

# Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2020-2021

## Criminology (B000930)

Due to Covid 19, the education and evaluation methods may vary from the information displayed in the schedules and course details. Any changes will be communicated on Ufora.

Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)  
Credits 3.0 Study time 90 h Contact hrs 30.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2020-2021

A (semester 2)	Dutch	Gent	lecture	30.0 h
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Lecturers in academic year 2020-2021

Cools, Marc	RE23	lecturer-in-charge
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Offered in the following programmes in 2020-2021

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<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Moral Sciences</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in History</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Laws in Laws</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Science in Sociology</a>	3	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Criminology, crime, deviance, causes of crime and deviance, reactions to crime and deviance

Position of the course

This course aims at giving a knowledge of and an insight into the basic concepts and the historical development of criminology and in the important fields of research with a focus on theoretical insights and research methods.

Contents

In a first part attention is paid to some basic concepts of criminology : the definitions of crime, the scientific-theoretical status of criminology, the measurement of crime and the distinction between fundamental and applied criminology.

In the second part the evolution of thoughts about the criminal and crime is discussed from a historical perspective: classical thoughts from the 18th century, the individual - and social - positivistic thoughts from the 19th century and the developments in biological, psychological-psychiatric, sociological and integrated criminology from the 20th and the 21th century.

The third part deals with the important fields of research of criminology: the processes, actors and factors which form the basis of the criminalisation of behaviour, the causes of the extent, types and evolution of crime with a focus on perpetrators and victims and the informal and formal reactions on crime ( media and crime, feelings of insecurity, police, justice, the execution of sanctions ...).

Initial competences

The course starts from elementary knowledge, competences and attitudes, which can be expected from students, having obtained a diploma of secondary school.

Final competences

- 1 A profound knowledge of insight into the basic concepts and the research fields of criminology.
- 2 The skill to develop a critical view on deviance and crime phenomena and on the individual and social reaction on these phenomena.

3 To be sensitive for the role and the relevance of criminology for society.

#### Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

#### Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

#### Teaching methods

Lecture

#### Extra information on the teaching methods

Lectures (30h), including two guest lectures

Due to COVID 19, amended work methods can be applied if necessary.

#### Learning materials and price

Syllabus 'Criminologie', obtainable at Top Copy (Cost: 8EUR).

#### References

Kolthoff, E. (2011). *Basisboek criminologie*. Den Haag: Boom / Lemma.  
Lissenberg, E., Van Ruller, S. & Van Swaaningen, R. (eds.) (2001). *Tegen de regels IV. Een inleiding in de criminologie*. Nijmegen: Ars Aequi Libri.  
Muncie, J., McLaughlin, E. & Langan, M. (eds.) (1996). *Criminological Perspectives. A Reader*. Londen: Sage.

#### Course content-related study coaching

Students can download the slides of the lectures via Minerva. There is a possibility to ask questions (oral and written) during and after the lectures.

#### Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation

#### Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Written examination

#### Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Written examination

#### Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

#### Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

not applicable

#### Extra information on the examination methods

A written exam (open questions) about the knowledge of and the insights into the basic concepts of criminology, the historical development and important fields of research.

#### Calculation of the examination mark

100% periodic evaluation

#### Facilities for Working Students

Individual explanation by the professor (appointment).