



香港學術及職業資歷評審局
Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of
Academic & Vocational Qualifications

SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT

**HKU SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL
AND CONTINUING EDUCATION AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF HULL**

LEARNING PROGRAMME RE-ACCREDITATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) CRIMINOLOGY

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) CRIMINOLOGY WITH
PSYCHOLOGY**

JANUARY 2019

This accreditation report is issued by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) in its capacity as the Accreditation Authority as provided for under the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance (Cap. 592) (AAVQO). This report outlines the HKCAAVQ's determination, the validity period of the determination as well as any conditions or restrictions on the determination.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education (HKU SPACE) was established as the Department of Extra Mural Studies of The University of Hong Kong (HKU) in 1956/57. It was renamed as the School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPACE) in 1992 and was incorporated as a non-profit-making company limited by guarantee in 1999. It offers full-time and part-time programmes.
- 1.2 The University of Hull (Hull) was established in 1927 as a College of the University of London, the United Kingdom (UK) and achieved independence through a Royal Charter in 1954.
- 1.3 Collaboration between HKU SPACE and Hull commenced in 2006. The two 2-year top-up degree programmes, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology (CRM) and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology with Psychology (CPY) programmes, were introduced to HK students in 2009 and 2010. The two programmes were exempted from registration under the Non-local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance (Cap. 493), and were accredited by HKCAAVQ in 2014 at HKQF Level 5. The validity period of the accreditation status of the two programmes expires on 31 August 2019.
- 1.4 Hull and HKU SPACE jointly as the Operator commissioned HKCAAVQ to conduct this Learning Programme Re-accreditation (Re-LPA) of CRM and CPY with the following Terms of Reference:
 - (a) To determine whether the following programmes of HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education and The University of Hull (the Operator) meet the stated objectives and QF standard and can continue to be offered as accredited programmes:
 - (i) Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology
NCR Registration/Reference No.: 451974
 - (ii) Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology with Psychology
NCR Registration/Reference No.: 452085

- (b) To issue to the Operator an accreditation report setting out the results of the determination in relation to (a) by HKCAAVQ.

1.5 The accreditation exercise was conducted according to the relevant accreditation guidelines referred to in the Service Agreement and the Terms of Reference stated therein. HKCAAVQ formed an expert Panel for this exercise, and the site visit by the Panel was conducted on 14-15 November 2018.

2. HKCAAVQ's Accreditation Determination

Having due consideration of the accreditation Panel's observations and comments, HKCAAVQ makes the following accreditation determination:

2.1 Learning Programme Re-accreditation

Approval

Name of Local Operator	HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education 香港大學專業進修學院	
Name of Non-local Operator	The University of Hull	
Name of Award Granting Body	The University of Hull	
Title of Learning Programme	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology 犯罪學（榮譽）文學士	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology with Psychology 犯罪學暨心理學（榮譽）文學士
Title of Qualification (Exit Award)	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology with Psychology
Primary Area of Study and Training	Social Sciences	Social Sciences
Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)	Security and Disciplinary Forces Studies	Security and Disciplinary Forces Studies

Other Area of Study and Training	Social Sciences	Social Sciences
Sub-area (Other Area of Study and Training)	Social and Behavioural Sciences	Social and Behavioural Sciences
HKQF Level	Level 5	Level 5
HKQF Credit	240	240
Mode of Delivery and Programme Length	Full-time, 2 years	Full-time, 2 years
Start date of Validity Period	1 September 2019	1 September 2019
End date of Validity Period	31 August 2024	31 August 2024
Number of Enrolments	One enrolment per year	One enrolment per year
Maximum Number of New Students	25 per year	25 per year
Other Specific Condition(s) of Approval	Not applicable	
Notes to be indicated on the QR	Not applicable	
Address of Teaching Venue	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HKU SPACE Headquarters, T.T. Tsui Building, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong 2. Graduate House Learning Centre, Level P6, Graduate House, No. 3 University Drive, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong 3. Admiralty Learning Centre, 2/F & 3/F, Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong 4. United Learning Centre, 6/F & 34/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong 5. HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College Campus, 66 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong 6. Fortress Tower Learning Centre, 1/F, 4/F, 10/F, 14/F, 19/F & 22/F, Fortress Tower, 250 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong 	

