

Level 3

Applied Criminology



“So what is it?”

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 a challenging subject, requiring commitment and hard work. Ultimately though, the hard work is rewarded with a deeper understanding of people and society, and perhaps even yourself!

What will I study?

Unit 1 - Changing Awareness of Crime: The focus of the unit is on unreported crime and the consequences of such crimes. The unit will also introduce media representation of crime and how campaigns for change can raise awareness of unreported crimes in society. You will apply your knowledge and understanding of the specification to the scenario presented by the unseen assignment brief when the controlled assessment begins.

Unit 2 - Criminological Theories: This unit focuses on why people commit crime and includes a study of a range of theories of criminality. You may also draw on what is learnt in Unit 1 to support your answers.

Unit 3 - Crime Scene to Courtroom: The focus of Unit 3 is the Criminal Justice System from the identification of the crime through to the verdict. This unit will allow you to gain the understanding and skills to be able to examine the validity of verdicts given in criminal cases.

Unit 4 - Crime and Punishment: In this unit you will apply understanding of theories and processes of bringing the accused to court and evaluate the effectiveness of social control. You may draw on information learnt in Units 1, 2 and 3 to support your answers.

Possible career options

Studying Criminology at university can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including:

- Criminology
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Forensics
- Politics
- Law



Assessment

Year 12

Unit 1 - Changing Awareness of Crime - 8 hour controlled assessment

Unit 2 - Criminological Theories - externally assessed 90 minute examination

Year 13

Unit 3 - Crime Scene to Courtroom - 8 hour controlled assessment

Unit 4 - Crime and Punishment - externally assessed 90 minute examination

Entry requirements

You will need to have **4 GCSE's at grade 4-9 and a grade 4 in English GCSE** to gain entrance to the course. Please talk to staff for more information:

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