



# Kent Criminology

## CRIMINOLOGY AT KENT

YOUR 2025 INDUCTION

# *WHOAMI?*

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  - Senior Lecturer in Quantitative Methods and Criminology
  - Director of Studies from Criminology
  - 11<sup>th</sup> year at Kent (which I can barely believe)
  - Undergraduate degree in Maths, MSc in Social Research Methods and Statistics, PhD in Social Policy/Criminology
  - Research centred around cybercrime, but also on programme evaluation
  - Previously a civil servant at the Home Office and Ministry of Justice

# *WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY?*

*To Answer These  
Questions...  
And Any Others  
You May Have*

## **What Will My Degree Be Like?**

- Course Structure and Options

## **What Will My Teaching Be Like?**

- Course, Modules, and Private Study

## **What Will My Assessments Be Like?**

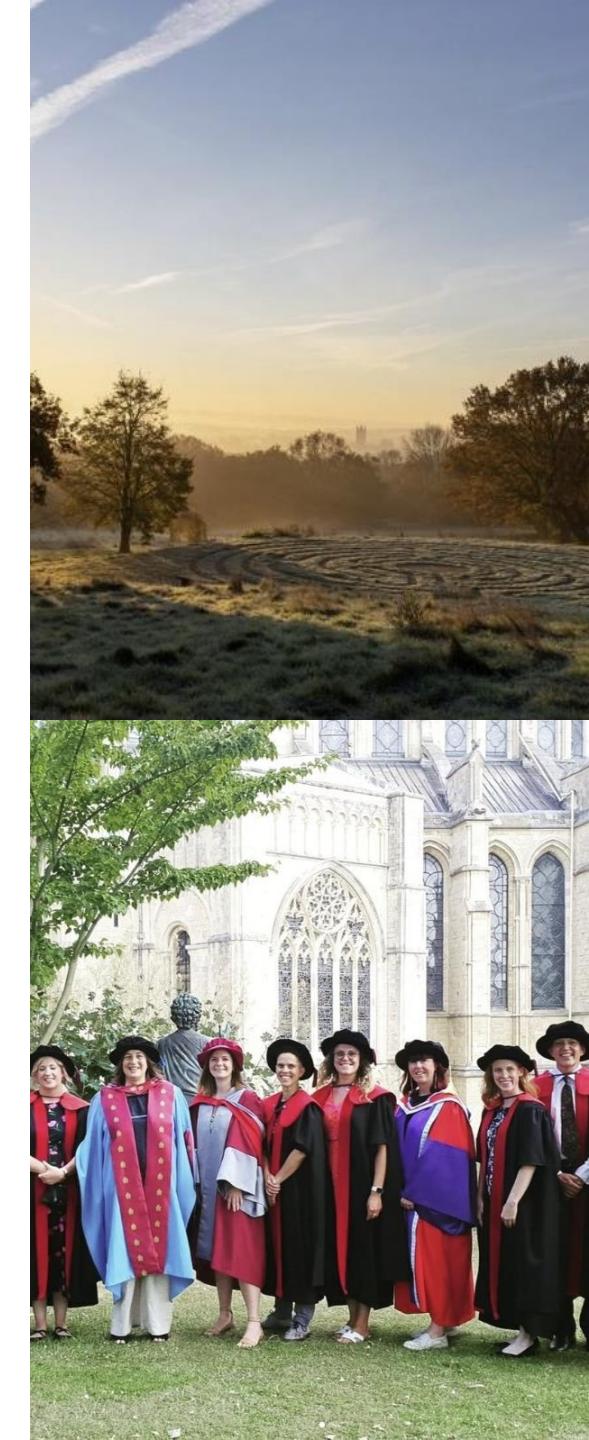
- Types and Standards

## **Who Will Be Teaching Me?**

- Meet the Team

## **What Am I Joining?**

- The Kent Criminology Community



**PART ONE:**  
***WHAT WILL MY  
DEGREE BE LIKE?***



## We have too many prisoners, says new PM Starmer



'Change won't happen overnight' - Starmer on broken prison system

Politics live

Starmer says government will introduce digital IDs to ensure Britain's 'borders are more secure'

Online petition saying government should not introduce digital ID cards heading for 900,000 signatures



40m ago | 5,904

# *STUDYING CRIMINOLOGY*

'Here we have a topic which is the **subject of heated conversation** in the workplace and at the bus stop, which is one of the **major foci of cinema and television**, the stuff of **video games**, the staple diet of the media and the central theme of a multitude of genres within **popular literature**, from crime thriller to serial killing. It takes as its **subject matter** an act that is frequently charged with malice, thrill, shame and fear – an act which regularly galvanizes offenders, traumatizes victims and outrages the general public.'