	<p>7. Island East Campus, 494 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong</p> <p>8. Kowloon East Campus, 28 Wang Hoi Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon</p> <p>9. Kowloon West Campus, G/F-3/F, 38-46 Nassau Street, Mei Foo Sun Chuen, Kowloon</p> <p>10. CITA Learning Centre, Clothing Industry Training Authority, 63 Tai Yip Street, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon</p>
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2.1.1 Recommendations

For both programmes

The Operator should include contextualisation as an agenda item in the Academic Committee meetings.

3. Programme Details

The following programme information is provided by the Operator.

3.1 Programme objectives

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology (CRM)

The programme aims to:

- (a) provide a methodological and intellectual framework for explaining and engaging with criminological and criminal justice issues;
- (b) develop in students the ability to critically interpret understandings of crime and criminal justice;
- (c) develop in students the ability to generate and interrogate theories about criminological and criminal justice issues;
- (d) develop an awareness of ethical and practical limitations of criminal justice systems;
- (e) provide an understanding of the psychological processes that underlie thinking and behaviour;
- (f) develop in students the skills and intellectual framework to understand the legal system and to use legal information to solve legal problems; and
- (g) provide the chemical and biochemical knowledge and skills to solve a range of investigatory problems.

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology with Psychology (CPY)

The programme aims to:

- (a) provide a methodological and intellectual framework for explaining and engaging with criminological and criminal justice issues;
- (b) develop in students the ability to critically interpret understandings of crime and criminal justice;
- (c) develop in students the ability to generate and interrogate theories about criminological and criminal justice issues;
- (d) develop an awareness of ethical and practical limitations of criminal justice systems; and
- (e) provide an understanding of the psychological processes that underlie thinking and behaviour.

3.2 Programme intended learning outcomes

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology (CRM)

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

1. demonstrate a depth and breadth of knowledge of the core theories that explain criminological issues and inform justice policy;
2. contrast competing theories of criminological issues and apply these theories to explain specific types of crime through a variety of media;
3. explain and critically evaluate cultural differences and historical shifts in definitions and practices within the fields of criminology and criminal justice;
4. interpret the occurrence, causation and consequences of criminological issues through individual, interpersonal, organisational, cultural and political perspectives;
5. collect and analyse primary and secondary data using appropriate techniques and interpret and use published research material to construct arguments about criminological and criminal justice issues; and
6. demonstrate an awareness of the ethical principles that underlie the study and practice of criminology and criminal justice.

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology with Psychology (CPY)

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

1. demonstrate a depth and breadth of knowledge of the core theories that explain criminological issues and inform justice policy;

2. show a depth and breadth of knowledge, and understanding, both conceptual and empirical, of the core areas of psychology, by communicating concisely and coherently to different audiences using a variety of media;
3. contrast competing theories of criminological issues and apply these theories to explain specific types of crime through a variety of media;
4. present and discuss ideas effectively and with clarity and to critically evaluate psychological theories and research both in an academic context and in its application in everyday life;
5. explain and critically evaluate cultural differences and historical shifts in definitions and practices within the fields of criminology and criminal justice;
6. interpret the occurrence, causation and consequences of criminological issues through individual, interpersonal, organisational, cultural and political perspectives;
7. collect and analyse primary and secondary data using appropriate techniques and interpret and use published research material to construct arguments about criminological and criminal justice issues; and
8. demonstrate an awareness of the ethical principles that underlie the study and practice of criminology and criminal justice.

