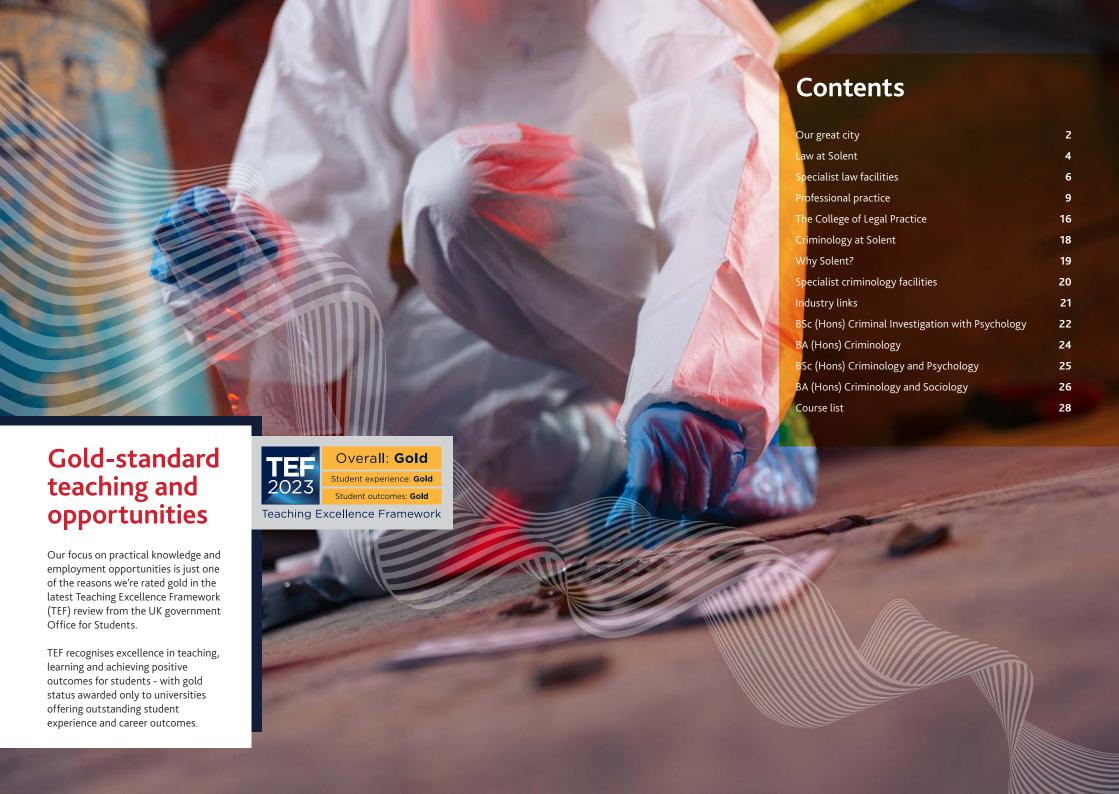


Law and criminology

2025 undergraduate courses







Our great city



- Southampton is a historical maritime city at the heart of a modern and
- growing regional economy. It's home to the head offices of some of the
- UK's flagship organisations, including Ordnance Survey, B&Q, Carnival and Ageas.

Hampshire is recognised as one of the most successful economies in the UK and has the largest sub-regional economy in the south-east of England, with economic output totalling £50 billion. Southern England enjoys the largest business population in the UK, and the finance and business sector in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is worth around £4.5 billion.

With a vibrant and diverse student population of around 40,000, in a city of over 250,000, Southampton has 180+ pubs, bars and nightclubs, with a vibrant music scene and a wealth of entertainment venues, theatres and exhibitions.

The city also boasts Premier League football, world-class sailing and international cricket, and is perfectly placed for access to the south and beyond – including Bournemouth, Portsmouth and the New Forest – with excellent transport links to London, which is only 75 minutes by train.

The city's historic walls bring to life Southampton's rich maritime heritage, with major redevelopments bringing new leisure and retail. It is a fantastic shopping destination, with big brands such as IKEA and Apple complemented by high street boutiques and independent stores.





law facilities

Moot room

Our purpose-built Solent Courtroom gives you the opportunity to practise your legal and professional skills and knowledge in a realistic setting. Mimicking the key features of a real-life courtroom, this gives our students an excellent opportunity to practise advocacy of cases.