(Ferrell, Hayward and Young, 2015: 63)



Trump's latest tariff threat raises concerns for UK pharmaceuticals

30m ago



Woman, 22, jailed over 'sadistic' abuse of 21 babies at London nurseries

40m ago



Man cleared of murdering Jill Dando charged with rape of teenager in 1987

49m ago



Morgan McSweeney will not face new donations investigation, says watchdog

50m ago



Samaritans volunteers could quit if branches are closed, say local directors

2h ago



Scottish Prison Service admits human rights law breach over death in custody

2h ago



Politicians must confront lies used by populists, Starmer tells London summit

3h ago



UK retailers accused of ripping off motorists as fuel margins 'remain far above historic levels'

3h ago

# STUDYING CRIMINOLOGY

- **Politics** - government and opposition parties
- **History** - changing rates/reasons for crime over time
- **Sociology** - social criminogenic factors
- **Psychology** - psychological criminogenic factors
- **Medico-legal science** – forensic investigation
- **Policy studies** - changing crime policies
- **Law/legal theory** - legal definitions of crime

# **OUR CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

- **Criminology and Criminal Justice** - Core modules in *Criminology and Criminal Justice*
- **Criminology and Sociology** - Core modules in *both subjects*
- **Criminology with Quantitative Methods** – *convert onto this later*
- **Law and Criminology** - Core modules in *both subjects*

In your second year, you can also apply to add a year of study to your degree:

- Data Analytics
- Computing
- Also year abroad and year in industry

# Criminology and Criminal Justice

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Autumn	<p>Introduction to Criminology 20 credits</p> <p>Introduction to Criminal Justice 20 credits</p>	<p>Contemporary Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice 20 credits</p> <p>Optional 20 credits</p>	<p>Applying Social Research 20 credits</p> <p>Optional 20 credits</p>
Spring	<p>Developing the Criminological Imagination 20 credits</p> <p>Careers in Criminology and Criminal Justice 20 credits</p>	<p>Inequalities, Crime, and Justice 20 credits</p> <p>Optional 20 credits</p>	<p>Optional 20 credits</p> <p>Optional 20 credits</p>
Summer	<p>Making sense of society 20 credits</p> <p>Theories of Crime and Harm 20 credits</p>	<p>Investigating Social Problems 20 credits</p> <p>Optional 20 credits</p>	<p>Optional 20 credits</p> <p>Optional 20 credits</p>

# Criminology and Sociology

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Autumn	<b>Introduction to Criminology</b> 20 credits	<b>Contemporary Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice</b> 20 credits	<b>Applying Social Research</b> 20 credits
Spring	<b>Fundamentals of Sociology</b> 20 credits	<b>Optional</b> 20 credits	<b>Optional</b> 20 credits
Summer	<b>Developing the Criminological Imagination</b> 20 credits	<b>Contemporary Social Theory</b> 20 credits	<b>Optional</b> 20 credits
	<b>Sociological Theory</b> 20 credits	<b>Optional</b> 20 credits	<b>Optional</b> 20 credits
	<b>Making sense of society</b> 20 credits	<b>Investigating Social Problems</b> 20 credits	<b>Optional</b> 20 credits
	<b>Theories of Crime and Harm</b> 20 credits	<b>Optional</b> 20 credits	<b>Optional</b> 20 credits

# Criminology and Quantitative Methods

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Autumn	Introduction to Criminology 20 credits	Contemporary Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice 20 credits	Applying Social Research 20 credits
Spring	Introduction to Criminal Justice 20 credits	Optional 20 credits	Analysing data in the real world 20 credits
Summer	Developing the Criminological Imagination 20 credits	Inequalities, Crime, and Justice 20 credits	Social Research in Practice 40 credits
	Careers in Criminology and Criminal Justice 20 credits	Optional 20 credits	Optional 20 credits
	Making sense of society 20 credits	Investigating Social Problems 20 credits	Social Research in Practice 40 credits
	Theories of Crime and Harm 20 credits	Optional 20 credits	Optional 20 credits

# Law and Criminology

Autumn

Year 1

**Institutions of Justice**

20 credits

**Critical Introduction to Law**

20 credits

Spring

**Public Law**

20 credits

**Contract Law**

20 credits

Summer

**Criminal Law**

20 credits

**Theories of Crime and Harm**

20 credits

Year 2

**Contemporary Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice**

20 credits

**Property Law**

20 credits

**Inequalities, Crime, and Justice**

20 credits

**Equity and Trusts**

20 credits

**EU Law**

20 credits

**Optional**

20 credits

Year 3

**Applying Social Research**

20 credits

**Optional**

20 credits

PART TWO:  
*WHAT WILL MY  
TEACHING BE  
LIKE?*



# *TEACHING FORMATS*

*4 HOURS CONTACT PER COURSE*

*2 COURSES PER TERM OVER 3\*10 WEEKS*

## **LECTURES**

- A variety of options depending the course but usually 1 or 2 hours
- Centred on one topic from a module
- Delivered by a member of our team
- Everyone on the module in attendance
- The most “passive” part of your learning... but it should be very active!