3.3 Programme Structure

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology (CRM)

Year	Core/ Elective	Module	HKQF Level	HKQF Credit
Year 2	Core	• <i>Representations of Crime</i>	5	20
		• <i>Policing and Criminal Investigation</i>	5	20
		• <i>Criminology in Late Modernity</i>	5	20
		• <i>Analysing Social Data</i>	5	20
		• <i>Atrocities and Transitional Justice</i>	5	20
		• <i>Punishment, Dangerousness and Risk</i>	5	20
Year 3	Core	• <i>Criminology Dissertation</i>	5	40
	Elective	• <i>Contemporary Imprisonment</i>	5	20
		• <i>Sex Work, Policy and Crime</i>	5	20
		• <i>Understanding Islamophobia</i>	5	20
		• <i>Cyberspace, Identity and Youth</i>	5	20
		• <i>Surveillance and Social Control</i>	5	20
		• <i>Drug Use Today</i>	5	20

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology with Psychology (CPY)

Year	Core/ Elective	Module	HKQF Level	HKQF Credit
Year 2	Core	• <i>Representations of Crime</i>	5	20
		• <i>Policing and Criminal Investigation</i>	5	20
		• <i>Criminology in Late Modernity</i>	5	20
		• <i>Analysing Social Data</i>	5	20
		• <i>Psychology of Offending and Victimisation</i>	5	20
		• <i>Social Psychology and Individual Differences 2</i>	5	20
Year 3	Core	• <i>Criminology Dissertation</i>	5	40
		• <i>Forensic Psychology</i>	5	20
	Elective	• <i>Understanding Islamophobia</i>	5	20
		• <i>Punishment, Dangerousness and Risk</i>	5	20
		• <i>Contemporary Imprisonment</i>	5	20
		• <i>Sex Work, Policy and Crime</i>	5	20
		• <i>Drug Use Today</i>	5	20

3.4 Graduation Requirements

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology (CRM)

In Year 3, CRM students are required to take four Electives out of the six options to complete the required 240 credits for graduation.

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Criminology with Psychology (CPY)

In Year 3, CPY students are required to take three Electives out of the five options to complete the required 240 credits for graduation.

3.5 Admission Requirements

(a) Academic Qualification

- An Associate of Social Sciences / Applied Social Sciences awarded within the HKU system through HKU SPACE or by other recognized institutions with cumulative GPA (CGPA) of 2.3 or above; OR

- An Advanced Diploma in Applied Social Sciences awarded within the HKU system through HKU SPACE or by other recognized institutions with CGPA of 2.3 or above.

(b) English Proficiency

- A minimum overall score of 6.0 on the IELTS; or
- A minimum overall score 550 on the TOEFL.
- Graduates of the HKU SPACE Associate Degree / Advanced Diploma, or with an equivalent qualification from a recognised institution where the normal medium of instruction is English will be exempted from the English proficiency requirements if they have obtained Grade “C” or above in the English course(s) of their Associate Degree / Advanced Diploma.

4. Substantial Change

- 4.1 HKCAAVQ may vary or withdraw the Accreditation Report if it is satisfied that any of the grounds set out in section 5 (2) of the AAVQO apply. This includes where HKCAAVQ is satisfied that the Operator is no longer competent to achieve the relevant objectives and/or the programmes no longer meet the standard to achieve the relevant objectives as claimed by the Operator (whether by reference to the Operator’s failure to fulfil any conditions and/or comply with any restrictions stipulated in this Accreditation Report or otherwise) or where at any time during the validity period there has/have been substantial change(s) introduced by the Operator after HKCAAVQ has issued the accreditation report(s) to the Operator and which has/have not been approved by HKCAAVQ. Please refer to the *Guidance Notes on Substantial Change to Accreditation Status* in seeking approval for proposed changes. These Guidance Notes can be downloaded from the HKCAAVQ website. The accreditation status of the Operator and/or programmes will lapse immediately upon the expiry of the validity period or upon the issuance of a notice of withdrawal of the Accreditation Report.

5. Qualifications Register

- 5.1 Qualifications accredited by HKCAAVQ are eligible for entry into the Qualifications Register (QR) at <http://www.hkqr.gov.hk> for recognition under the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (HKQF). The

Operator should apply separately to have their quality-assured qualifications entered into the QR.

- 5.2 Only learners who commence the study of the named accredited learning programmes during the validity period and who have graduated with the named qualification listed in the QR will be considered to have acquired a qualification recognised under the HKQF.

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