The moot court gives valuable practical experience in both research and persuasive argument, as well as giving students the chance to make contacts with practising lawyers. Mooting experience is also a crucial, pointearning activity on both the Bar Professional Training Course and the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) application process.

What is mooting?

Moots are mock trials which usually take the form of an appeal to the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court on a point (or points) of law. Students take the role of leading and junior counsel for the appellant and respondent, supported by a team of legal researchers, and have 20 minutes each to argue their mooting case using binding or persuasive decisions in previously decided, analogous cases which often do not bear directly on the point in question, or are contradictory.

The moot is heard by a judge who may be a barrister or solicitor, a real-life judge or a lecturer – and who, will after due consideration, decide (a) who has won the appeal in law, and (b) which team produced the best advocacy based on their use of authorities, courtroom manners and speech.

Law library

Books and information are a lawyer's tools. The ground floor of the Mountbatten Library hosts a dedicated law collection which includes thousands of textbooks in most areas of law, including several copies of our courses' recommended texts, practitioner texts, academic journals, and all the main general law report series. Resources which are not part of the law library collection can be ordered by finalyear and postgraduate students through the inter-library loan system.

Law databases

Solent also has an excellent collection of subscriber law databases – including the major collections offered by Westlaw, Lexis Library and i-Law - giving access to a vast array of legal resources both on- and off-campus. These databases offer access to many different series of law reports, legislative material, highly specialist practitioner textbooks and manuals, and a large number of academic journals.

As part of the first year LLB module Legal Research and Literacy Skills, students are given training in using these invaluable resources, and the opportunity exists to take further examinations and gain Westlaw and Lexis certification.

Mountbatten Journal of Legal Studies

The Mountbatten Journal of Legal Studies (MJLS) was launched by the former Master of the Rolls Lord Donaldson in 1997, having developed out of the Southampton Institute Law Review which started in 1992.

Offering articles, opinion pieces and book reviews on diverse topics such as environmental law, mental health law, competition law, criminal law, Brexit and ethics, the MILS is a fully refereed journal and welcomes contributions from the legal community.





Professional practice and real-world experience

Taught by experts with strong links to the legal profession, our law school gives you plenty of opportunities for practical experience and to develop your own professional network.

Real-world experience

During your final year you can choose to undertake a weekly placement throughout the two semesters. This allows you to gain credit towards your LLB, but also boosts your employability prospects with real-world experience.

Building real-world experience is a key element of our law courses, and our Professional Practice option gives you the chance to interact with real clients as part of your studies. You will be encouraged to find placements during the summer period to develop your learning further, and you will also have the option to undertake a full-year industry placement between years two and three.

Whatever you choose, the law team's practical expertise and open-door policy ensure you will be well supported academically, while the University's dedicated support services offer plenty of help with any other aspects of student life.

Southampton City Law Network

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As a founding member of Southampton City Law Network we offer a programme of workshops and guest lectures from visiting professionals, as well as events, work experience opportunities and chances to explore the legal profession and decide which career path to follow.

Some of the organisations we work with include:

College Chambers

Dutton Gregory

Shoosmiths LLP

Pallant Chambers

BDB Pitmans

Stowe Family Law

Crown Prosecution Service Wessex

Aspire

Manton Consultancy

Foot Anstey

Hampshire Constabulary



What was the best thing about studying at Solent?

All the lecturers are down-to-earth, knowledgeable and approachable – they're very friendly and always happy to help. No question was a silly one to ask, and they all genuinely care about students' progression. Law at Solent is for you if you are looking to develop academic skills with real-life applications. The library is also good, and for law the online subscription services that the University provides are industrystandard, so very up to the job.

What did you learn or study which has stuck with you over the years?

The things I learnt at uni, such as legal research and writing, are my daily tools for work. But the thing that's really stuck with me is intellectual property – I think it's cool how brand owners use a range of legal rights to protect others from copying their brand. This certainly stuck with me as I now work with brand owners to protect their rights.

What opportunities did you get to build practical experience?

I did a work experience placement with a local specialist law firm, and ultimately this led to me being taken on as a trainee solicitor once I graduated. I also got the opportunity to work with the University at the Glastonbury Festival! I was a copyright clearance officer, meaning I was signing contracts with big artists. That whole experience was great for putting my academic knowledge into practice while in a big, muddy field.