## **SEMINARS**

- Again, more variety but usually one hour
- Centred on one topic from a module
- Lead by a member of our team, but driven by you
- Smaller groups within a module
- Activities, debates, discussions - about deepening your understanding

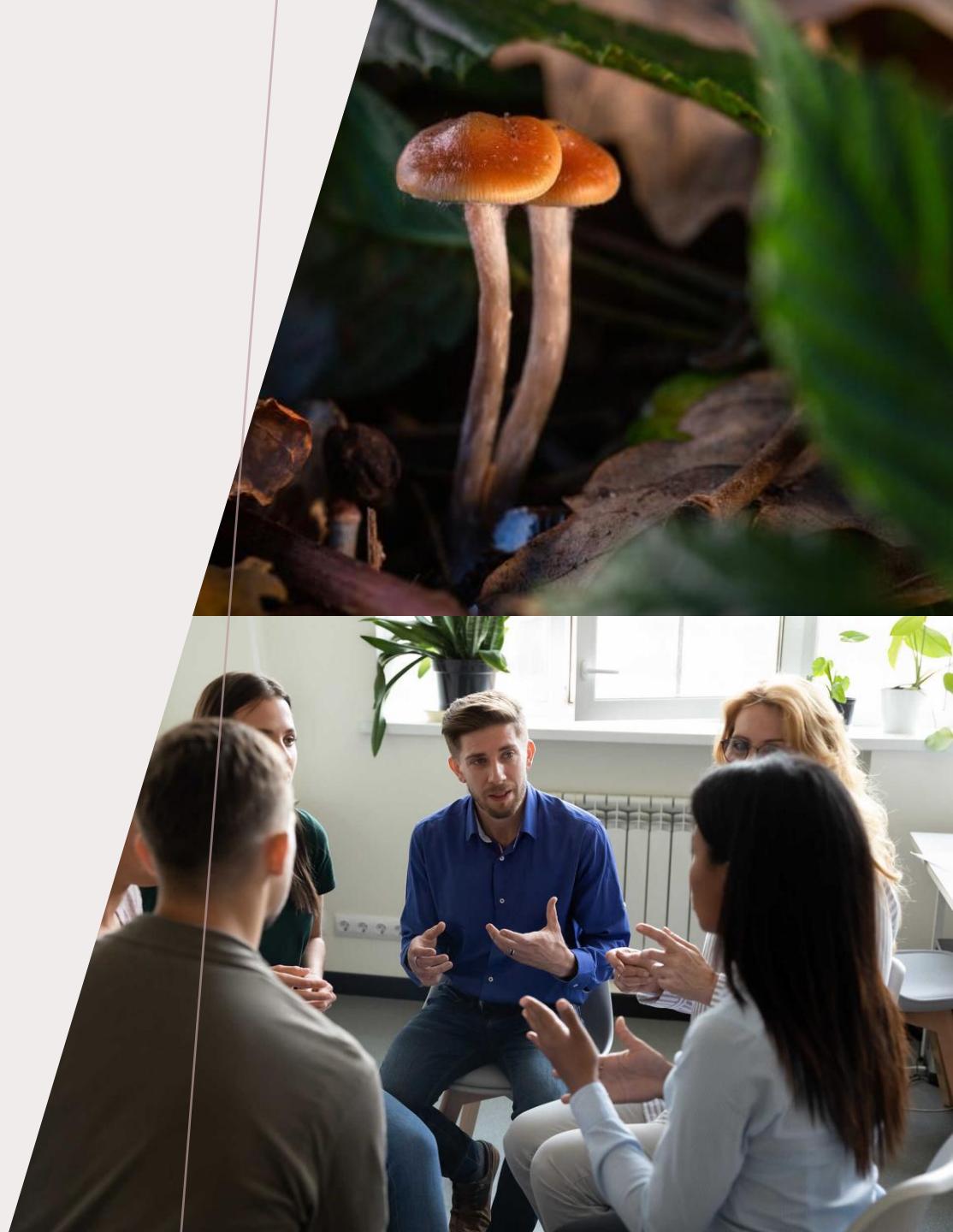
## **WORKSHOPS**

- Can vary in length – often 1 hour 50 mins long
- Lead by a member of our team
- Everyone on a module is in attendance
- Generally, a combination of lecture and seminar-style learning
- Mixture of more active and “passive” sections

# QUESTION

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING FEATURE AS PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT'S UNDERGRADUATE CRIMINOLOGY PROGRAMME?

