

Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	BA (Hons) Black Studies (Criminal Justice)
2	Course Code	US0630-02
3	Awarding Institution	Birmingham City University
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)	
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)	

6	Course Description
	<p>Black Studies is ground-breaking because it puts the experiences, perspectives and contributions of African and the African diaspora at the very heart of university education.</p> <p>More importantly the aim of the subject is to break down traditional barriers and apply the work we do on campus to improving the conditions facing those who live off campus. In creating the BA (Hons) Black Studies (Criminal Justice) routeway we have taken the strengths of the Black Studies programme and directly applied them to one of the most significant problems facing Black communities.</p> <p>In Britain, Black people are more likely to be subject to stop and search, arrested, charged, given a prison sentence and even to die in suspicious circumstances after police contact. The situation is particularly bad for young people, where ethnic minorities represent half of all those held in young offenders institutions. None of this is new and there have been decades of campaigns and protests around the injustices in the system. The aim of this degree is to provide the context to understand the issues as well as the tools and experience to work to remedy these major social problems.</p> <p>You will take Black Studies modules, which explore the history, politics and experience of Black communities as well as examining the issues in society that produce such stark inequalities. Alongside these modules, you will study Criminology-specific modules that explore the basis of, and issues with, the criminal justice system.</p> <p>You will gain experience of the criminal justice system in the second year placement. You will be encouraged and supported to find your own placement, however the course team is committed to ensuring all students have an appropriate placement. You will also be encouraged to draw on your learning and experiences to create a final year project that is applied to the real world context.</p> <p>The BA (Hons) Black Studies and BA (Hons) Black Studies (Criminal Justice) courses will share a common first year, with students able to pick their routeway at the end of the first year.</p> <p>For those interested in working in criminal justice, the issue of race and racism is one of the most important, given the inequalities in the system. The aim is for this degree to provide essential learning that can be applied to future careers in the sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have the opportunity to embark on a year-long sandwich placement as part of your degree course, ensuring you have the experience you need to make an impact in your chosen career.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Black Studies team have links with some of the most respected academics in the field, including Patricia Hill Collins, Kimberlé Crenshaw, Gus John, Hazel Garby, Barnor Hesse and Joan Anim-Addo. • You will have the opportunity to connect to local, national and international connections that the department has to those working for racial justice in the sector. • We work alongside many important social organisations, who help shape our course. These include the Black Studies Association, the Race and Ethnicity Group, and Unmuted. • Don't meet the entry criteria? Our Foundation Year programmes offer a route to a full undergraduate degree at a lower entry tariff. • You will also get the opportunity to transform your experience with us into a global one, with a variety of exciting possibilities open to you. This ranges from our competitive international travel scholarships scheme, through which you can spend a summer working for a charitable organisation overseas, to one of our many overseas study exchange programmes. Our international exchange opportunities could also see you spend some of your second term at an institution in the USA. • As a student on one of our undergraduate degrees, you will be able to benefit from our Graduate+ initiative. This three-year award programme enables you to gain award levels for all the extra-curricular activities you undertake so that you can stand out from the crowd on graduation.
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7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Black Studies (Criminal Justice)	6	360
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Black Studies (Criminal Justice)	45	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Black Studies (Criminal Justice)	6	240
	Bachelor of Arts Black Studies (Criminal Justice)		300

8	Derogation from the University Regulations		
	N/A		

9	Delivery Patterns			
	Mode(s) of Study	Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study	Code(s)
	Full Time	City Centre	3 years	US0630-02
	Part Time	City Centre	5 years*	US0864-02

* If you study this course part-time, you will study modules alongside full-time students in daytime hours (not evenings or weekends). The duration of the course will depend on how many modules you take per year, and will be agreed before you commence your studies. To qualify as a PT student you cannot undertake more than 90 credits in any one year.

