

## Key Skills

- Maths knowledge
- analytical thinking skills
- knowledge of sociology and anthropology for understanding society and culture
- excellent written communication skills
- knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to understand people's reactions
- persistence and determination

## Salary

£23,500 - £36,000

## Working hours

37-40 per week  
9am to 5pm

# Criminologist

## Other Routes

You could apply for a place on the Government Social Research Fast Stream programme to work in the Civil Service.

You'll need an upper second class degree or better, in criminology or social sciences, to apply.

## Post 16

It would also be a good idea to take one or more of the following subjects at A Level:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- English Literature or Language
- History
- Maths or Statistics

## Restrictions and Requirements

You'll need to pass enhanced background checks and pass security checks

## University

You can do a degree in:

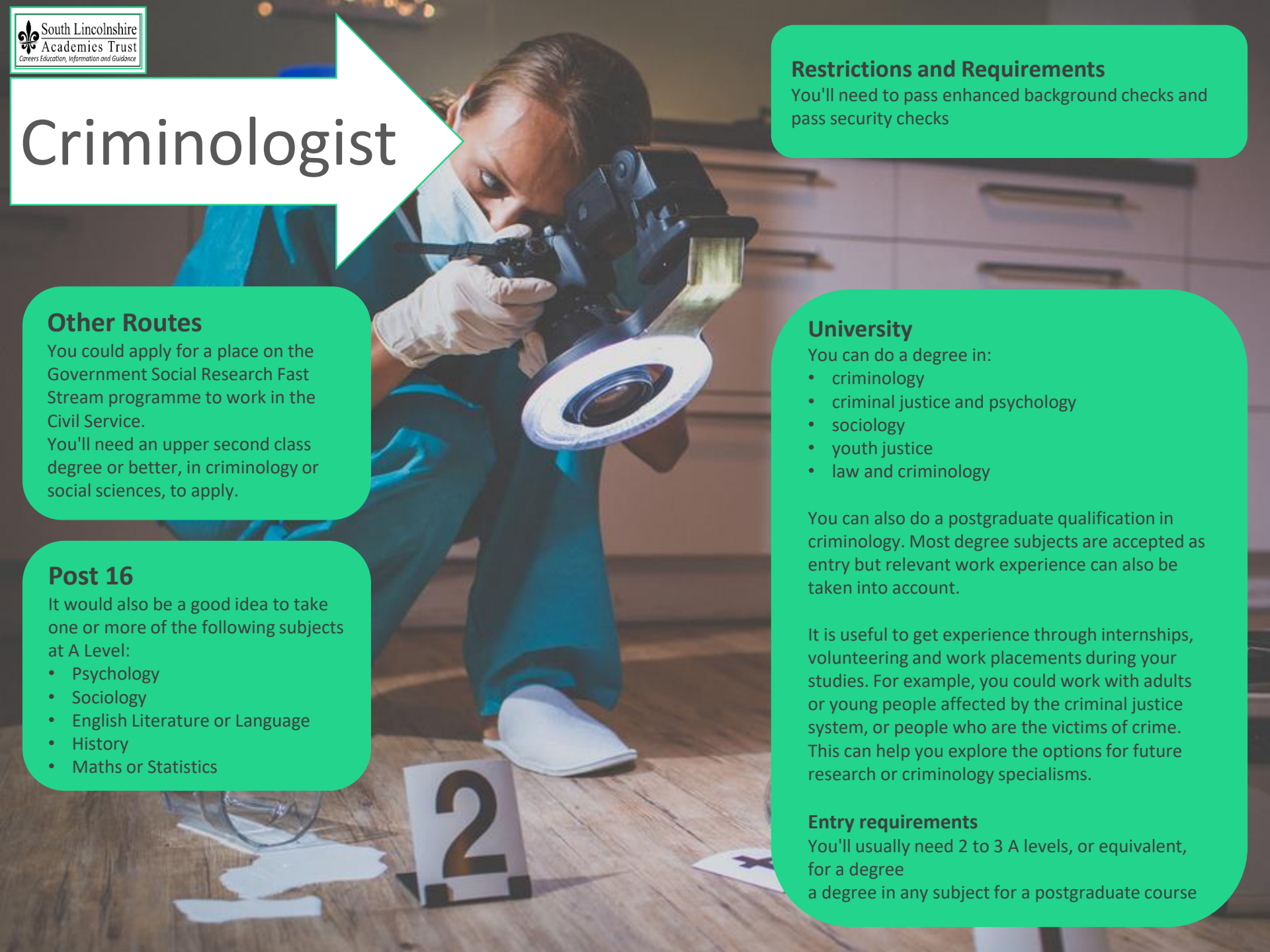
- criminology
- criminal justice and psychology
- sociology
- youth justice
- law and criminology

You can also do a postgraduate qualification in criminology. Most degree subjects are accepted as entry but relevant work experience can also be taken into account.

It is useful to get experience through internships, volunteering and work placements during your studies. For example, you could work with adults or young people affected by the criminal justice system, or people who are the victims of crime. This can help you explore the options for future research or criminology specialisms.

## Entry requirements

You'll usually need 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree  
a degree in any subject for a postgraduate course



## Career path and progression

You could become a senior policy adviser on crime and crime reduction with local or national government, the police or the probation service.

