Institute of Criminology

Graduate Prospectus

2015–16
THE UNIVERSITY AND THE COLLEGES OF CAMBRIDGE

The University of Cambridge, with its constituent colleges, is an important centre of advanced study and research in most of the major academic disciplines. The University itself employs over 1,000 professors, readers and lecturers, and there are many other scholars and senior research workers in Cambridge who are principally attached to a College or one of the independent research establishments. The University of Cambridge has about 17,500 resident students, of whom nearly 7,000 are taking postgraduate courses.

Graduate students at Cambridge must be admitted by one of the Faculties or Departments of the University, and each must also be accepted for admission by one of the Colleges. Each College forms a distinct community with members from most academic subjects, and there is no formal relationship between any College and any particular Faculty or Department of the University. The Colleges vary in size from under 100 to almost 1,000 students. Some Colleges are recent foundations and others are as old as the University itself, whose origins lie in the early thirteenth century. The Colleges share with the University the teaching of undergraduates; the principal facilities for graduate teaching and research, however, are provided not by the Colleges, but by the Faculties and Departments of the University.

The main role of the Colleges, so far as graduate students are concerned, is to look after their members’ general welfare: including, as far as possible, the provision of accommodation, meals and other social amenities. In most colleges, students have access to a Graduate Tutor or Lay Dean, whose role is to help with any problems outside the responsibility of the student’s supervisor, who is within the student’s academic department.

THE INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

The Institute of Criminology has a strong international reputation for academic excellence in both teaching and research. The Institute is part of the Faculty of Law and has a multidisciplinary teaching and research staff recruited from a variety of disciplines, including sociology and psychology. Lecturers and Visiting Fellows from Britain, Europe, North America and the Commonwealth often contribute to our teaching programmes.
The Radzinowicz Library

The Radzinowicz Library of Criminology within the Institute has one of the world’s leading collections on crime, deviance and related topics, including a wide selection of periodicals, pamphlets and publications of historical, as well as contemporary, interest. The Library is named after Sir Leon Radzinowicz, the first Director of the Institute (1959-72) and Wolfson Professor of Criminology. The Library holds approximately 65,000 books and 20,000 pamphlets and receives around 200 periodicals. There are also collections of historical books, reports, statistics and other non-book materials.

CAREER PROSPECTS

Postgraduate study in Criminology in Cambridge provides a useful preparation for a wide variety of careers. A substantial number of MPhil graduates are now engaged in University teaching or criminological research all over the world. Many have embarked on careers in the legal profession or in the probation, prison, police or social services. A number of students began a career in one of these fields before coming to Cambridge, and have returned to it subsequently. Other former students of the Institute now hold positions in government and voluntary service organisations.

MPhil COURSE STRUCTURE

There are two MPhil Degrees: the MPhil in Criminology (October–June) and the MPhil in Criminological Research (October–September). Those who plan to apply to continue to the PhD are strongly advised to choose the Criminological Research option, which is a recognised pathway in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences’ (Economic and Social Research Council funded) Doctoral Training Centre. The course of study required for each degree is as follows:

**MPhil in Criminology**

Students choosing this course are required to take three optional seminar courses and one core course. Students are also required to take a criminological research methods course and to write a short dissertation. The work to be submitted for examination is as follows:

(i) four essays, each of not more than 3,000 words, on topics chosen by the candidate from lists of topics announced by the Examiners;

(ii) a methodological essay or exercise, of not more than 3,000 words, chosen by the candidate from a list announced by the Examiners relating to the course on Criminological Research Methods;

(iii) a dissertation of not more than 18,000 words, including footnotes or endnotes, on a criminological topic approved by the Degree Committee for the Faculty of Law;

(iv) a presentation on the topic of the candidate’s dissertation.

At the discretion of the Examiners the examination may include an oral examination on the dissertation and on the general field of knowledge within which it falls; such an oral examination may also include questions relating to one or more of the pieces of work submitted by the candidate under (i) and (ii) above.

**MPhil in Criminological Research**

Students choosing this course are required to take two optional seminar courses and one core course. Students are also required to take a criminological research methods course, to attend and complete the Social Sciences Centre for Research Methods Programme, and to write a short dissertation. The work to be submitted for examination is as follows:

(i) three essays, each of not more than 3,000 words, on topics chosen by the candidate from lists of topics announced by the Examiners;

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* Dissertations are submitted in early June, and the Board of Examiners’ meeting takes place in late June.
* Dissertations are submitted in August, and the Board of Examiners’ meeting takes place in late September.
(ii) a methodological essay or exercise, of not more than 3,000 words, chosen by the candidate from a list announced by the Examiners relating to the course on Criminological Research Methods;

(iii) Assignments set by the examiners of the Social Sciences Centre for Research Methods Programme, including any statistical exercises, and an essay of not more than 4,000 words on a topic chosen from a list of topics announced by the Examiners;

(iv) a dissertation of not more than 18,000 words, including footnotes or endnotes, on a criminological topic approved by the Degree Committee for the Faculty of Law;

(iv) a presentation on the topic of the candidate’s dissertation.

