

Criminology cont.

	Teaching quality %	Student experience %	Research quality %	Entry standards (UCAS points)	Graduate prospects %	Overall score
=50 Westminster	79.8	76.9	31.5	111	63.4	86.4
52 Suffolk	87	82	21.8	106	—	86.3
=53 Salford	81.3	79.1	44.5	117	51	86.2
=53 Birmingham City	83.2	78.9	25.8	116	58.6	86.2
55 Sheffield Hallam	84.5	79.4	26.2	110	58.7	86
56 Edge Hill	82.2	77.9	17.5	127	56.6	85.5
57 South Wales	76.6	70.1	33.5	113	64.2	85.4
=58 Liverpool Hope	84	79.8	21.2	112	57	85.2
=58 Greenwich	76.1	71.8	37	119	58.6	85.2
60 Coventry	86.4	87.1	—	104	64.4	85
61 East London	85.1	75.2	40	93	53.2	84.4
62 Derby	80.4	77	25.5	111	56.7	84.3
63 Leeds Beckett	83.6	83.2	17.8	102	56	83.8
64 Cumbria	86.4	80	8.2	107	—	83.7
65 Roehampton	79.8	70.5	40.2	96	56.9	83.6
66 Goldsmiths, London	70	63.3	48	118	—	83.3
=67 De Montfort	77.4	75.7	43.2	98	52.5	83.2
=67 York St John	86.7	84.7	—	105	56.6	83.2
69 Winchester	77.9	74.2	16.5	107	61.3	82.9
70 Kingston	81.1	80.6	27	102	50.2	82.7
71 Leeds Trinity	85	79.3	—	110	56.2	82.6
72 Solent, Southampton	80.4	76.2	9.5	107	57.2	82
73 Hertfordshire	78.4	76.2	—	99	66.2	81.8
74 Teesside	81.3	70.6	18.2	108	52.7	81.7
75 St Mary's, Twickenham	83	77.6	10.5	99	—	81.6
=76 London South Bank	78.9	74.3	27.8	96	52.8	81.5
=76 Anglia Ruskin	75.4	66.7	35.5	108	51.4	81.5
=76 Oxford Brookes	80.1	78.2	28.2	111	42.9	81.5
79 London Metropolitan	82.6	80.3	—	87	63.5	81.4
80 Chester	85.6	80.8	12.8	119	38.5	81.2
81 Brighton	72.9	65.1	34	105	55.4	81.1
82 Buckinghamshire New	83.9	83.4	12.5	82	—	80.8
83 Gloucestershire	75.6	72.1	—	115	60.3	80.7
84 Bath Spa	79.5	74.5	—	97	58.9	79.9
85 Wolverhampton	81.3	72.5	12.2	93	—	79.6
86 Canterbury Christ Church	78.7	77.2	—	95	56.6	79.3
87 Northampton	82.6	81.3	4.2	97	39.6	77.5
88 Bradford	62.6	59	—	111	51.4	73.5

Employed in high-skilled job	37%	Employed in lower-skilled job	36%
Employed in high-skilled job and studying	4%	Employed in lower-skilled job and studying	2%
Studying	6%	Unemployed	5%
High-skilled work (median) salary	£24,700	Low-/medium-skilled salary	£20,500

Dentistry

The increasing demand for dentistry degrees continued to climb in 2023 when applications were up 18% year on year, to over 23,100. The number of dental school places available is capped by the government, as with medicine, and in 2023 1,505 dentistry students began courses. Career prospects are reliably positive. Dentistry remains the No 1 most lucrative option for graduates, with a median starting salary of £42,000 according to the latest figures. Although graduate outcomes are not as consistently high as for medicine, most graduates (88.4%) from five-year dentistry courses are in a high-skilled job as a dentist or enrolled on postgraduate study within 15 months – which ranks dentistry sixth in our employment index (down three places this year).

Queen's, Belfast retains the lead in our new Dentistry table for the second year running, while Glasgow – which topped it for seven years before – is steady in the runner-up spot again this year. With just 15 undergraduate dental schools across the country, this is one of the smaller and more stable subject rankings and this year's table differs very little from our previous edition, albeit with some reshuffling, such as Bristol moving up to third place from fifth, and Birmingham shifting down from 10th to 14th.

The dental school at Queen's has been delivering dental education in Northern Ireland since 1920. It has the highest average entry grades in the UK (179 UCAS points), sits fourth for research and second for student satisfaction with the broad experience, as well as fourth for teaching quality – both measures derived from our National Student Survey analysis. Dundee and Liverpool each achieve perfect 100% rates of graduate employment in high-skilled jobs and/or further study 15 months after degrees. King's College London is top for research but bottom for student satisfaction with teaching quality, while Manchester students expressed the lowest rates of satisfaction with the wider experience. The table is dominated by older universities, with only Plymouth and Central Lancashire representing the modern university sector.

"With growing evidence linking oral and general health, a sound understanding of biological sciences – in addition to practical skills – is essential to diagnose and manage dental conditions," comments Professor Ewen McColl, head of the Peninsula Dental School, University of Plymouth.

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1 Queen's, Belfast	92.8	88.3	66.2	179	93.4	100
2 Glasgow	95.2	85.7	63.5	—	97.4	97.6
3 Bristol	90.6	82.6	70.9	168	95.5	97.4
4 Dundee	95.4	93.6	60.8	—	100	97.3
5 Newcastle	92.1	86.4	65.8	168	97.3	96.6
6 Cardiff	86.2	71.7	58.8	174	96.2	95.1
7 Sheffield	88.9	75.2	63.7	166	94.8	94.6
8 King's College London	54.5	45.1	76.2	176	94.2	93.6
9 Liverpool	93.3	85.2	63.2	155	100	92.5
10 Queen Mary, London	78.1	64.7	54.8	173	96.8	92.3
= 11 Leeds	79.4	71.8	65	159	95.2	91.3
= 11 Manchester	62	44.5	71.2	168	96.8	91.3
13 Plymouth	91.7	88.2	39.5	170	95.6	91
14 Birmingham	82.1	59.1	55	166	95.7	90.6
15 Central Lancashire	85.1	69.7	35.5	145	97.7	80.9