

Criminology

Qualification: Level 3 Applied Certificate/Diploma in Criminology

Additional Entry Information:

Speak to **Mrs R Browning** for more information.

What do students need to know or be able to do before taking the course?

The course requires no prior knowledge, although a keen interest in the subject is desirable and it would be worthwhile students researching the subject before opting for it, in order to obtain a clearer picture of what to expect.

What will students learn on this course (skills and course content)?

You will study different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. You will also gain an understanding of why people commit crime. You will also learn about the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. You will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases. Finally, criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court will be explored, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

What sort of student is this course suitable for?

This course is suitable for students who have a keen interest in crime, law, psychology and sociology. Students need to be motivated to extend their reading around the subject to gain greater insight. Students will be required to do extended writing and will be required to use their ICT skills to design their own campaign, so a preference and an aptitude for these skill areas is key.

What kind of work will students need to be able to do outside of lessons?

Collecting research and paying close attention to various media types and how they report on crime. Reading around the area of various explanations in order to explain criminality. Researching specific examples of criminal behaviour and campaigns for change that can be discussed within lessons.

What is the course content and how is this assessed?

Qualification	Unit	Assessment	% of Certificate	% of Diploma
Year 12 – Certificate	Unit 1 Changing awareness of crime	8-hour internal controlled assessment	50	25
	Unit 2 Criminological Theories	1hr 30 min exam	50	25

Year 13 - Diploma	Unit 3 – Crime Scene to Court Room	8 hour internal controlled assessment		25
	Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment	1hr 30min exam		25

What could students go on to do at the end of this course?

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology.