

## POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

**Name of Subject** Criminology

**Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course?**

WJEC/Eduqas

**Why should I study this course?**

Not all types of crime are alike. Are you interested in what different types of crime take place in our society and what kinds of crime exist, about which we know very little? How do we decide what behaviour is criminal? What are the roles of personnel involved when a crime is detected? Want a career in the police force, legal professions or forensic sciences? Perhaps you are interested to know more about the new exciting subject of Criminology?

Either way this is the perfect course for you. Criminology is a course that combines the subjects of Psychology, Sociology, Law, Politics and Forensic Science to form a new discipline of its own.

This is a growing subject nationally and the first Criminology course offered at Level 3. It covers an exciting range of topics, including:

- The Changing Awareness of Crime
- Criminological Theories
- Crime Scene to Courtroom
- Crime and Punishment.

The qualification allows learners to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within some aspects of the Criminal Justice System, Law or police force eg. the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service.

**Who is suitable to study this course?**

Criminology works well with Law, Sociology, Applied Science, Psychology, History and Public Services.

This course leads to university courses in Criminology, Policing, Political Science, Sociology, Law as well as giving the skills for many other subjects. Career progression into the police force, CSI units, forensic sciences and the legal profession.

**What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course?** To be accepted onto the Criminology course you are required to have at least 5 GCSEs at level 4 and above; this needs to include English and Maths.

**How is the Course Delivered?**

You will have 5 hours of lessons per week. You will be expected to consolidate learning and complete homework tasks for a further 5 hours of 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. Students do controlled assessment units while based in a computer room, where they will independently investigate topic areas and practice skills to complete an eight hour controlled assessment. The exam units are taught in a traditional classroom setting.

<b>Subject Overview</b>		
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Year 12</b>	<b>Year 13</b>
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Unit 1 Changing Awareness of Crime (Controlled Assessment)	Unit 3 From Crime Scene to Courtroom (Controlled Assessment)
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Unit 1 Changing Awareness of Crime (Controlled Assessment)	Unit 3 From Crime Scene to Courtroom (Controlled Assessment)
<b>Spring 1</b>	Unit 2 Criminological Theories (External Exam)	Unit 4 Crime and Punishment (External Exam)
<b>Spring 2</b>	Unit 2 Criminological Theories (External Exam)	Unit 4 Crime and Punishment (External Exam)
<b>Summer 1</b>	Unit 2 Criminological Theories (External Exam)	Unit 4 Crime and Punishment (External Exam)
<b>Summer 2</b>	Unit 3 From Crime Scene to Courtroom Introduction Resubmission Work	

**How is the Course Assessed?**

Year One

50% exam, 50% controlled assessment

- Changing Awareness of Crime – Controlled Assessment
- Criminological Theories – Examined

At this stage students can leave with the Level 3 Applied Certificate in Criminology (if requested in advance)

Year Two

50% exam, 50% controlled assessment

- Crime Scene to Courtroom – Controlled Assessment
- Crime and Punishment - Examined

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

*Napier Press Criminology – Criminology Students*

