

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

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Why choose Criminology?

This qualification looks at the types of crime that take place within our society. How do we decide which behaviour is criminal? How do we explain why some people commit crime and how can we use different theories of criminality to explain this behaviour? You will study real life cases in order to gain an understanding of the criminal justice system from the crime scene all the way to the courtroom and look at how social control is achieved within our society.

Criminology is an Applied General qualification primarily designed to support learners progressing to university; however, much of the course is vocationally relevant, offering opportunities to learn from practical activities and the expertise of professionals currently working in criminology. If you are fascinated by the workings of crime and punishment, this course could be for you!

Examination Board
WJEC

Assessment

Combination of internal and external assessments that take place in Year 12 and Year 13.

What you will study?

In Year 12, students learn about the different types of crime that take place in society and why particular crimes do not get reported. Students also explore a range of criminological theories that will give them a sharper insight into why people commit crime and whether these theories are relevant to all types of crime.

In Year 13, students explore the different stages of a criminal investigation from the initial crime scene to determining the fate of a suspect on trial. Students will also gain skills to review criminal cases to determine whether a verdict is safe and just. Additionally, students will review current forms of punishments and consider how effective these are in reducing recidivism rates.

Future Pathways

Criminology can open the door to an array of career paths that require understanding of the criminal justice sector. These may include careers in the police force or in police support roles, the field of forensic psychology, social and probation work or the prison services.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Course related visits and trips – The Royal Courts of Justice and The Old Bailey Court House
Guest speakers from the World of Crime – Ex homicide detectives
Crime Scene to Courtroom Workshop