What has your career been like so far? It's been fantastic. I began as a trainee solicitor in 2016, qualified in 2018 and then moved to London to start at a new firm. I've recently moved up to be an associate of the firm. No two days are the same. I usually begin the day by dealing with emails; then it can range from preparing court documents to having meetings with clients whose rights have been infringed or making formal steps towards court action. Getting a good result for a client is a great feeling.

What's been your career highlight so far?

Winning my first case is probably the biggest highlight. I was a trainee solicitor who had never said a word in front of a judge, but somehow all the planning came together and we won.



Stone Rowe Brewer LLP

LLB (Hons) Law, 2021

Currently I am a solicitor at Stone Rowe Brewer LLP Solicitors in Twickenham, part of our dispute resolution and litigation department. I cover all sorts of areas such as contractual disputes, commercial disputes, and landlord and tenant issues. I really enjoy the variety of work that the department covers, dealing with all different kinds of commercial and civil disputes.

How did your studies at Solent help

The degree was practical as well as contentheavy. I learned all of the different areas of law that I am required to do in my day-to-day practice. But it also prepared me to work with colleagues and clients. We would practise client interviews, for example, which really helped prepare me practically for the work I do now, because my role now is very client-focused.

What advice would you give to those wanting

The advice that I would give is that patience is key. Law is a high-level kind of role. As a solicitor, you're a professional, an officer of the court. So it will take time to get to the place where you want to be. But everything has a purpose and you learn so much along the way. Therefore, I would just advise that people take it in their stride and really try and make the most of their

time studying. And then, know that the end goal is getting into the legal world and enjoying that, and being proud of yourself once you get to that

What support did you get at Solent?

The academics on the law course were amazing. They offer such personalised support to their students. They understand that perhaps some people don't want to qualify as a solicitor, but because they have such a broad range of experience, they can offer tailored support to really guide you through the process.

What practical experience did you gain during your degree?

Solent's law degree has such great opportunities - they have really great partnerships with local organisations and local law firms that allow students to get that real-world experience they need to go into the real world and practise law. Law is obviously very academic, but it's so important to develop your practical skills in order to practise in the legal industry. While I was at Solent, I really developed my advocacy skills – Solent has an amazing moot room where people can practise their advocacy in replica court cases. And I really look back fondly on all of the different arguments that I made in the moot room that allowed me to grow confidence in the advocacy work that I do today.



Sebastian Graves-Read

Senior Policy Advisor, UK Home Office LLB (Hons) Law, 2019

Why did you choose Solent?

Solent jumped out at me because I knew it was a place where lecturers go the extra mile. They are there to teach and enjoy time with students.

What was the best thing about your course lecturers?

When I showed interest in the subject, and put the effort in, the lecturers saw that and put a lot of time into making sure they were there to support me. This was especially the case when I presented my final-year thesis at the British Conference of Undergraduate Research! My lecturers – particularly my supervisor – went out of their way to give me the support I needed to excel.

How did your studies help prepare you for a career?

We had whole modules on employability, law in business and understanding the context that the legal system exists in. This approach meant that I was always able to contextualise a job in its wider industry – even if it wasn't legally focused – which really helped when I was applying for the civil service, as I was able to take what I knew about wider government projects and agendas, and weave that into my interview answers.



What did you learn which really stuck with you over the years?

When we were introduced to mooting – legal arguments in front of a judge – I remember thinking that this is cool. Especially in criminal law, where there are surprisingly plentiful 'grey areas', I found it fascinating to think that this gladiatorstyle system between two barristers is still how we deal with issues in the twenty-first century.

What was life like as a Solent student?

I was part of, and ran, several societies at Solent. I was the president of Enactus, a social entrepreneurial society which became one of the top 10 teams in the country! I was also president of the mooting society, taking part in the national OUP competition. I was part of other societies as well – the variety of options really helped me meet a mixture of people and get a range of experiences, all of which were super-useful when I applied for jobs in the third year and after.

Tell us a little about your career so far.

