

Criminology is the study of the law enforcement and criminal justice system. We look at crime trends and how acts become classed as criminal.



Are you interested in:

- why crimes are committed
- frequency of crimes
- location of crimes
- causes of crimes
- types of crimes
- social and individual consequences of crimes
- social reactions to crime
- individual reactions to crime
- governmental reactions to crime

Leading to a career in:

- Forensic technician
- Social work
- Local/Central Government
- Law/Personnel

Teacher to contact:

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Exam Board: WJEC

Level 3 Diploma

You will study the following 4 units:

Unit 1: Changing awareness of crime

In this unit you will learn about different types of crimes which take place in our society and which ones are likely to be reported to the police.

Knife Control is a 'Scapegoat'



For London's Real Problems

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom

This unit focuses on the process of a crime becoming a punishable offense. This unit will look at the moment a crime has been committed to reaching a verdict. You will study all the decisions made along the way which shows how crime is socially constructed.

Unit 4: Crime and punishment

In this unit you will study who is likely to get punished, which punishment will be used and why. This unit will also look at the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.



Unit 2: Criminological Theories

In this unit you will learn about how crime is analysed and interpreted in different ways, depending upon culture and time. You will look at why certain individuals are more likely to commit crime than others.

Assessment

- Unit 1: Controlled assessment (25%)
- Unit 2: External exam (90 mins) (25%)
- Unit 3: Controlled assessment (25%)
- Unit 4: External exam (90 mins) (25%)



Course Plan:

Year 12

Jan Unit 1 Controlled assessment
May Unit 2 exam

Year 13

Nov Unit 3 Controlled assessment
May Unit 4 exam

What is a controlled assessment?

- 8 hours - spread over 2/3 days
- Supervised work
- Given a scenario brief
- Tasks based on the brief
- Can take in your own notes



Beyond Sixth Form:



University:

- Can lead to degrees in Criminology and combined honours subjects
- Other fields such as sociology and psychology

Careers:

- Probation
- Police and prison services
- Legal profession
- Social work



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