At the discretion of the Examiners the examination may include an oral examination on the dissertation and on the general field of knowledge within which it falls; such an oral examination may also include questions relating to one or more of the other pieces of work submitted by the candidate under (i), (ii) and (iii) above.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTIONAL COURSES**

In addition to the optional courses for the MPhil in Criminology or MPhil in Criminological Research described above as part of the degree requirements, some students may wish to supplement their knowledge by attending additional seminar courses on a non-examinable basis.

The optional courses offered vary somewhat between academic years, a selection of the following seminar courses may be available in the academic year 2015-16 (though they may be subject to change):

**Compulsory Courses**

- Criminological Theories
- Criminological Research Methods
- Social Sciences Centre for Research Methods course (SSRMC: required for MPhil in Criminological Research only)

**Optional Courses**

- Criminological and Legal Psychology
- Criminal Justice: Players and Processes
- Cross-Cultural Comparative Criminology
- History of Crime
- Mental Health and Crime
- Neurocriminology
- Policing
- Socio-critical Perspectives on Criminal Justice
- Sociology of Prison Life
- Young People and Crime
- Programme Evaluation and Crime Prevention

**MPhil APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Prospective candidates for the MPhil Degree can apply online by completing an online application form (GRADSAF) from the University of Cambridge Graduate Admissions Office, available from 1 September 2014.

[www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/how-do-i-apply](http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/how-do-i-apply)

If you are unable to make an online application you may submit a paper application, however, you will still need access to a computer and the internet in order to track the process of your application. You can download an application pack from:

[www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/how-do-i-apply/applying-paper](http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/how-do-i-apply/applying-paper)

The application form should be submitted no later than 31 March of the year in which you wish to come to Cambridge. Overseas candidates should note that to qualify for all possible funding competitions, applications should be submitted as early as possible in the year before candidates intend to begin study and by 2 December 2014 at the latest. Please note that the Gates deadline for U.S. candidates is even earlier, so applications should be submitted by 15 October 2014.
Home and EU candidates should note that if they wish to be considered for funding (ESRC 1+3 studentships), their applications must be submitted to the Board of Graduate Studies by 9 January 2015. They must ensure that they tick the relevant funding box in Section B of the GradSAF form; otherwise, they will not be considered for funding.

Full information about applying can be found at:

www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/how-do-i-apply

Full details of funding deadlines can be found at:

www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/funding

You can find further information about the MPhil in Criminology from the Graduate Admissions prospectus at

www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/directory/lwcrmpmcr

Further information about the MPhil in Criminological Research can be found in the Graduate Admissions prospectus at

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The minimum entrance requirement for MPhil study at the University of Cambridge is a good 2:i in an undergraduate degree (at least 67% overall or a GPA of 3.6 in the American system, or its equivalent). In practice, entrance is highly competitive and many applicants hold first-class degrees or the equivalent.

In addition to the transcripts and references required for all graduate applicants, candidates for the MPhil degree should submit a short statement (of about 300 words) on their reasons for wishing to take the course, and a sample of written work (such as an essay submitted for a previous course of study). The sample of written work does not have to be on the subject of criminology, and can be prepared specially for this purpose if you prefer.

In addition, applicants whose first language is not English must have a fluent command of the English language, at a level approaching native-user standard, before admission to the University of Cambridge. The Graduate Admissions Office requires such applicants to submit a formal certificate or similar document showing their present level of proficiency in English. For information on the language requirement, please see the Graduate Admissions web-page at:

www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students/competence-english/will-i-have-language-requirement

The Institute of Criminology requires IELTS minimum overall score 7.5 with at least 7.0 in each element; or TOEFL minimum 637 (or 270 in computer-based test), plus at least 5.5 in the Test of Written English (110 in internet-based test). Test results can be uploaded or sent with the application form or uploaded/sent on later. You should not delay sending your application form in order to include English Language test results.