After doing a master's degree I joined the civil service, and I have learned so much already, though I don't think I could have settled into my role so quickly without my experiences at Solent. Mooting taught me how to think on my feet, while social enterprises taught me how to run complex projects efficiently. One of the challenges for me was something that is common to lots of new graduates - imposter syndrome. It felt like I was still a student and should not be dealing with such important projects! That wore off after a while, though. Now I have some standard responsibilities, and it's very varied. One moment I could be pulling together advice for ministers, while the next I could be helping to write the plan for one of our business areas. Because the civil service is such

The proudest moment to date, though, was writing my first piece of ministerial advice."

a large organisation, you end up doing a bit of everything. The proudest moment to date, though, was writing my first piece of ministerial advice. To me, that is the cornerstone of the civil service, and the fact that I was given the opportunity to pull together a piece of advice so early in my career was surreal.

How are you finding the industry?

Weirdly, it's exactly what I always dreamed it would be! I am working as part of the democratic system, in the delivery of a programme which will affect millions, and I'm absolutely loving my job. The only thing that was unexpected is that I always heard public sector work is slow-paced. That is definitely not the case. Work is manic – in the best possible way!





Ellis Sweetenham

Solicitor, Lawdit Solicitors LLB (Hons) Law, 2016

How did university prepare you for your career?

Not only did my time at Solent teach me the finer details of the law, which enabled me to navigate the path I wanted to take, but it also created a good foundation of core skills, such as time-keeping, maintaining deadlines and professional communication, which are essential to be a solicitor.

Favourite Solent memory?

Being able to build my knowledge and succeed alongside my fellow students, who have now become my friends for life.

Tell us a little about your career story.

I began my LLB Law degree at Solent in 2013. During my time there, with the support of my tutor, I secured a placement at a local intellectual property specialist, Lawdit Solicitors. This really sparked my interest in intellectual property as an area of law. I continued to volunteer at Lawdit on a weekly basis throughout the second and third years of my degree.

After graduating in July 2016, in September 2016 I began studying the LPC LLM at the University of Law in Guildford. I maintained my weekly attendance at Lawdit while studying, and following this I began my training contract with Lawdit Solicitors in July 2017.

Tell us about what you are doing now and what it involves.

I am a trainee solicitor at Lawdit Solicitors, a commercial firm based in Southampton which specialises in intellectual property and social media law. I am currently in the trademarks department, working closely with Lawdit's sister company, The Trademarkroom. A typical working day involves sending emails to clients explaining the process of registering a trademark in the UK and beyond. I also talk to clients over the telephone, offering an insight into

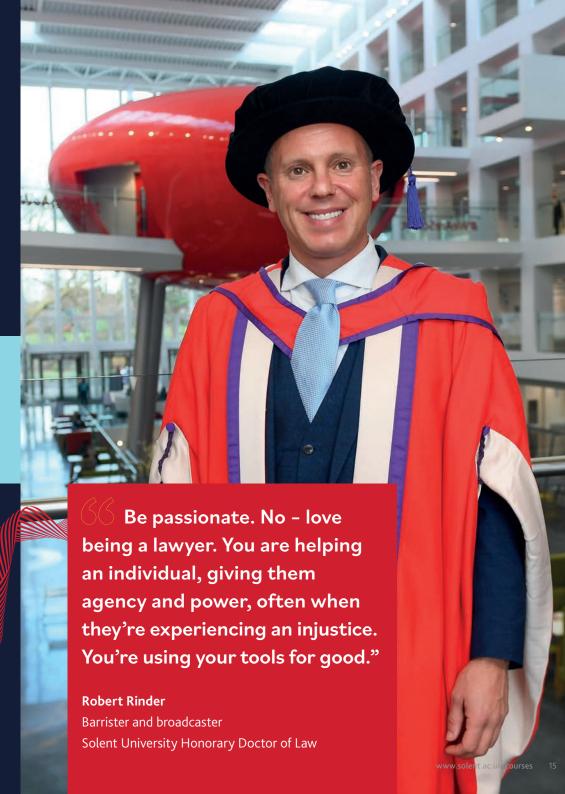
trademarks as an intellectual property right and giving an explanation of the registration process. Building on this, I complete pre-filing searches for clients and file trademarks in the UK and EU. I also assist the contentious trademark team in preparing for opposition.

What's been your career highlight so far?

