



SUBJECT: Level 3 Criminology

YEAR: 12 or 13

HEAD OF DOMAIN: Mr Mitchell

EXAM BOARD: Eduqas

SPECIFICATION:

<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/yzqlsmq4/wjec-applied-diploma-in-criminology-spec-e-22-06-22-2.pdf>

CURRICULUM CONTENT

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With vast under investment in public services and the growing nature of globalisation within the UK, criminology offers students a unique and varied collection of social science disciplines (psychology, sociology, law, and politics) together to analyse and understand criminal behaviour. Criminology is a growing area of interest among academic researchers as well as a growing concern for society. The aim of criminology is to offer students an introduction to the criminal justice system and offer a variety of explanations for why people commit crime and the way we as a country can control and mitigate the negative impact of this on society. Criminology aims to make well rounded and informed citizens, with an ability to critique and analyse decisions made by others in an attempt to hold people to account. Criminology is taught in the context of cases within the legal profession as well as applying content to current events both nationally and internationally. Criminology allows its students to develop a wide range of skills and routes beyond A-level.

Curriculum CONTENT:

Year 1 (Certificate)

This is issued at the end of year 1 with successful completion of both units. This is the equivalent of half an A-Level.

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime (Internal Controlled Assessment)

Learners will explore the different types of crimes and assess them by Offence, Victim, Offender and Public Awareness. Learners will look at the reasons for crime such as personal and social culture and explore the influence of different media platforms and their role in reporting and representing criminal actions. Learners will explore a range of campaigns that have been designed to raise public awareness and influence change. Students will be required to put these campaigns into the context of crime and will need to create their own campaign to change opinion and influence change.

Unit 2: Criminological Theory (External Exam)

Learners will be required to explore the social construction of crime, linking learning back to unit 1. Learners will explore Biological explanations of criminality and the consequences of these theories with regard to free will. Learners will further analyse the impact of individualistic and sociological theories of crime and explore the effectiveness of these different approaches to explain criminality.

Year 2 (Diploma)

This is the second year of the course which tops up students' understanding to the equivalent of a full A-level.

Unit 3: Crime scene to courtroom (Internal Controlled Assessment)

In this unit learners will explore the full criminal process from the crime scene investigation; looking at the different techniques of investigating crimes such as personal influences, techniques and further criminal investigations. Learners will explore the different types of evidence and the rights that individuals have through varying forms of legislation. Learners will explore ways of evaluating evidence, using terms such as reliability, bias and validity in order to formulate conclusions and understand the process of the Jury.

Unit 4: Crime and Punishment (External Exam)

In this Unit, learners will explore the processes of making legislation and the different branches of the criminal justice system. Learners will explore the different models of criminal systems and assess the role of punishment within the justice system.



Learners will need to explain forms of social control and the principles of rehabilitation and retribution. Finally, Learners will look at the contributions made by external agencies, and the strengths and weaknesses of these agencies.

ASSESSMENT

How will my child's work be assessed?

Year 1:

Controlled Assessment- completed under controlled conditions and completion of a set of tasks. Students will have access to a folder of work for this to be completed. (8 hours split across 2 days)

Exam completed in the summer term. (1 hour 30 minutes)

Year 2:

Controlled Assessment- completed under controlled conditions and completion of a set of tasks. Students will have access to a folder of work for this to be completed. (8 hours split across a week)

Exam completed in the summer term. (1 hour 30 minutes)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This subject works well in combination with other subjects such as:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Applied Science
- Philosophy and ethics.
- Health and Social Care