

Applied Criminology

Criminology is the scientific study of crime, including its causes, responses by law enforcement, and methods of prevention.

Criminology will help students to gain an understanding of why people commit crime and the theories behind it.

You will study a range of topics:

- How crime reporting affects the public perception of criminality
- Campaigns for change relating to crime
- Theories and causes of criminality
- The process of criminal investigations and the prosecution of suspects
- Review criminal cases
- Understand the criminal justice system in England & Wales
- The role of punishment

Assessment

Units 1 and 3 are assessed by a controlled assessment.

Units 2 and 4 are assessed by a 90-minute written exam.

Unit	Unit Title	Assessment
1	Changing Awareness of Crime	Internal
2	Criminological Theories	External
3	Crime Scene to Courtroom	Internal
4	Crime and Punishment	External

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at including English and maths at grade 5 or above.

Unit 1

Includes topics such as different types of crime, why crime is unreported, media representations of crime, how information is gathered about crime, and planning a campaign to change the law.

Unit 2

Are criminals born evil? Are psychological causes to blame such as being separated from your mother in your early years? Can sociology shed any light on criminal behaviour? Has the criminal justice system become too soft?

Unit 3

How is evidence processed? What are the rights of a suspect during a criminal trial? What is the purpose of the Crown Prosecution Service? Why do miscarriages of justice occur?

Unit 4

How are laws made? What are the aims of punishment? Who are the agencies of 'social control'? Does 'prison work'? Why do we abide by the law?

College trips to Kirklevington open prison and Crown Court.