Meeting the team at Lawdit Solicitors, who have taught me so much already – and I have so much more to learn. Also achieving high grades in both my LLB Law degree and my LPC LLM, which was such a relief after the hard work I put in.

What tips would you give to someone wanting a career in your industry?

Be prepared to work hard, as that hard work will pay off, even if at the moment you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel. Enjoy your time at Solent – you will make friends for life. And take every opportunity with both hands as you never know what is around the corner.





Preparation for Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE)

Solent Law School is pleased to be one of the first law schools in the country to offer preparation training for the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) as part of our undergraduate law degree.

In the third year of your LLB you can choose an optional module that prepares you for the SQE1 assessment. This module is fully included in your LLB at no additional cost.

What is the SQE?

The SQE is the new Solicitors Qualifying Examination which will set you on the path to becoming a solicitor. SQE1 is the first assessment that you will need to take, covering 13 areas of law. Following the completion of this module in the summer term of your third year, you can choose whether to take the SQE1 assessment in July, improving your career prospects and setting you on your path to qualification as a solicitor.

What is the SQE1 preparation module?

The module is called Solicitors Legal Knowledge and fully prepares you for the SQE1 assessment. It is delivered virtually by the College of Legal Practice, which specialises in SQE preparation training.

The College of Legal Practice

The Solicitors Legal Knowledge module is an intensive, high-quality course that guides students through SQE1. Through weekly live individual supervision, supported by group work and a ground-breaking learning portal, this flexible course ensures that every student can develop and perform to the best of their abilities in the SQE. The course would normally cost £1,800 but is offered to Solent University students at no extra cost.

What's included?

You will study online directly with the College of Legal Practice and the module includes:

- access to the learning portal and virtual student community.
- over 1,900 videos, activities, scenarios and flashcards to access as and when you like.
- 2,300+ SQE1-style multiple-choice questions and mock SQE1 assessments.
- a hard copy and electronic legal knowledge manual.
- virtual surgeries on legal content and concepts, and weekly town halls.
- 10 individual supervisions to support your performance and progress.

Background on the College of **Legal Practice**

The College of Legal Practice is a UK-based postgraduate law school, providing flexible and practical legal education, including preparation courses for the SQE.

The college's goals are to help remove barriers to entry to the legal profession and provide the highest quality of practical legal education.

Solent Law School has entered into a partnership with the College of Legal Practice to offer its Solicitors Legal Knowledge module as an optional third-year module to LLB students at Solent Law School



Why Solent?

- Courses ranked 31st in the UK for criminology (The Guardian League Table 2023).
- The course is designed, taught and assessed in partnership with social work practitioners, service users and carers, ensuring you are up-to-date with the latest developments in the field.
- You'll learn from experts with extensive links with local and national employers, such as Hampshire Constabulary, the National Probation Service, Portsmouth Adult Social Care, the National Crime Agency and various international organisations.
- Guest speakers include industry professionals who work within public health, the police, the probation service, cybersecurity and the military.

- You'll use our portable crime scene and courtroom during the Investigating Crime Scenes and Forensic Evidence modules.
- Benefit from a strong mentoring support network that has led students directly to employment.
- As well as key modules in understanding crime, you'll gain transferable skills through modules in psychology applied to crime and social change.
- Our portfolio of social and policy research is rich and diverse, with some of the most pressing societal concerns at the forefront of exploration – you will learn from experts in their field.

Criminology at Solent

Study the criminal justice process, look at victimology to understand the impact of crime on individuals, even learn about cybercrime, which has expanded in a globalised world, and youth justice to help young people who need support.

My lecturers have been so supportive with my assignments. The Student Hub has been a great support too."

Nasima Khalique

BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology, student





Specialist criminology facilities

We provide a stimulating learning environment and access to state-of-the-art resources to help you make the most of your time with us.

- Professional-quality equipment psychophysiological recording, eye-tracking and experimental cubicles.
- Portable crime scene and mock courtroom for use during investigating crime scene and forensic evidence modules (criminology).
- Our purpose-built Solent Courtroom gives you the opportunity to practise your skills and knowledge in a realistic setting.



Industry links

Connections to industry are made through several avenues, including guest speakers and the professional connections of teaching staff. Our courses also have close working relationships with many local and national employers, such as Hampshire Constabulary, the National Probation Service, Portsmouth Adult Social Care, a Portsmouth drug addiction charity, the National Crime Agency and various international organisations.

