

## Overview

The Cambridge Police Executive Programme is a two-year part-time course which offers a globally relevant framework for preserving and enhancing democratic policing in the face of international challenges through developing senior leaders in policing, law enforcement and associated organisations. Our commitment to *precision* in targeting, testing, and tracking police intrusions on public liberty using the best empirical and statistical evidence available provides a key tool for the kind of public “dialogic” strategy for maintaining police *legitimacy* developed at Cambridge. Our theoretical and empirical development of the concept of residual general *deterrence* provides the basis for refuting claims that police can be abolished without significant increases in violent crime.

For all our mid-career students (all police leaders or analysts from around the UK and the world) enrolled on our part-time MSt Degree course, it offers an intellectual foundation for both police reform and public support.

*“As an experienced Detective with over 20 years’ experience, I wasn’t convinced that attaining a degree will develop my leadership, however I was wrong! The MSt programme changed my approach to leadership, problem solving and advanced my career. The criminology supervisors are incredibly supportive with vast experience as police executives and research. I really enjoyed learning and strongly recommend others to consider this opportunity.”* Ron Lock, Detective Superintendent - NPCC



## Who is it for?

The MSt Degree in Applied Criminology and Police Management is designed to provide education for senior personnel involved in policing in the study of crime and crime-related issues with a strong emphasis on evidence-based policy and practice. The programme is underpinned by key concepts, including targeting resources, testing practices, and tracking the delivery of services.

The programme helps students learn through continuing professional development, collaborative study, small group discussions and critical thinking. Participants in the MSt programme are encouraged to reflect on, review and analyse past, current, and future practice.

*“Undertaking this qualification has allowed me the opportunity to really understand what leadership means to me and to be able to champion strategic disciplines within my teams and beyond. This course challenged me in the best of ways to approach leadership in new and lasting ways and has given me a personal sense of achievement in the way I approach my work, learning opportunities and research.”*  
Samantha Matthews, Child-Centred Policing Manager

## How do I apply?

For details about the application process please visit:

[www.crim.cam.ac.uk/policing](http://www.crim.cam.ac.uk/policing)

Here you will find details about the course and application forms, or contact the course graduate coordinator:

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## Institute of Criminology

### Masters Degree (MSt) in Applied Criminology and Police Management



## The Institute of Criminology

The Institute of Criminology has a worldwide reputation for excellence in both research and teaching. Founded by Sir Leon Radzinowicz 50 years ago, it was the first criminological institute in Europe and has exerted a strong influence on the development of the field. The Institute has a multidisciplinary and international staff.

The Institute is located on the Sidgwick Site, a quiet area just ten minutes' walk from the city centre, near the world-famous University Backs.



The Institute of Criminology boasts state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, as well as the Radzinowicz Library which houses one of the world's leading research collections on criminology and criminal justice.

## Course Outline

The full course comprises two years of part-time study. Year 1 comprises three ten-day blocks of residential study with the submission of three essays. This year focuses on four core subject areas:

- \* Criminological Theory
- \* Evidence-Based Policing
- \* Leadership and Management
- \* Criminological Research

The second year comprises three further residential blocks during which students prepare a fourth essay, a research proposal, and a thesis. The theses centre on applied research on key areas of policing and law enforcement.

Students who successfully conclude their studies at the end of Year 1 and do not continue to Year 2 are awarded a Cambridge Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Criminology and Police Management.

Students who successfully complete the two-year programme are awarded a Cambridge Master's degree in Applied Criminology and Police Management.

On enrolment, students become full collegiate and lifetime members of the University of Cambridge.

## What qualifications do I need?

Although standard entry requirements for the course are a good honours degree or equivalent, candidates from non-academic backgrounds with relevant professional experience and good references are strongly encouraged to apply. Each year, we take a large number of students who have not previously studied at university level.

## Teaching and Supervision

The MSt teaching team include internationally recognised scholars in policing from across the Institute with guest lecturers drawn from senior police officers, civil servants, and academics.

Students also receive personalised academic supervision from a mixture of staff and at the Institute of Criminology.



**COURSE DIRECTOR:**  
**Dr Peter Neyroud**

## What qualifications will I get?

Year 1 only—Postgraduate Certificate

Years 1 & 2—Master of Studies (M.St.) (Cantab)

