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One of the features I valued most about the Social Policy programme at the University of Birmingham, was that it offered me a broad and varied programme of study. I particularly enjoyed the modules on criminal justice.

Studying at Birmingham was a fantastic time for me. I was able to combine an active social life with academic work. The support and encouragement from staff really helped, and made for a very enjoyable three years.

Since then, I have completed the [Masters in Social Research](http://postgraduate/courses/taught/socsci/social-research.aspx) and a PhD, both at Birmingham. I have been able to develop my interest in criminal justice, and have focused upon desistance from crime and the role of the Probation Service. I have received great support from staff along the way, and have been given the opportunity to gain substantial teaching experience on a range of modules.

I feel confident that the experiences I have had while studying at Birmingham will stand me in good stead as I begin my academic career as a lecturer, and have fond memories of my time there.