

Criminal Justice Work HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht

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HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht (HU) is located within the vibrant heart of Utrecht Science Park and prepares students for the professional world.

HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht is one of the largest colleges of higher education in the Netherlands. Nevertheless, our students still experience the educational environment as small scale and personal.



Utrecht is located in the heart of the Netherlands and has a population of 374.238 inhabitants (2024) and a long and colourful history, which is reflected in its old city centre. Many young people from all over the world study in Utrecht and enjoy its rich cultural life.

The university mainly offers bachelor's degree programmes, but also several master's degree and exchange programmes.

The exchange programme 'Criminal Justice Work' is taught entirely in English in an international classroom. International students and students from Dutch universities can apply.

This programme offers you the opportunity to study very interesting subjects, especially if you are interested in legal, governmental, and social views on law enforcement, crime control and crime prevention in different countries. So, if you are interested, apply on time.

Hope to welcome you in Utrecht!

Bachelor Exchange Programme Criminal Justice Work

Are you interested in legal, governmental and social views on law enforcement, crime control and crime prevention in different countries?

The minor Criminal Justice Work gives you an opportunity to specialize in this certain area of social sciences, law and safety and security. Crime is all over the world and has no borders. Well-known examples are international terrorism or organized crime. However, it shows itself also in petty crimes, like illegally downloaded content. Most crimes are transnational, and it forces law enforcement of different countries to work together.

Period C: February – April 2026

- Criminal Law in European context 5 EC
- Public Management of Security 5 EC
- Trends in Criminology 5 EC

Period D: April – July 2026

- Effective probation in European context -5 EC
- Strengthening social capital and social network 5 EC
- Working Alliance 5 EC

The police, policy makers, paralegals, and social workers, they all play a part in either enforcing the law, crime prevention, upholding legal procedures probation and reduction of reoffending rate.

Although globalization requires a globally minded view of professionals working in the field of criminal justice, each country has a different law enforcement culture. Important is to understand the perspective and context of the professionals in the field of criminal justice abroad, in order to achieve a good, mutual cooperation. Their national values and norms are part of their respective definition of and dealings with crime.

This programme offers you a virtual journey through culturally different legal, governmental, and social views on crime control and prevention. The programme consists of six courses offered during the second semester from February until July (30 EC), see blue box above.

The classes and lectures are truly international, with students from all over the world. The courses will focus on current developments in the field of Criminal Justice. Assignments and lectures have a practical approach and are developed in co-creation with practitioners in the field.

More information

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