, social regulation, legislation, criminal law, prevention, reintegration and punishment. The MA is interdisciplinary in tone and character, a collaboration between sociology, criminology, applied social studies and law.

# AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CRIMINOLOGY GRADUATES

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Our Criminology graduates have high-level transferable skills that make them attractive to employers in a wide variety of occupational fields. Criminology graduates are employed in the following professional roles and areas both inside and outside the criminal justice sector:

- **Addiction services**
- **Community development**
- **An Garda Síochána**
- **Civilian member of An Garda Síochána (e.g. researcher)**
- **Civil Servant (e.g. Tusla, HSE)**
- **Charity office**
- **NGO – Aid Worker, (e.g. Amnesty International, Red Cross etc.)**
- **Probation officer (conversion programme and masters)**
- **Prison Officer**
- **PhD researcher/Academic**
- **Reintegration support worker**
- **Victim Liaison worker**
- **Youth advocacy support worker**





## **OTHER CAREERS RELATED TO YOUR DEGREE (with further training)**

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- **Counsellor**
- **Journalism**
- **Social work (conversion programme and masters)**
- **Solicitor (postgraduate training in law)**
- **Teaching**

## **AS A NEW DISCIPLINE IN UCC...**

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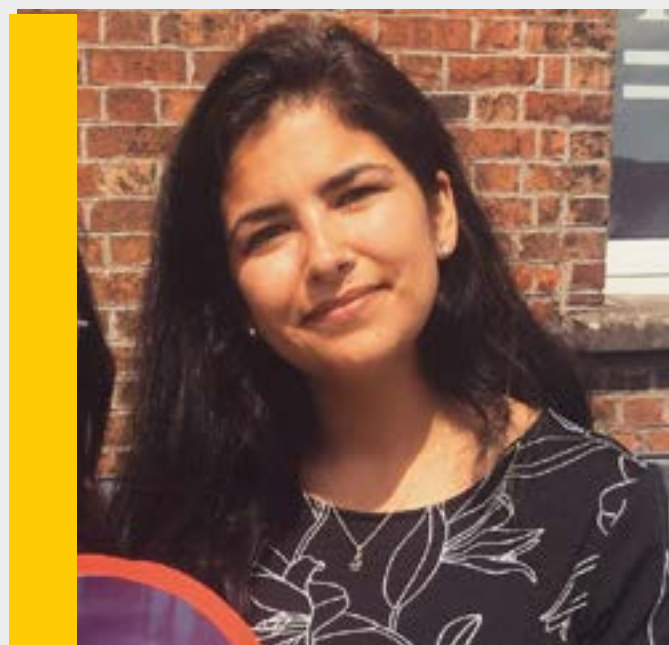
**...the graduates that have completed our programmes currently work in:**

- **An Garda Siochana**
  - **Tusla**
  - **The Prison Service**
  - **The Sexual Violence Centre**
  - **The Irish Times**
  - **University College Cork (research assistant)**
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## Graduate Profile 1

### **AOIFE DELANEY**

A BA in Criminology was the perfect fit for me, as it provided me the freedom to keep my interests broad, while still ensuring I had a deep knowledge of the topics I was interested in. My course, alongside my involvement in the UCC Feminist Society, defined my positive experience at university and contributed to the current position I hold in the Sexual Violence Centre Cork as 'Research and Policy Officer'. As I shied away from statistics and took few law modules, I have had to learn certain skills since graduating, however, the modules I chose inspired me to further pursue academia, activism and research.



## Graduate Profile 2

### **JOANNE O'RIORDAN**

I have loved my time studying Criminology at UCC. The course was challenging but enjoyable. I got huge support from the Quercus scholarship and UCC's disability support service. I found UCC very open-minded and accessible, I rarely had a problem but if I had, they were very quick to help me solve it. The BA Criminology gave me a window on the world and insights into our inclinations to blame and punish. I am currently working regularly with The Irish Times and other publications writing on women in sport; disability and sport; racial issues in sport; and, of course, my beloved FC Barcelona.