- A) Fieldtrips to our Local Woods
- B) Visits to Court Proceedings
- C) "Restorative Justice" Training
- D) Night-time Stakeouts with Kent's Campus Watch
- E) Prison-Based Learning

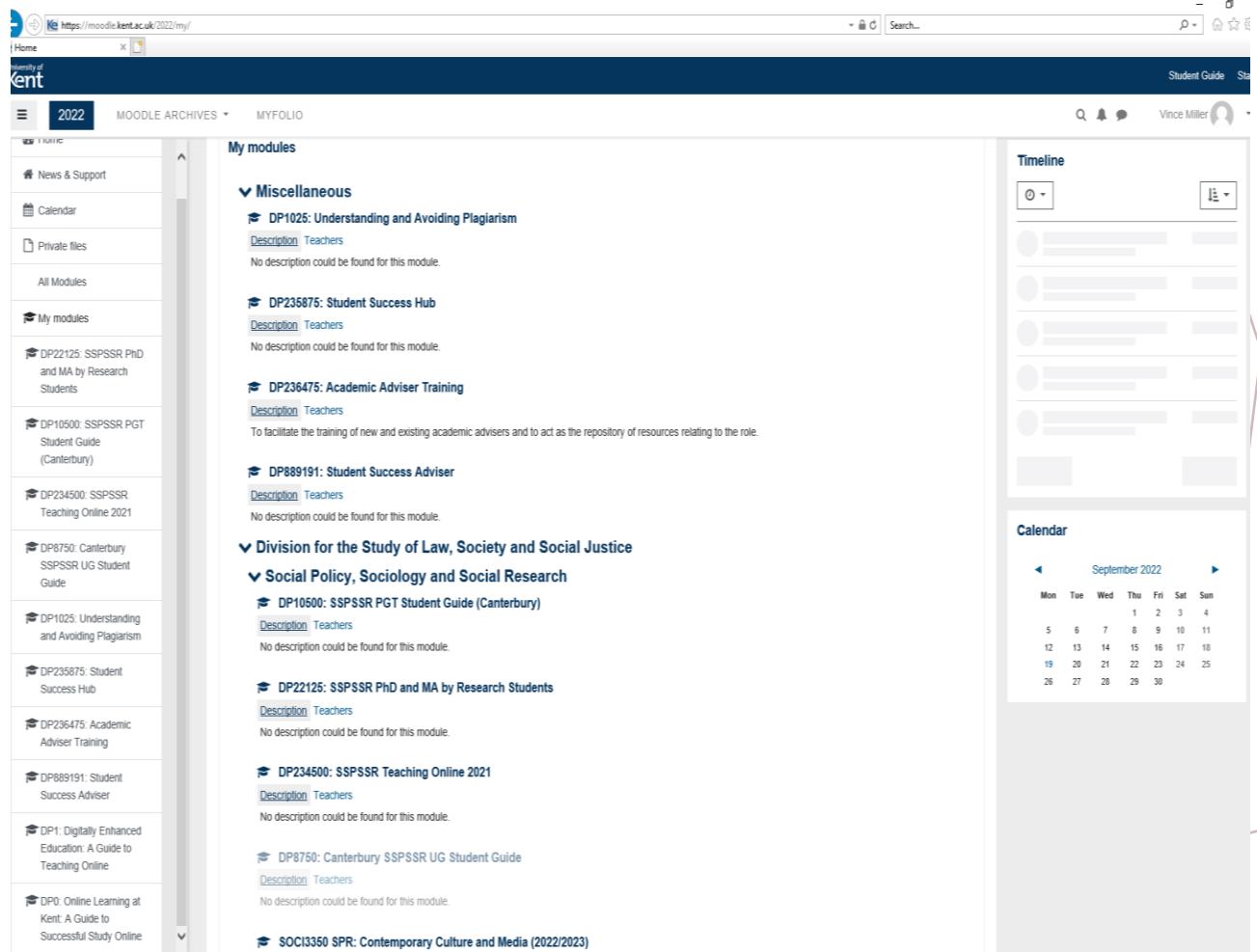


# *PERSONAL STUDY*

- Accessing / reading core materials, reviewing / writing up your lecture notes
- Doing additional reading:
  - Other suggested reading via Moodle
  - Broadsheet newspapers and magazines - *The Guardian, The Economist, New Statesman*
  - Online sources of academic publishing – e.g. *The Conversation*
- Meeting with classmates to discuss a reading, lecture or seminar, or to prepare for these.
- Accessing audio-visual materials
  - i.e. documentaries, podcasts, films, radio shows etc.