Non-native English speakers who are accepted for admission may wish to take advantage of the facilities of the Language Centre, which offers a five-week pre-sessional course in ‘English for Academic Purposes’ (EAP). Please note, however, that this course is not an alternative to taking IELTS or TOEFL. For full information on this programme, please consult the Language Centre website at: www.langcen.cam.ac.uk. You may also contact the Language centre by e-mail at: enquiries@langcen.cam.ac.uk.
PhD IN CRIMINOLOGY

Overview
Both Institute MPhil students and students who have studied Criminology or a closely related subject at postgraduate level at another University may apply to the Institute to study for the PhD degree. Candidates with a strong background in relevant subjects and in research methods training may be allowed to proceed directly to the PhD degree (subject to the usual University conditions and requirements). Students who do not have such a strong background, or who have had limited research training, are recommended to apply for the MPhil degree in Criminological Research in the first instance, with a view to applying for admission to the PhD programme in the subsequent year.

The decision to allow a student to continue beyond the MPhil course, as a graduate student for the PhD degree, is not directly part of the MPhil examination process, but involves a separate admissions procedure. However, candidates might find it helpful to know that achievement of a very high standard of performance overall in the MPhil programme is a usual expectation for further work of this kind. This means that it is usually not possible for the Institute to make a final decision about a student continuing to a further degree until after the MPhil results are known, and MPhil students who wish to proceed to doctoral work should take this into account in their future planning. MPhil students apply for a place on the PhD programme during their MPhil year.

PhD APPLICATION PROCESS

Prospective candidates for the PhD Degree can apply online by completing an application form (GradSAF) from the University of Cambridge Graduate Admissions Office, available from 1 September 2014, which can be accessed from:

www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/how-do-i-apply

If you are unable to make an online application you may submit a paper application; however, you will still need access to a computer and the internet in order to track the process of your application. You can download an application pack from:

www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/how-do-i-apply/applying-paper

The application form should be submitted no later than 30 June of the year in which you wish to come to Cambridge. Overseas candidates should note that to qualify for all possible funding competitions, applications should be submitted as early as possible in the year before candidates intend to begin study, and by 2 December 2014 at the latest. Please note that the Gates deadline for U.S. candidates is even earlier, so applications should be submitted by 15 October 2014.

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Full information about applying can be found at:

www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/how-do-i-apply

You can find further information about the PhD programme in Criminology by consulting the Graduate Admissions prospectus at:

www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/directory/lwcrpdpcr

Full details of funding deadlines can be found at:

www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/funding
Applicants are encouraged to consult the Institute of Criminology website, particularly the detailed web-pages of the Institute’s academic staff at www.crim.cam.ac.uk/people/academic_research/

which provides information about possible topics for supervision.

Applicants are also strongly advised to make informal contact with the Institute’s Graduate Administrator (graduate.administrator@crim.cam.ac.uk) as early as possible, by submitting a 5-6 page outline of their proposed research and a curriculum vitae, prior to submitting a formal application. The research proposal should contain the following:

- A clear statement of the research question or hypotheses;
- A comprehensive literature review that shows the respects in which your proposed work builds on and will augment, clarify, or qualify existing knowledge;
- A feasible research design including a discussion of the methods you will employ and why they are appropriate;
- A discussion of the data sources you plan to use, including how you expect to obtain access to them; and
- A discussion of your proposed data-analytic plans.

The Graduate Administrator will refer enquiries to appropriate members of the academic staff. A suitable and willing supervisor, preferably active in the applicant’s research field, is one of the requirements for admission.

PhD Training, Support and Development Programme

During the first year of PhD research, students are required to participate in the Institute’s Training, Support and Development (TSD) programme alongside their formal meetings with individual supervisors. These research group sessions include discussions of a range of matters relating to access, ethics, the philosophy of social research, critical reading and textual analysis, reading statistics and so on. There are practical workshops each term (on such matters as conducting interviews and surveys, analysing qualitative and quantitative data, discourse analysis, writing skills, and presentation skills), organised on an interdepartmental and thus interdisciplinary basis, which helps introduce students to new perspectives and ideas. Where appropriate, PhD students are also encouraged to make use of University courses.

Participation in the programme is assessed informally by the First and Second-year Review Panels which meet each year to discuss and report on progress with individual students.

The Institute expects PhD students to be open to the idea of developing a broad range of skills and perspectives alongside their more focused intellectual interest in producing an 80,000-word dissertation, and the TSD programme aims to support students in these tasks.