Past guest speakers have included professionals who work within public health, the police, the probation service, cybersecurity, the military and charities.

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BSc (Hons)

Criminal Investigation with Psychology

UCAS tariff: **104–120**Course page and UCAS code: www.solent.ac.uk/CIN1

Understanding the motives behind criminal behaviour is key in investigating crime, to explain criminality and to deliver justice.

You'll examine the underlying social and psychological dimensions of crime and justice by studying the methods by which crimes are investigated and prosecutions secured, alongside the foundations of psychological inquiry and research. You'll learn about criminal justice institutions and processes, as well as how psychologists seek to understand human thought and interaction – and how thoughts and feelings motivate our actions in various settings.

Graduates have careers in/for:

the probation service, the security services, social services, the third sector (that is, supporting victims or working with people with addiction), youth services, forensics, the police, the information security services, human rights organisations, the courts.



The course had a good balance of theoretical and historical theory, while keeping its finger on the pulse of modern and current crime and punishment issues facing society today. The topics and modules throughout the three years were varied and engaging. This gave me a hunger to continue my learning outside of the university premise and inspired me to take on criminology as a career."

Kirsty Kearns, BSc (Hons) Criminal Investigation with Forensic Psychology, 2020 – now known as BSc (Hons) Criminal Investigation with Psychology



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BA (Hons)

Criminology

UCAS tariff: **104–120**

Course page and UCAS code: www.solent.ac.uk/M930

If you are curious about crime and justice, with ambitions to shape society, this degree opens career opportunities in a range of roles across prisons and court services, policing or investigation.

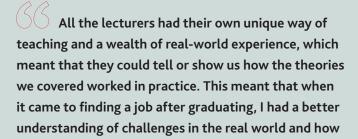
Exploring issues concerning the definition, nature and incidence of crime and explanations for criminal behaviour, you'll engage in debates on the nature of justice, examine a range of perspectives on policing, prosecution and punishment, and consider the effectiveness, fairness and consequences of various institutional approaches to crime. You'll look at the experience of crime victims, examine media representations of social problems, and discuss the effect of modern communications technology on the processes of law.

Graduates have careers in/for:

the probation service, the Home Office, human rights organisations, local authorities, the police, the third sector (that is, working with victims and dangerous offenders).







Evelyn Eggleston, BA (Hons) Criminology, 2020

to tackle them."

BSc (Hons)

Criminology and Psychology

UCAS tariff: 104-120

Course page and UCAS code: www.solent.ac.uk/CAP1

Explore the world of crime, and get behind the psychology of criminology and social justice, on this degree accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS).

You'll develop key industry skills in analytical thinking, crime scene investigation, presentation of evidential studies and critical thinking, along with the key knowledge of psychological and criminological theory to prepare you for a career in relevant fields and sectors. The course is designed and constantly refreshed with current thinking, thanks to a lecturing staff with plenty of experience and current connections within the criminal justice and criminology arena.

Graduates have careers in/for:

the criminal justice system, the police, the probation services, youth work and victim support services, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), the Home Office.



The course was amazing - I really liked the Police, Law and Community module, which was extremely helpful for me when it came to applying for different jobs, and also when I went to an interview. The course as a whole was very interesting, and the lecturers were always willing to help and take extra time to explain anything. Overall, the course definitely prepared me for a career in this field".

Chloe Ford, BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology, 2020

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Criminology and Sociology

UCAS tariff: **104–120**

Course page and UCAS code: www.solent.ac.uk/CAS1

This degree helps you develop critical perspectives on social behaviours, exploring justice, crime and inequality, to prepare you for a successful career and to make a meaningful contribution to society.

On this course, you'll study crime, social behaviours, media, social inequalities, migration, and race and ethnicity. You'll develop scientific approaches to researching key issues, applying concepts from sociology and criminology. You'll also acquire a range of key skills which will help you become analytical and enable problem solving. You'll become an excellent communicator, with a good understanding of empathy. This degree emphasises the practical application of criminology and sociology, with real-world assessments integrated throughout.

Why Solent?