# YOUR UNIVERSITY LIFE INVOLVES 5 DIGITAL PLATFORMS:

- **Moodle:** course contents, essay submission readings and much else!



The screenshot shows the Moodle LMS interface for the 2022 academic year. The left sidebar includes links for Home, News & Support, Calendar, Private files, All Modules, My modules, and various course links. The main content area displays a list of modules under 'My modules' and 'Division for the Study of Law, Society and Social Justice'. The 'Timeline' and 'Calendar' are also visible on the right.

https://moodle.kent.ac.uk/2022/my/

Student Guide Logout

Vince Miller

2022 MOODLE ARCHIVES MYFOLIO

My modules

▼ Miscellaneous

- DP1025: Understanding and Avoiding Plagiarism
- DP235875: Student Success Hub
- DP236475: Academic Adviser Training
- DP889191: Student Success Adviser

▼ Division for the Study of Law, Society and Social Justice

▼ Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research

- DP10500: SSPSSR PGT Student Guide (Canterbury)
- DP22125: SSPSSR PhD and MA by Research Students
- DP234500: SSPSSR Teaching Online 2021
- DP8750: Canterbury SSPSSR UG Student Guide
- DP1025: Understanding and Avoiding Plagiarism
- DP235875: Student Success Hub
- DP236475: Academic Adviser Training
- DP889191: Student Success Adviser
- DP1: Digitally Enhanced Education: A Guide to Teaching Online
- DP0: Online Learning at Kent: A Guide to Successful Study Online

Timeline

Calendar

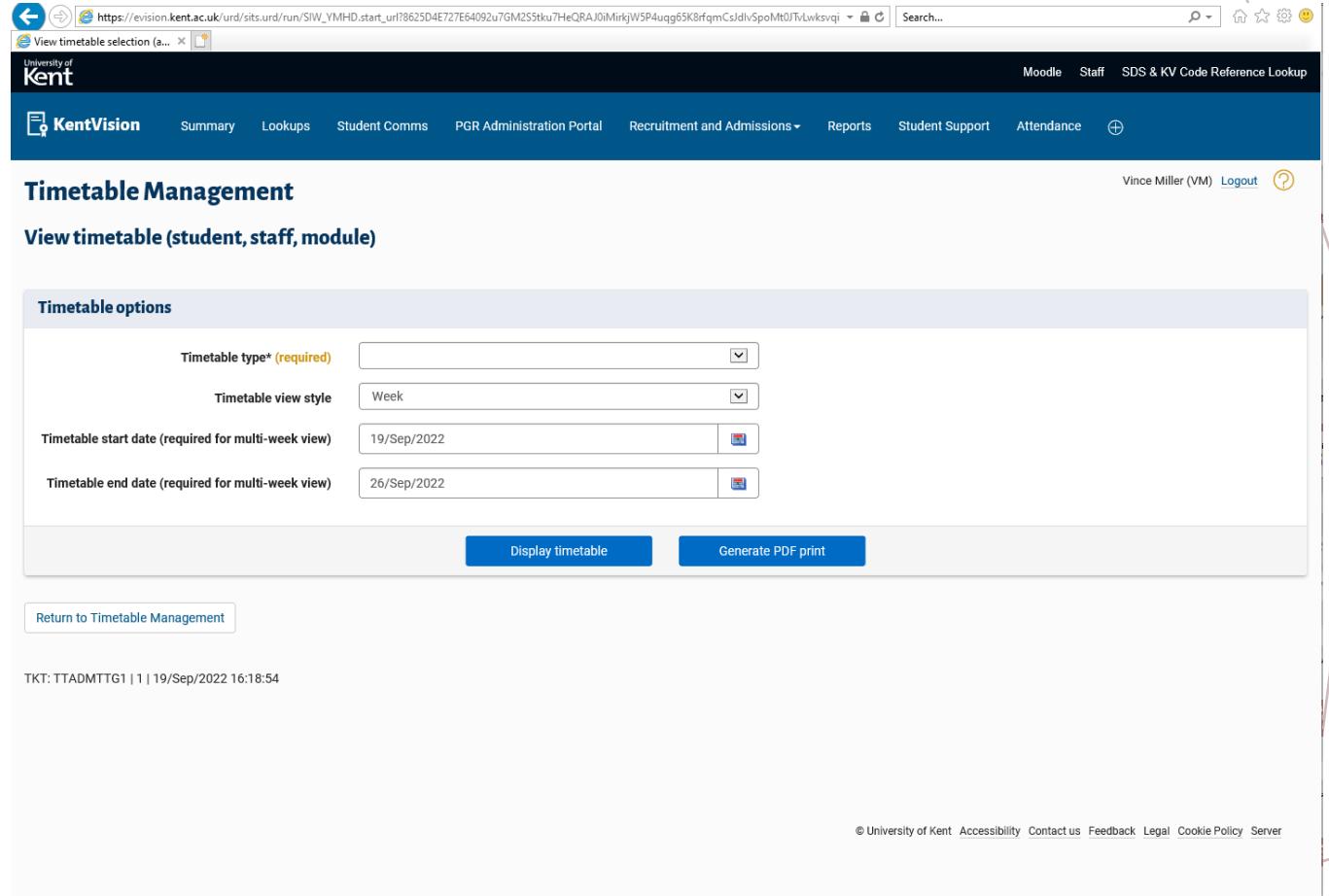
September 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