10	Entry Requirements	
	Home:	The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ , or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website .
	EU:	
	International:	
	Access:	

11	Course Learning Outcomes
	Knowledge and Understanding
1	Demonstrate, via in-class discussion, debate, and formal assessment, a systematic, extensive and comparative knowledge of the complexity of experiences, contributions and perspectives of Africa and the African Diaspora.
2	Detailed knowledge and understanding of the Criminal Justice System as it applies to the UK and in comparison to other international systems.
3	Integrate and apply knowledge of tools that positively impact on the Criminal Justice system to develop a critical insight into racial inequalities. This will allow students to develop and improve their critical thinking skills.
4	Apply a range of theories to the understanding social life.
5	Be able to identify information needs, and in the systematic gathering, analysis and interpretation of ideas, concepts in relation to Black Studies approaches.
6	Have the capacity to be socially, critically and intellectually engaged citizens, driven by a desire for high achievement and success by having the skills to work independently and in partnership to develop original research that impacts communities of practice.
	Skills and other attributes
7	Students will be able to use their understanding that the ethics and values of Black Studies are decolonial, democratic, intersectional and inclusive of perspectives on gender, sexuality, disability and social class to be actively involved disseminating Black Studies knowledge
8	Students will be able to use their knowledge, understanding and skills in the systematic and critical assessment of a wide range of concepts, ideas, to working partnership with stakeholders.
9	Students will be able to apply their subject-related and transferable skills in contexts of a professional or equivalent nature where there is a requirement for: the exercise of personal responsibility and initiative; decision-making in complex and unpredictable contexts; and/or the ability to undertake further developments of a professional or equivalent nature.
10	Students will be able to communicate the results of their study and other work accurately and reliably using the full repertoire of the principal concepts and constructs of the subject.

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CRI6091	Rehabilitation, Reintegration Re-entry and Therapeutic Communities	20
CRI6093	Human Rights Theory and Practice	20
CRI6068	Gender and Crime	20
CRI6086	Cyber Crime	20
CRI6090	Everyday Surveillance	20
CRI6098	Critical and Human Security in the Global South	20
CRI6092	Hate Crime	20

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only.

Level 4	Semester 1	Introduction to Black Studies (20 Credits)	Understanding Society (20 Credits)	State and Society (20 Credits)
	Semester 2	Black Intellectual Thought (20 Credits)	City, Community & Culture (20 Credits)	Researching Black Lives (20 Credits)
Level 5				
	Semester 1	Black Political Activism (20 credits)	Black Studies Methods (20 credits)	Race, and the Racialisation of Crime (20 Credits)
	Semester 2	Black Feminism (20 credits)	Working in Criminal Justice (20 Credits)	OPTION (20 credits)
		Optional International Exchange		
Level 6	Semester 1	Blackness in Britain (20 Credits)	Black Studies Project (40 credits)	Criminology/OPTION (20 Credits)
	Semester 2	Black Arts Movement (20 credits)		Criminology/OPTION (20 credits)

Optional modules

Level 5 Semester 2:

Intelligence and Security Since 1945

Crime Media Culture: Representation, Consumption and Production

Prisons and Punishment

Youth, Crime and Justice

Level 6 Semester 1:

Rehabilitation, Reintegration Re-entry and Therapeutic Communities

Critical and Human Security in the Global South

Everyday Surveillance

Level 6 Semester 2:

Hate Crime

Cybercrime

Gender and Crime

Human Rights

Part-time route 5 years

Sem 1	L4. Introduction to Black Studies (20 Credits)
Sem 2	L4. Black Intellectual Thought (20 Credits) L4. City Community Culture (20 Credits)
Sem 3	L4. State and Society (20 Credits) L4. Understanding Society (20 Credits)
Sem 4	L4. Researching Black Lives (20 Credits)
Sem 5	L5. Race, and the Racialisation of Crime (20 Credits) L5. Black Studies Methods (20 Credits)
Sem 6	L5. Black Feminism (20 Credits) L5. Option (20 Credits)
Sem 7	L5. Working in Criminal Justice (20 Credits)

	L5. Black Political Activism (20 Credits)
Sem 8	L6. Black Arts Movement (20 Credits) L6. Option (20 Credits)
Sem 9	L6. Blackness in Britain (20 Credits) L6. Option (20 Credits)
Sem 10	L6. Black Studies Project (40 Credits)

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	254
Private Study	730
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	70%
Exam	0
In-Person	30%

Level 5

Workload

18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	205
Private Study	779
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	80%
Exam	
In-Person	20%

Level 6

Workload

12% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	142
Directed Learning	292
Private Study	766
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	100
Exam	
In-Person	