

POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Name of Subject - Criminology

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course?

WJEC Applied Diploma in Criminology.

Why should I study this course? - Criminology is the study of crime from a social perspective: the causes of crime, the social impact of crime and the criminals involved in the crime. Criminologists study criminology in an attempt to better understand what motivates the criminal to act in a criminal manner.

There are 4 units of study for the Applied Diploma in Criminology.

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime: Not all types of crime are alike. What different types of crime take place in our society? What kinds of crime exist about which we know very little, or which are simply not reported to the police and the media?

Unit 2: Criminological Theories: How do we decide what behaviour is criminal? What is the difference between criminal behaviour and deviance? How do we explain why people commit crime? What makes someone a serial killer, or abusive to their own families?

Unit 3: Criminological Theories: What are the roles of personnel involved when a crime is detected? What investigative techniques are available to investigators to help to identify the culprit? Do techniques differ depending on the type of crime being investigated?

Unit 4: Crime and Punishment: Why do most of us tend to obey the law even when to do so if it is against our own interests? What social institutions have we developed to ensure that people do obey laws? What happens to those who violate our legal system? Why do we punish people?

Who is suitable to study this course? - An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology. Criminology is an excellent Level 3 course for progression to University due to the critical analysing skills gained from the qualifications Courses could include; Criminology, Psychology, Sociology, Law, Forensic Science.

What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course? English Language, Maths and Citizenship

What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course? Minimum of five grade 4's at GCSE including English Language and Maths

How is the Course Delivered? - You will be taught for 5 hours per week, led by one member of staff. You will be expected to consolidate learning, complete homework tasks and independent study each week. You will have access to a Criminology Google Classroom where a bank of lesson and revision resources are stored, and where written work and assessments can be submitted.

Subject Overview		
Half Term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	Changing Awareness of Crime	Crime Scene to Courtroom
Autumn 2	Changing Awareness of Crime	Crime Scene to Courtroom
Spring 1	Changing Awareness of Crime	Crime Scene to Courtroom
Spring 2	Criminological Theories	Crime and Punishment
Summer 1	Criminological Theories	Crime and Punishment
Summer 2	Criminological Theories	

How is the Course Assessed?

Unit 1 - Changing Awareness of Crime - Internal coursework assessment

Unit 2 - Criminal Theories - External examination.

Unit 3 - Crime Scene to Courtroom - Internally coursework assessment

Unit 4 - Crime and Punishment - External examination.

What is our Recommended Subject Reading list to Support your Study?

WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate & Diploma Criminology Textbook - Carole Henderson

Criminology books 1&2 - Napier press