SOCI3350 SPR: Contemporary Culture and Media (2022/2023)

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The header includes links for Moodle, Staff, SDS & KV Code Reference Lookup, KentVision, Summary, Lookups, Student Comms, PGR Administration Portal, Recruitment and Admissions, Reports, Student Support, Attendance, and a user profile for "Vince Miller (VM) Logout".

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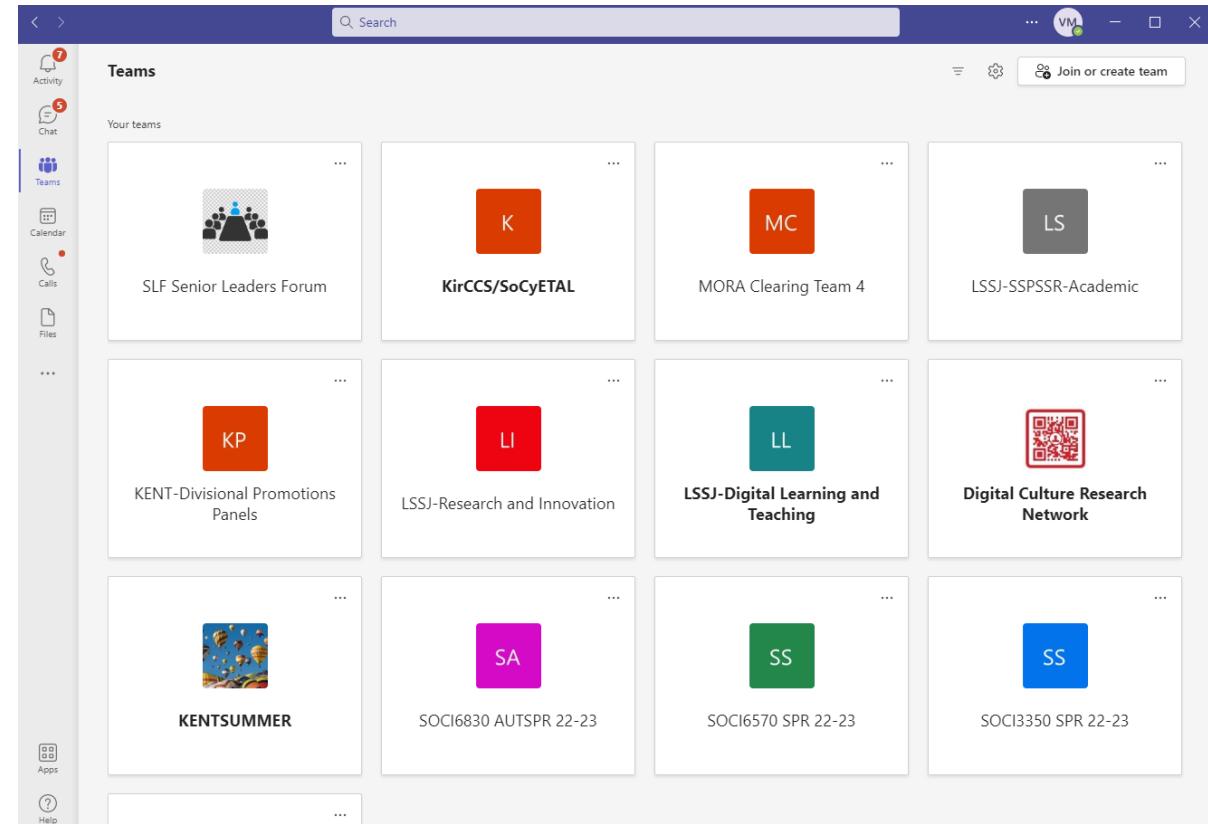
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- Timetable end date (required for multi-week view): A date input field showing "26/Sep/2022".