- Benefit from a strong mentoring support network which in the past has led directly to employment for students, and extended beyond employment, into pastoral and welfare care.
- This course offers lecturing staff who are current within the industry and have strong industry connections that offer employment opportunities.
- You will be able to use our portable crime scene and mock courtroom, in the Investigating Crime Scenes, and Forensic Evidence modules.

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Graduates have careers in/for:

the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), Home Office, Border and Immigration Service, mental health support services, third sector organisations, journalism, public relations and more.







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Guardian League Table 2024





What's the best thing about your course lecturers?

As it had been a long time since I was in education, I was a little bit apprehensive about going back to university, but as soon as I started my studies and met my lecturers, I realised how supportive and understanding they were, and that they were always willing to help.

What's life like as a Solent student?

Being a mature student, I have many responsibilities outside my university life. I have two young children and work part-time as a pharmacy dispenser, so for those reasons I have not joined any sports teams or societies. However, I have met some amazing people and made great friends. We keep in contact over chat groups. I've also met some amazing lecturers who I would consider supporters and even friends.

Has the University given you any support when you needed it?

Yes! My lecturers have been so supportive with my assignments. The Student Hub has been a great support too, as well as the library staff. The overall support has been excellent, and the staff at the University have made me feel very welcome.

What's the most important thing you've learned so far?

It's not too late to study, and how supportive people in my field of study can be. I've learnt a lot about criminology and sociology subjects and how they are connected, and have been able to refresh my writing style through the summative assessments.

What do you think you're going to take away from your time at Solent University?

I feel very lucky to study at Solent University and have always felt valued by the academic team. I would like to use this experience to show my children how rewarding it is to study at degree level, and hopefully be a role model to encourage them to go to university in the future.

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Course list

Course	UCAS tariff points	Work placement opportunity	Foundation Year available
LLB (Hons) Law	104–120	Υ	Υ
LLB (Hons) Law with Business	104–120	Υ	Υ
LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology	104–120	Υ	Υ
BSc (Hons) Maritime Business and Law (Top-up)	*	Υ	_
BSc (Hons) Criminal Investigation with Psychology	104–120	Υ	Υ
BA (Hons) Criminology	104–120	Υ	Υ
BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology	104–120	Υ	Υ
BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology	104–120	Υ	-
Business and Law Foundation Year	48	-	-

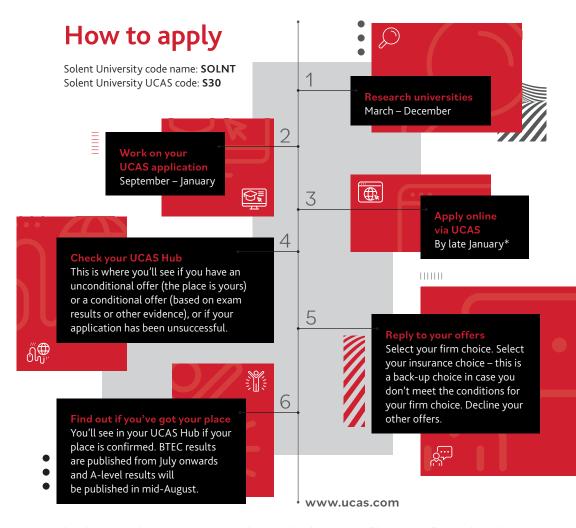
^{*} Contact our admissions team for details of entry requirements: admissions@solent.ac.uk

Postgraduate study at Solent

Solent University also offers a range of postgraduate courses in law meaning that if you decide to continue your studies after your undergraduate degree, there are many options available to you.

Whether you are looking to progress in your current career or enter a new area, Solent offers a range of courses to help you reach your goals.

Course	Course length	URL
LLM Commercial Law and	1 year full-time	www.solent.ac.uk/llm-commercial-
Professional Legal Practice	2 years part-time	law-and-professional-legal-practice
LLM Intellectual Property Law and Professional Legal Practice	1 year full-time 2 years part-time	www.solent.ac.uk/llm-intellectual- property-law-and-professional- legal-practice
LLM International Trade and	1 year full-time	www.solent.ac.uk/llm-top-up-
Maritime Law (Top-up)	2 years part-time	international-trade-and-maritime-law



^{*} Applications to Solent University are open until 30 June, after this point you will be automatically entered into Clearing.

52 weeks to go

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