

CRIMINOLOGY

This qualification is equivalent in size to 1 A level and it has been designed as one third of a typical study programme, normally alongside A-levels or other applied general qualifications at level 3.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The Criminology course is made up of four mandatory units. Changing Awareness of Crime, learners develop an understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. Knowing about the wide range of different crimes and the reasons people have for not reported such crimes provides an understanding of the complexity of behaviours and the social implications of such crimes and criminality.

Criminological Theories enables learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crime. Learners explore the difference between criminal behaviour and deviance and the theories behind why people commit crime.

Crime Scene to Courtroom provides learners with an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. They develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases.

Crime and Punishment, learners apply their understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

WHAT NEXT?

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, including police officers, probation and prison officers, and social workers. With their critical thinking, analytical and communication skills, criminology graduates are also attractive to employers outside the criminal justice sector in areas such as social research and politics.

ASSESSMENT

Exam (50%) Coursework (50%)

DURATION

2 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements to include grade 4 GCSE English and grade 4 Maths.

EXAM BOARD

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