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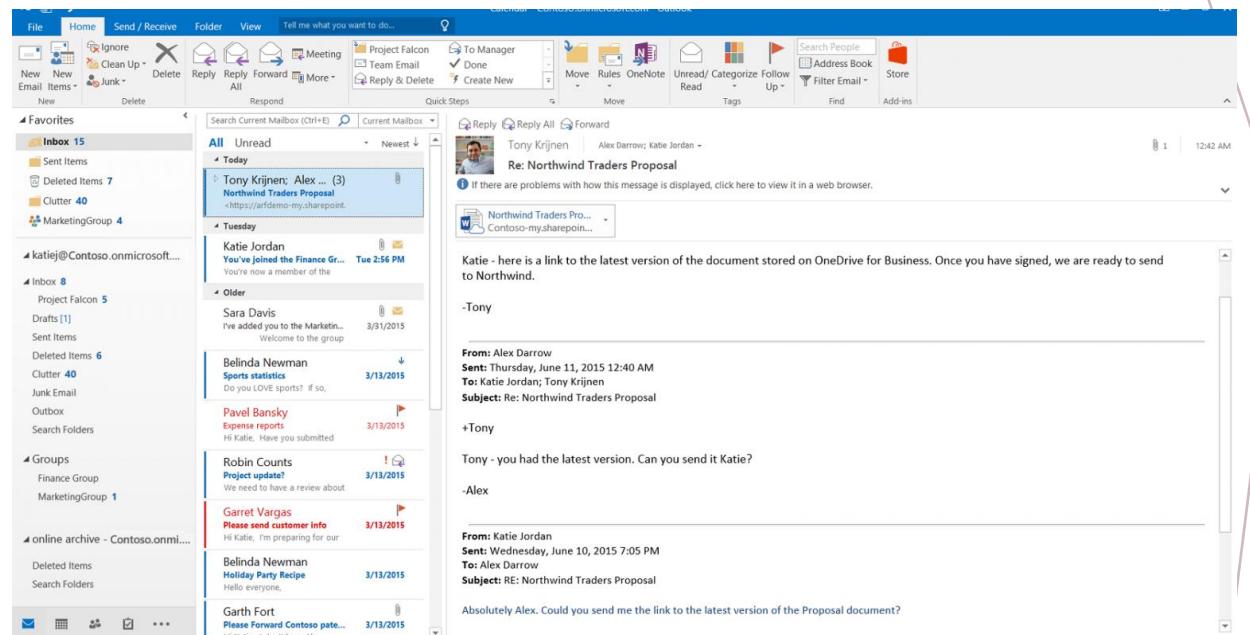
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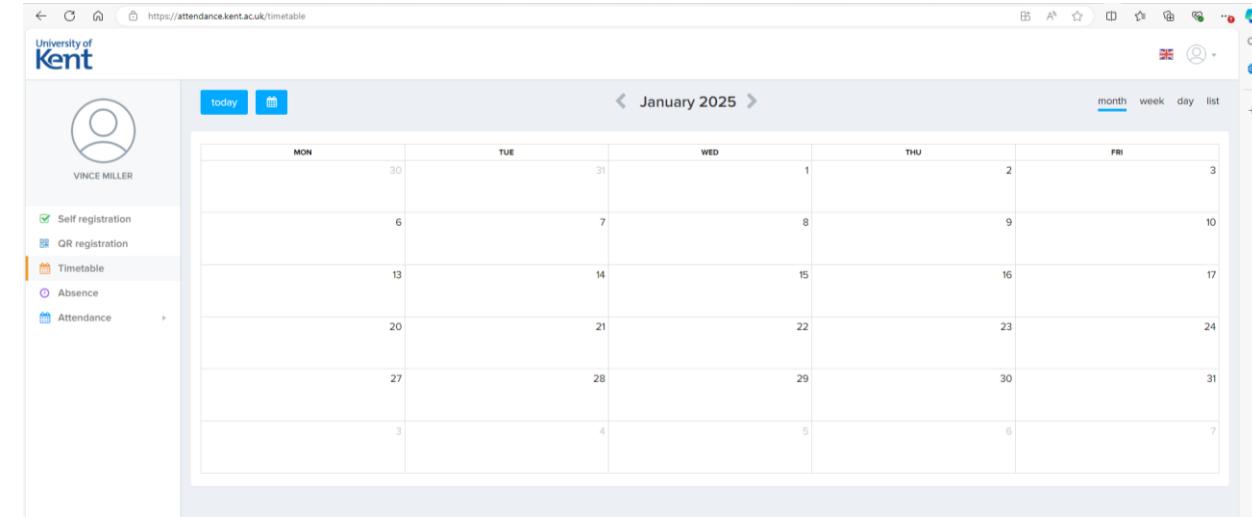
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- **Outlook:** Email, check daily at least!  
Best way to contact staff.



