## POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CRIMINOLOGY

## **Programme Learning Outcomes**

Programme Learning Outcomes for the Postgraduate Diploma in Criminology (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- · Understand the historical development of the field of criminology;
- · Appreciate the nature of its key studies and main methodologies;
- Identify the major theories of crime, define key concepts and understand their relevance to the study of Irish society;
- Make a critical analysis of important issues of crime and deviance in the contemporary world and of their representation in the media;
- Understand the principles and practices of punishment, restorative justice and alternatives to prison.