

CRIMINOLOGY

Level 3 Applied Diploma

Why Study This Course?

- You have a genuine interest in understanding a criminal's mind.
- You want to understand the different types of crime.
- You want to gain essential skills and knowledge to progress to a wide variety of higher education courses.
- You want to understand how the Crimes lead to different punishment's.
- You have the willingness to study independently.
- You want to study a dynamic subject which is regularly changing.



Career Progression

Studying Criminology will give you lots of options for your career, especially if you are interested in working with criminals or within the judicial system. This is because it develops a number of valuable transferable skills. Examples of Careers you could do are: Detective/Police, Pathologist, Teacher, Prison Officer, Probation Officer, Researcher, Border Force Officer, Forensic Analyst, Paralegal/Solicitor/Court System, Local Government Officer, Youth and Youth Justice Worker/Social Worker.

What You'll Study

In year 1 you will study 2 units, the changes to crime and criminological theories, Unit 1 - Changing awareness of crime, Unit 2 - Criminological theories, from completing 1 year you will gain a certificate and 50% of the total course.

- Understand how crime reporting affects the public perception of criminality.
- Understand how campaigns are used to elicit change.
- Plan campaigns for change relating to crime.
- Understand social construction of criminality.
- Know theories of criminality.
- Understand the causes of criminality.
- Understand causes of policy change.

If you decide to study the diploma of criminology in year 2, you will gain a deeper knowledge by studying a further 2 units, to gain the other 50% of your grade, Unit 3 - Crime Scene to court room, Unit 4 - Crime & Punishment.

- Understanding the process of criminal investigations.
- Understanding the processes for prosecution of suspects.
- Review criminal cases.
- Understanding the criminal justice system.
- Understanding the role of punishment in a criminal justice system.
- Understand the measures used in social control.



What can you expect in Criminology

- To participate in interactive, interesting and engaging lessons.
- All of the information that is required for the controlled assessment and exams will be provided for you.
- Regular assessments to monitor your progress.
- Lots of support and revision sessions provided by your teachers.
- Criminology is not an 'easy option', however you will achieve a good grade if you work hard, attend all lessons and actively engage with the subject.

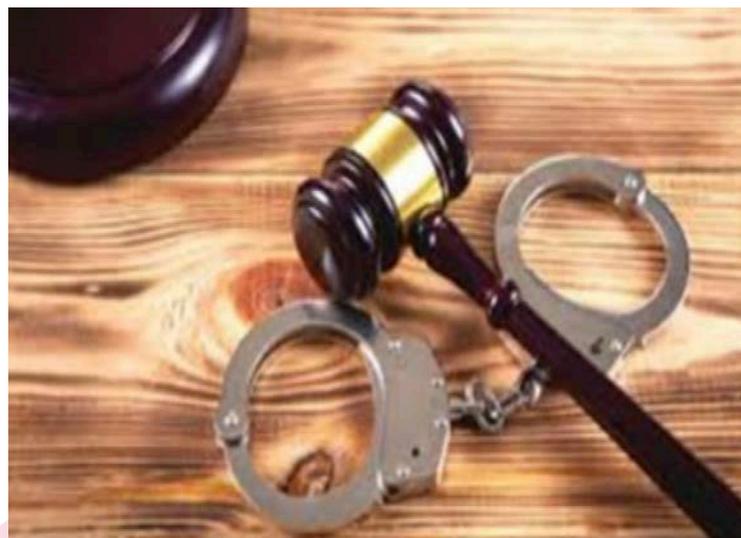
Why I chose Criminology

I chose to study criminology because I thought it would link well with my other subject of law and economics and it has been helpful to understand the justice system from different perspectives. I have enjoyed learning about lots of real-life criminal cases and looked at how people have campaigned and created laws to protect others in the future. You need to work hard passing all 4 units to get a good grade overall. Criminology has allowed me to explore the reasons behind why people commit crimes and the impact on wider communities.

- **Malaika & Raees**

I chose to do this subject because I found it interesting when I did the introduction day. My favourite thing so far has been unit 2 when we did the different theories which helped us learn about what influenced individuals to become a criminal and how they learn these certain behaviours. I also have also really enjoyed the first unit which included consequences of unreported crime and reasons as to why someone may not report a crime as it shows why some crime isn't reported and how a victim may feel. Unit 3 is also interesting as it shows what professionals are involved in crime scenes and the investigation, so it is really interesting to learn about these roles and what may be the good and bad things about them. I also enjoy it as it does take work but isn't unmanageable if you stay on top of the work.

- **Sophie**



If you like this subject you may also like:

Law, Psychology, Sociology, Biology.

Exam Board: WJEC

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