Criminology



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Course: WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

Entry Requirements - 5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 Inc. English and Maths required.

<u>Course Content</u> – Criminology is the study of criminal behaviour and how it can be managed, controlled and prevented. On this course, you'll learn about all aspects of crime from a social perspective: the causes of crime, its social impact and take a look into the criminals that are committing these acts.

Unit 1: Changing awareness of crime 25% (Internally assessed: controlled assessment) Why do crimes go unreported? How does the media alter our perceptions of crimes? Public awareness of crime.

Unit 2: Criminological theories 25% (Externally assessed) What 'makes' a criminal? Is it biology, individual or social factors? Causes of policy changes on crime.

Unit 3: Crime scene to court room 25% (Internally Assessed: controlled assessment) The role of the police and the courts in the criminal justice system. Miscarriages of justice. How is evidence examined?

Unit 4: Crime and punishment 25% (Externally Assessed) How are laws created in the UK? What is the aim of punishment? Analysis of different forms of social control.

<u>Career Progression</u> - The course offers a good basis for a varied range of courses and careers and is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work, as well as Sociology and Psychology.

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