### Graduate Profile 3

## **VICKY SEAMAN**

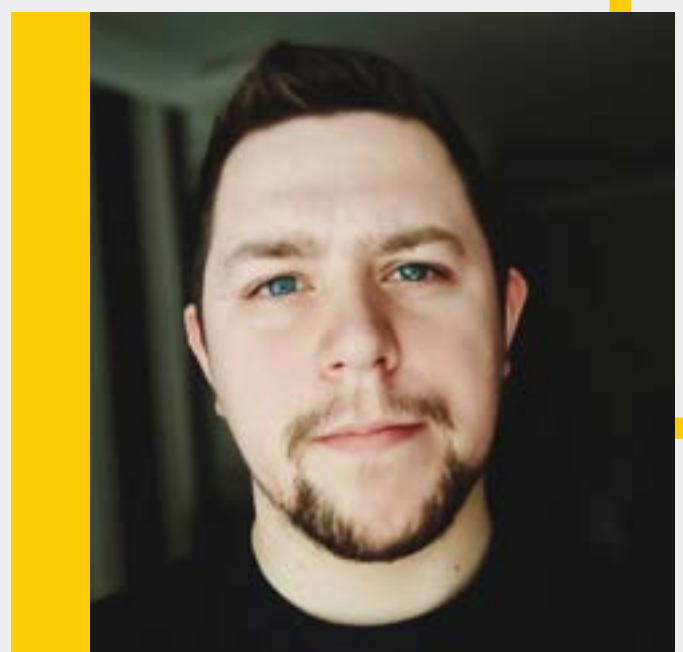
MA in Criminology helped me frame how to think about what I was seeing on a daily basis in my work, as a Support Worker at the Cork Alliance Centre, an NGO that provides a range of support services to women and men who have spent time in prison. It helped me to understand how social and criminological theory played a role in explaining the emergence of social problems and how theoretical and empirical approaches to understanding social and criminal justice issues could impact what I did on a day to day basis. It inspired me to continue on to start a PhD looking at how women are treated in the Criminal Justice system in Ireland.



### Graduate Profile 4

## **KEVIN HOSFORD**

Currently pursuing a PhD, the benefits of having done a degree in Criminology continually present themselves. The multi-disciplinary nature of the degree has allowed me to approach an issue such as Cybercrime from a multitude of perspectives such as Criminology, Sociology, Law and Psychology, which is invaluable when attempting to understand such a complex multi-dimensional phenomenon. Further, the teaching staff within the degree have provided a rich variety of lecture styles, skills, and experiences that make studying their courses both interesting and engaging.





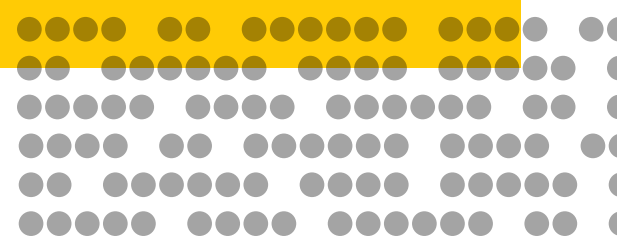
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MORE?**

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**DEPARTMENT OF  
CRIMINOLOGY UCC**



**BRITISH SOCIETY  
OF CRIMINOLOGY**



# 12 WAYS TO PUT YOUR CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE TO WORK

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Participate fully in the volunteer and professional training opportunities offered during your degree.

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Gain practical experience through summer or part-time employment in relevant organisations (social movements, NGOs and advocacy groups in Ireland and abroad).

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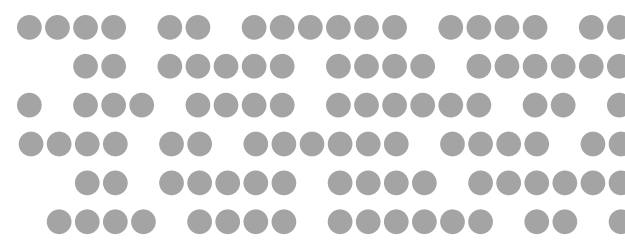
Gain relevant skills and experience through the “UCC Works” award.

**MORE  
INFO** →

04

Avail of university-wide modules and skills training that will equip you with professional skills, business planning, IT, languages or presentation skills.





**05**

Attend extra curricular events hosted by your department and other related departments.

**06**

Gain relevant skills and experience by taking an active role in the Criminology Society at UCC, in a club/ society that interests you, and the Student's Union.

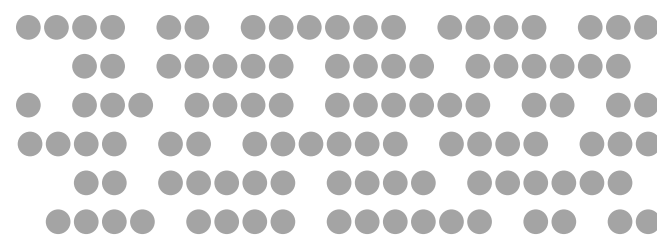
**07**

Attend careers workshops and talks given by past graduates and qualified professionals in your field.

**08**

Attend conferences (North South Criminology Conference) and join the relevant professional organisations.





**09**

Create an up-to-date CV and professional social media profile and presence.

**10**

Avail of professional, confidential and impartial careers advice at UCC Career Services.

**11**

Attend employer events on campus to build relationships with potential employers.

**12**

Develop your degree with an MA Criminology.



# DID YOU KNOW?

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Michel Foucault (1926-1984)  
philosopher & activist  
of human rights and penal  
reform wrote 'Discipline and  
Punish: the Birth of the Prison',  
which documents the  
history of prison reform.



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**Book an  
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to meet a  
careers advisor**



**Work  
Placement**





## **UCC Works Award Programme**



**Connect with  
your job**

## **UCC Careers**



## **MyStudentJob**



## **Employability Events**

**Careers Fairs, Roadshows,  
Employer Presentations**



## **Volunteering Opportunities**

