

LEVEL 3 APPLIED DIPLOMA CRIMINOLOGY

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

The entry requirements for this course are 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths and English Language.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

This course is ideal for learners who have an interest in crime and the criminal justice system. It is designed to support those who are wishing to progress onto higher education degree courses in Criminology, Law, and Psychology. If you choose this course, you will gain the desired knowledge and skills that will allow you to consider different careers within the criminal justice system.

WHERE WILL THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Those who study Level 3 Criminology typically go on to study Law, Criminology or Psychology at degree level before pursuing a career in the criminal justice system. This may include working in prisons, as part of youth offending teams, or even working for the Courts and Tribunal Service.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Year 1

In year 1 you will study two units. Unit 1 is internally assessed through coursework, and Unit 2 is an exam based unit.

Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime

This unit will allow you to explore different types of crime and look at the media reporting of them. You will answer key questions, such as why are some crimes unreported? You will also look at effective campaigns for change in relation to crime.

Unit 2 – Criminological Theories

This unit will explore the different theories of criminality. You will begin to understand why people commit crimes, including the biological and social influences on criminality.

Year 2

In year 2 you will study a further two units. Unit 3 is

internally assessed through coursework, and Unit 4 is an exam based assessment.

Unit 3 – Crime Scene to Courtroom

In this unit you will gain an understanding of the criminal justice system. You will examine the procedures used in court cases and assess the validity of verdicts. You will answer key questions, such as how reliable is eyewitness testimony? Why are people wrongly convicted of crimes?

Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment

This unit aims to evaluate the effectiveness of social control. You will look at the methods used to maintain order in society. Together, we will explore the aims of punishment and how effective different methods of punishment are in meeting those aims.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Unit 1 and Unit 3 will each require completion of an 8 hour controlled assessment task at the end of the unit. This will be internally assessed and externally moderated.

Unit 2 and Unit 4 each have a 1 hour 30 minute exam.



FURTHER INFORMATION

See Mrs Grimshaw