

# MA (CRIMINOLOGY)

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## Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for MA in Criminology (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Understand the field of criminology, its historical development, its current scope and its related methodologies;
- Identify the major theories of crime, define their key concepts and ideas and understand their relevance to the study of Irish society;
- Critique aspects of the use of the issues of crime and deviance in contemporary society and the issues posed by the manner of their representation in the media and to evaluate current issues and debates in these areas;
- Understand the principles and practices of punishment in its many facets, the issues and problems raised by their current applications and the alternatives that have been proposed;
- Understand the principles and practices of social research and be able to apply them in research in criminology.