You could also work as a specialist researcher in particular offences, for example online abuse, organised crime or youth offending.

You could have an academic career in a university and become a professor of criminology.

With further training, you might move into social or probation work, a career in law or join the security services.

## Day to Day tasks:

- teach students at college or university
- advise policy makers in the justice and policing systems
- analyse data from surveys and intelligence to spot trends
- research the reasons why people commit crime
- attend conferences and present research findings
- recommend ways to improve the effectiveness of punishments
- work on crime reduction and rehabilitation programmes
- visit prisons and probation services to speak to offenders and ex-offenders

## Working conditions

You could work in an office, in a prison or visit sites.

Your working environment may be emotionally demanding and you may spend nights away from home.

# Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.  
Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Biological scientists and biochemists	
Weekly Pay <b>£810</b>	Annual Pay <b>£42,120</b>
Hours/Week <b>37h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£22</b>
<b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)	
Growth <b>3.3%</b>	Replacement <b>39.3%</b>
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 3.3% over the period to 2027, creating 3,500 jobs. In the same period, 39.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 42,600 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health</li> <li>Scientific research</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Public admin. &amp; defence</li> <li>Architectural &amp; related</li> </ul>	
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Protective service associate professionals n.e.c.	
Weekly Pay <b>£900</b>	Annual Pay <b>£46,800</b>
Hours/Week <b>34h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£26</b>
<b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)	
Contraction <b>-0.2%</b>	Replacement <b>38.3%</b>
<p>The workforce is projected to contract by -0.2% over the period to 2027, losing 100 jobs. In the same period, 38.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 18,600 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retail trade</li> <li>Auxiliary services</li> <li>Employment activities</li> <li>Sport &amp; recreation</li> <li>Public admin. &amp; defence</li> </ul>	
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Police officers (sergeant and below)	
Weekly Pay <b>£910</b>	Annual Pay <b>£47,320</b>
Hours/Week <b>40h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£23</b>
<b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)	
Contraction <b>-0.2%</b>	Replacement <b>38.3%</b>
<p>The workforce is projected to contract by -0.2% over the period to 2027, losing 400 jobs. In the same period, 38.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 65,100 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public admin. &amp; defence</li> <li>Computer programming, etc</li> <li>Sport &amp; recreation</li> <li>Rental &amp; leasing</li> <li>Metal products</li> </ul>	
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# Labour Market Information

## Biological scientists and biochemists

Biological scientists and biochemists examine and investigate the morphology, structure, chemistry and physical characteristics of living organisms, including their inter-relationships, environments and diseases.

Common tasks in this job:

- studies the physical and chemical form, structure, composition and function of living organisms;
- identifies and studies the chemical substances, including microbial infections, involved in physiological processes and the progress of disease;
- performs tests to study physiological and pathological characteristics within cells and other organisms;
- researches the effects of internal and external environmental factors on the life processes and other functions of living organisms;

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## Protective service associate professionals n.e.c.

Workers in this unit group inspect goods to ensure compliance with regulations concerning payment of duty, establish that persons entering and leaving the UK have necessary authorisation for crossing national borders, monitor maritime conditions, undertake search and rescue operations, plan and coordinate services of private detection agencies and security measures for individuals, establishments or organisations, and perform other security and protective service occupations not elsewhere classified in MINOR GROUP 331: Protective Service Occupations.

Common tasks in this job:

- examines, weighs and counts goods imported by ship or aircraft, ensures that the declared value of goods is satisfactory and that duties and taxes have been paid;
- examines passports, visas, work permits and other immigration documents, and allows or refuses entry into the UK;
- maintains revenue control at breweries, tobacco factories and other premises where dutiable goods are manufactured, processed or stored;
- visits racecourses, greyhound stadiums and betting shops to ensure compliance with legal

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## Police officers (sergeant and below)

Police officers (Sergeant and below) co-ordinate and undertake the investigation of crimes, patrol public areas, arrest offenders and suspects and enforce law and order. Officers of the British Transport Police operate within the specialised police service for the railway network across Britain.

Common tasks in this job:

- receives instructions from senior officers and patrols an assigned area on foot, horseback, motorcycle, motor car or boat to check security and enforce regulations;
- directs and controls traffic or crowds at demonstrations and large public events;
- investigates complaints, crimes, accidents, any suspicious activities or other incidents;
- interviews suspects, takes statements from witnesses and stops, searches and/or arrests suspects;

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Use these links to learn more about our Job of The Week, consider the various pathways leading to the career, what you can be doing now to help yourself and other roles in the industry...

Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

### What is Criminology?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdagqIFQdTE&pp=ygULY3JpbWlub2xvZ3k%3D>

### Careers in criminology



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXWSQe9S+MM&pp=ygULY3JpbWlub2xvZ3k%3D>

### Criminology Courses at the University of West London



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6fWur2Dc4&pp=ygULY3JpbWlub2xvZ3k%3D>

### Crime scene worker



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9lQgy7AsIs&pp=ygUAAAgR0lglFNraXAgbmF2aWdhZGlvb2RlZ3k%3D>

## Useful Websites

[Criminologist | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[Criminology \(ucas.com\)](#)

[What can I do with a criminology degree? | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

[About our Sixth Form – Bourne Academy](#)

[Government Social Research Service | Civil Service Fast Stream](#)