ACADEMIC STAFF (www.crim.cam.ac.uk/people/academic_research/)

Professor Lawrence W. Sherman
Director of the Institute; Wolfson Professor of Criminology; Director of the MSt in Applied Criminology and Police Management; Director of the Jerry Lee Centre for Experimental Criminology; Fellow, Darwin College

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Director of Research, Jerry Lee Centre for Experimental Criminology; Director, Applied Criminology and Police Management (Police Executive Programme)

Dr Kyle Treiber  
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Dr Justice Tankebe  
University Lecturer in Criminology; Director of the MPhil Programme

Dr Maria Ttofi  
Professor of Ecological and Developmental Criminology; Director of the PhD Programme

Professor Per-Olof Wikström  
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Teaching Associate

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VISITING FELLOWS

In addition, the Institute benefits from the expertise of a number of visiting fellows and scholars, some of whom contribute to the teaching.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS AND CHOOSING A COLLEGE

All graduate students of the University must be members of a college. It is not compulsory to specify a college in your application, but Colleges differ in many ways, and prospective students should try to identify the Colleges which are likely to be most suitable for them. Some students prefer the informal atmosphere of all-graduate Colleges, while others prefer the more traditional arrangements of the older Colleges. If you are unsure about how to proceed, please contact the Graduate Administrator for advice.

All full-time graduate courses involve residence in the University of Cambridge for at least a minimum period. Undergraduates are usually in residence only during term-time; graduate students, however, in particular those who are candidates for research degrees, are generally in residence throughout the year apart perhaps from short breaks taken in the periods between terms. For research students, residing in the University means living within 10 miles (approximately 15 km) of the centre of Cambridge. For information on such issues for part-time PhD students, please see

www.admin.cam.ac.uk/students/gradadmissions/prospec/apply/parttime.html

FUNDING FOR MPhil AND PhD STUDENTS

Home or EU students who are offered a place for the MPhil in Criminological Research, or for a PhD, are eligible for awards from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), or from the CHSS Scholarship Scheme, but the number of awards available always exceeds the number of eligible candidates, and awards are made only to the very strongest students.

Applicants who wish to apply for ESRC or CHSS funding should contact the Graduate Administrator (graduate.administrator@crim.cam.ac.uk) to express an interest as early as possible in the admissions process, and applications should be submitted no later than 9 January 2015 of the year the applicant wishes to begin study. Applicants should tick the relevant funding box in of the GradSAF form.

The major sources of funding for overseas candidates are the Gates Cambridge Trust (USA applicants only), the Cambridge Trusts (all overseas applicants except those from the USA) and the Cambridge International Studentship Scheme. Candidates wishing to apply for funding from these sources must submit their graduate application forms as early as possible: no later than 15 October 2014 (for applicants from the USA) or 2 December 2014 (for all other overseas applicants). More precise information on funding deadlines is available at:

www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/funding

Relevant studentships or scholarships are offered by some Cambridge Colleges (e.g. the Evan Lewis-Thomas Scholarship at Sidney Sussex College and the Tapp Studentships at Gonville and Caius College). Please consult individual College websites for further information.

Details of potential sources of grants for postgraduate students can also be found in the Grants Register (published by Palgrave Macmillan Press: please see their website at www.palgrave.com).

Institute of Criminology studentships for MPhil and PhD applicants

There are three kinds of award available specifically for graduate students in Criminology at the University of Cambridge. Application forms for Wakefield or Manuel López-Rey awards may be
obtained from the Graduate Administrator (graduate.administrator@crim.cam.ac.uk), and should be returned by **31 May** of the year of admission.

**Wakefield Scholarships**
Wakefield Scholarships are open to any person who was born or educated in Australia, Canada, or New Zealand. Awards do not usually exceed the full value of University and College fees.

**Manuel López-Rey Studentships**
The Manuel López-Rey Studentship in Criminology is open to any person who is, or is about to be, registered as a graduate student in Criminology in the University. However, the Managers of the Fund may give preference to candidates who are citizens of countries in which, in the opinion of the Managers, there is a particular need for the development of the study of Criminology. The studentship is not awarded in every academic year.

**Dawes Trust Bursary**
The Institute is pleased to be able to offer a small number of bursaries funded by the Dawes Trust. These awards cover University and College fees, plus a maintenance stipend. Please contact the Graduate Administrator (graduate.administrator@crim.cam.ac.uk) for details.

**FEES AND EXPENSES**
These figures are correct at the time of publication, but the figures are liable to change and it is recommended that applicants refer to the University’s Graduate Admissions website for up-to-date details before applying:

http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/fees

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Prospective applicants are welcome to visit the Institute at any time; please contact the Graduate Administrator (graduate.administrator@crim.cam.ac.uk) to arrange a visit.

Please note that car parking at the Institute of Criminology and elsewhere on the Sidgwick Site is restricted to Sidgwick Site badge-holders and disabled badge-holders only. Please use the pay-and-display parking on West Road or Sidgwick Avenue.