

CRIMINOLOGY LEVEL 3

COURSE GUIDE

What different types of crime take place in our society?

How do we explain why people commit

What happens to those who commit a crime?

How do we decide what behavior is criminal?



What organisations do we have in our society to control criminality?

Why and how do we punish people?

What is the difference between criminal behaviour and deviance?

Tadcaster Grammar School
Social Science Department

Criminology

Level 3

Exam Board: EDUQAS

Full course specification:

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COMMUNITY YOUTH SOLICITOR
DETECTIVE SOCIAL WORKER POLICE
PARALEGAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER
CHARITY RESEARCHER PROBATION
SOLICITOR DATA SCIENTIST

What is Criminology?

Criminology is an exciting subject which will allow you to understand crime and deviance in detail. You will focus on the impact that crime and criminal behaviour has on societies and explore how criminal behaviour can be explained.

Questions such as 'why do people commit crime?', 'how should we punish offenders?' and 'what is the role of the criminal justice system?' will be addressed throughout the two year course.

What will I study?

Unit 1: Changing awareness of crime

Knowing about the wide range of different crimes and the reasons people have for not reporting such crimes, will provide an understanding of the complexity of behaviours and the social implications of such crimes and criminality.



Unit 2: Criminological theories

Knowing about the different types of crime and the criminological approaches to theory will give you a sharper insight into the kind of thinking used by experts and politicians to explain crime and criminality. Public law makers are informed by theory and apply these theories to their own solutions to the problem of crime.



Unit 3: Crime scene to courtroom

The criminal trial process involves many different people and agencies. Learning about the roles of these will give you a clearer insight into what happens once a crime is detected and the process that leads to either a guilty or non-guilty verdict. There are strict rules as to how evidence is collected from a crime scene and also strict rules governing the giving of evidence in court. Learning about these rules will allow you to review the trial process and assess whether the aims of the criminal justice system have been met.



Unit 4: Crime scene and punishment

Most people in our society are law-abiding and unwilling to break laws. Law-breaking is frequently of the



petty variety, so serious crime and repeat offending is often restricted to a few people who cannot or will not abide by the rules that most of us consider to be so important. Society has had to develop a complex system of mechanisms, processes and organisations to ensure that people do not break the law. If they do commit crime, society needs to be protected from their behaviour. These social institutions each have different mechanisms, ideologies and policies. You will learn something of their variety, how they work and their effectiveness in preventing and protecting us from criminality.

How will studying Criminology benefit me?

Studying Criminology will develop your understanding of the different aspects of crime, victimisation and responses to crime and deviance. You will develop your essay writing, time management and organisational skills throughout the course. BTEC Level 3 Criminology carries the same UCAS points as A Level.

What are the entry requirements for this course?

Standard sixth form entry

How will I be assessed?

The course includes a combination of external exams and controlled assessments (internally assessed).

Where does this course lead?

There are many progression routes for which a qualification in Criminology would be useful due to the skills you will develop. An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology. Studying Criminology gives you the opportunity to pursue a general or a more specialised Criminology degree at university or even enter the job market directly and train with an employer such as HMPS. Throughout the course you will develop life-long learning skills.



Specific career paths include: Police Officer, Prison Officer, Probation Officer, Social Worker, Youth Worker and many more.

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Should you, or your son or daughter wish to discuss further anything about Criminology, please do not hesitate to talk to me at school. Alternately, my email address is: k.mitchell@tgs.starmat.uk