

Criminology

BTEC Level 3 (WJEC)

Not all types of crime are alike. What different types of crime take place in our society? How do we decide what behaviour is criminal? What is the difference between criminal behaviour and deviance? How do we explain why people commit crime? What happens to those who commit a crime? Why and how do we punish people? What organisations do we have in our society to control criminality?

Entry Requirements

- **Minimum Standard:** Five or more grades at 4+ in GCSE or equivalent, including English and Maths.
- **Additional Criteria:** Minimum standard with a 5+ in English (Lang or Lit).

What will you learn?

Changing Awareness of Crime develops your understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. You will explore the reasons people have for not reporting crimes and develop an understanding of the complexity of behaviours and the social implications of crime and criminality.

Criminological Theories enables you to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what you have learned in Unit 1. You will explore the difference between criminal behaviour and deviance and the theories behind why people commit crime.

How will you learn?

You will explore crime and criminal behaviour through real-life case studies, research and practical activities, developing your analytical, investigative and critical thinking skills across four units:

- Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime: Explore types of crime, media influences and awareness campaigns.
- Unit 2 – Criminological Theories: Examine why people commit crimes.
- Unit 3 – Crime Scene to Courtroom: Investigate evidence gathering and court proceedings.
- Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment: Explore sentencing, punishment and criminal justice policies. able research, analytical, investigative and critical thinking skills.

How will you be assessed?

50%

Internal Assessment

Controlled assessments completed in
Year 1: Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime (25%)
Year 2: Unit 3 – Crime Scene to Courtroom (25%)

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External Assessment

Written examinations completed in
Year 1: Unit 2 – Criminological Theories (25%)
Year 2: Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment (25%)

Where will it take you?

The qualification supports progression to higher education courses including Criminology, Criminology and Sociology, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Criminology and Psychology, Law with Criminology and related subjects. An understanding of Criminology is relevant to many roles within the criminal justice sector, including police officers, probation and prison officers, and social workers. The critical thinking, analytical and communication skills developed are also attractive to employers outside the criminal justice sector in areas such as social research and politics.

Who should you talk to?

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