

WJEC APPLIED CRIMINOLOGY LEVEL 3



TRINITY SIXTH FORM
@ MIDDLESBROUGH

Criminology is the study of why crime occurs. In this A Level equivalent, you will study a range of theories of why individuals commit crimes, as well as how society manages crime. Criminology is an interdisciplinary subject which means that it draws on psychological, sociological and biological theories as well as looking at how crime is dealt with by law and by governments. As crime is something which impacts on all of our lives, from the risk of violent crime through to tax evasion impacting our public services, this course is hugely engaging, and has real life relevance. The Criminology course answers many key questions we all have around crime - Do you want to know why people become criminals? What is legal and what isn't? What happens if you commit crime and get caught? How does the criminal justice system work? If you want to know the answers, Criminology could be the course for you.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 12 Content

- Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime (Coursework) - all types of crime and planning a campaign to raise awareness of unreported crime.
- Unit 2: Criminology Theories (Exam) - why people commit crime and how crime and punishment has changed over time.

Year 13 Content

- Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom (Coursework) - how a criminal case proceeds from the identification of a crime, all the way to verdict.
- Unit 4: Crime & Punishment (Exam) - how the criminal justice system works and how successful it is.

ASSESSMENT

Two exams and two pieces of coursework:

- Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime – 8 hours – Controlled Assessment – 25% of the marks.
- Unit 2 – Criminology Theories – 1 hour 30 minutes - Written Examination - 25% of the marks.
- Unit 3 – Crime Scene to Courtroom - 8 hours – Controlled Assessment – 25% of the marks.
- Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment - 1 hour 30 minutes - Written Examination - 25% of the marks

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

There is a wide variety of subjects that combine well with Criminology due to its wide ranging skills requirements. These include but are not limited to A Level Sociology, Psychology, Law, Religious Studies and BTEC Health & Social Care.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English & Maths.

PROGRESSION

Many students go on to higher education to study for a degree in Criminology, Psychology, Forensic Science, Politics and other linked subjects related to the study of modern media.

FUTURES

The careers that are open to students studying Criminology include Social Work, Probation Service, Nursing, Marketing, Journalism, Politics, Law, Policing, Security and Teaching. The attributes that you develop on the course, such as data analysis, critical thinking and advanced communication skills, are all tools that many of the growing labour markets desire, both in the UK and around the world.



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