

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT****Bachelor of Criminal Justice (Part-time)**

The part-time Bachelor of Criminal Justice curriculum consists of broadly 4 different types of courses which are taught using distinctive learning modes. The majority of courses are 6-credit courses, but we also have a small number of 3-credit courses. We use 120-150 hours of student learning activity (including contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity) as the norm for a 6-credit course, but the contact hours (from 10-12 to 30-36 hours) and output requirements for different types of courses vary according to the learning modes employed. Most courses are assessed by a combination of examination performance and coursework assessment, but we also have a small number of courses which are assessed with 100% continuous assessment. The 4 categories of BCJ courses may be summarized as follows:

1. Introductory courses (3 and 6 credits)

These courses introduce students to foundational insights in criminology and provide an expansive link to other related disciplines in social sciences as well as relevant research skills, language communications and IT skills. Teaching typically takes the form of lectures and seminars. Outputs normally come in a mix of essays, reports, portfolios, assignments, presentation and in-class tests, totaling around 1,500 words (3 credits) and 3,000 words (6 credits) and/or examination (40% coursework, 60% exam; or 100% coursework).

2. Advanced courses (6 credits)

These courses focus on key theories and substantive topics in criminology, criminal justice and social policy. Teaching typically takes the form of lectures and seminars (30-36 contact hours). Outputs normally come in a mix of essays, reports, journals, portfolios, in-class tests and presentation, totaling around 3,000 words and/or examination (40% coursework, 60% exam; or 100% coursework).

3. Research courses (6 and 12 credits)

These courses aim at providing students with an opportunity to pursue their own research interests under the supervision of a teacher. Contact hours are minimal (10-12 hours for a 6-credit course) because students spend much of their time on individual research and writing. Outputs normally come in the form of student presentation plus a research report (max 4,000 words - 6 credits), or a research dissertation (max 15,000 words - 12 credits) (100% coursework).

4. Fieldwork courses (6 credits)

These courses aim to offer students an opportunity to carry out a small-scale study to apply their social sciences knowledge, observational or documentary investigative skills, or to visit an academic or criminal justice related organization in order to gain criminal justice knowledge in an applied setting. Fieldwork courses involve minimal contact hours (typically 10-12 hours) because students spend much of their time on practical preparatory work and fieldwork (100-130 hours). Outputs normally come in the form of presentation, portfolio work and/or a written report, totaling around 3,000 words (100% coursework).