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Best way to contact staff.
- **Presto:** Attendance



PART THREE:  
*WHAT WILL MY  
ASSESSMENTS BE  
LIKE?*



**CRIME SCENE DO NOT**

# *ASSESSMENTS*

These vary from module to module – each has its own pattern, so pay attention to Moodle and in the first week of term

Assessments we use include:

- Seminar Participation
- Coursework
  - Essays
  - Poster Presentations
  - Reflective Writing
- Tests (e.g. Multiple Choice Questions)
- Written Exams



# *WHEN ARE ASSESSMENTS?*

Always within the term in which the course happens

A 'small one' before 6<sup>th</sup> week

The main one due in the 10<sup>th</sup> week

- Day of week may vary



# *ACADEMIC ‘CRIME’: PLAGIARISM!*

Academic integrity is very, very important. *Plagiarism* is essentially passing off someone else's work as your own in your essay.

**\*\*\*Plagiarism is classed as cheating and is taken very seriously at University level\*\*\***

To avoid plagiarising in your work, *make sure* that you:

- Cite all sources, including sources on the internet;
- Cite all sources accurately and fully;
  - So that someone else could fine them!
- Avoid paraphrasing large sections of texts;
  - You're welcome to quote people though
- Access our online guidance (*there's lots of it!*)





PART FOUR:  
*WHO WILL BE  
TEACHING ME?*



# *KENT CRIMINOLOGY'S ACADEMIC STAFF*

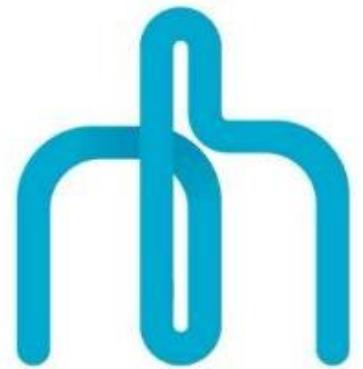
YOUR LECTURERS ARE:

- RESEARCHERS
- EDUCATORS
- GOVERNMENT ADVISORS
- WRITERS
- FORMER POLICE, LAWYERS, CIVIL SERVICE, PSYCHIATRISTS



## *A BROADER COMMUNITY...*

- PHD CANDIDATES
- PRACTITIONERS
- EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS
- OTHER EXPERTS



New Horizon  
Youth Centre

PART FIVE:  
*WHAT AM I  
JOINING?*



University  
of Kent

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- 10 schools

- School of Computing, School of Engineering, Mathematics and Physics, School of Arts and Architecture, School of Psychology, School of Economics and Politics & International Relations, **School of Social Sciences**, Kent Law School, School of Humanities, Kent Business School, School of Natural Sciences

- **School of Social Sciences**

- Contains Criminology, Sociology, Social work
- Philanthropy, CHSS, PSSRU, Centre for Child Protection

- Kent Criminology Community

- Our informal label for all current and former criminology staff and students

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## UK's first 'super-university' to be created as two merge from 2026



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## *BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY*

Attend all sessions on your modules

Establish connections and relationships with your  
coursemates

Get involved in our events for crim students across all  
stages

Follow us on Instagram: [@kent\\_criminology](https://www.instagram.com/kent_criminology)

## SUPPORT FROM YOUR COMMUNITY

University will hopefully be fantastic and rewarding for you, but sometimes it can be challenging as well. You aren't alone – you are part of a shared community

*Don't be afraid to ask for help if you're struggling, or worried about how someone else is coping.*

People you can contact include:

- Your **Academic Adviser**: make sure you attend the meetings and contact them if you have any problems.
- Your **Seminar Tutors**: available to help if you have questions about your modules.

*DO YOU HAVE ANY  
QUESTIONS?*

You can always follow up via email:

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