



Level 3 Criminology

Discover the Truth Behind Crime and Justice

Equivalent in size to one A Level

Criminology is a fascinating subject that combines ideas from psychology, sociology and law to help students understand crime, criminal behaviour and the criminal justice system. Designed primarily as a pathway to higher education, the qualification develops students' analytical, research and evaluation skills through the study of real-life issues and case studies.

What will I study?

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime

Students explore: Different types of crime, why some crimes go unreported, media representations of crime, how public perceptions of crime are shaped and campaigns designed to raise awareness and bring about change

Unit 2: Criminological Theories

Students investigate: Why people commit crime, Biological, psychological and sociological explanations of criminal behaviour, Criminality and deviance and how criminological theories influence government policy

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom

Students learn about: Criminal investigations, investigative techniques and evidence, the role of the police, CPS and courts, how verdicts are reached and reviewing whether criminal cases have resulted in safe and just outcomes

Unit 4: Crime and Punishment

Students explore: The criminal justice system in England and Wales, social control and punishment, rehabilitation and deterrence, police, prisons, probation and other agencies and how effective the justice system is at reducing crime and protecting society

How is the course assessed?

- Units 1 and 3: Internal controlled assessment
- Units 2 and 4: External examinations

Students must complete and pass all four units to achieve the qualification.

Skills You Will Develop

- ✓ Research and investigation ✓ Critical thinking
- ✓ Analysis of evidence ✓ Evaluation and judgement
- ✓ Written communication ✓ Independent learning and problem solving
- ✓ Presenting well-supported arguments

These are highly valued by universities and employers across a wide range of sectors.

Future Pathways

This qualification is designed to support progression to degree courses such as: Criminology, Criminology with Criminals Justice, Psychology, Sociology or Law, Psychology and Sociology

Career Opportunities

Criminology provides an excellent foundation for future careers in: Policing, Probation Services, Courts and Tribunals, Legal Services, Social Work, Youth Justice, Criminal Justice and Rehabilitation Services and Public Services and Government Agencies

Is This Course Right for Me?

You will enjoy Criminology if you are interested in: Crime and justice, Current affairs and social issues, Psychology and human behaviour, Debate and discussion, investigating evidence and understanding how society responds to crime

Criminology challenges students to think critically about some of the most important questions facing society today while developing skills that prepare them for university and a wide range of future careers.