

CRIMINOLOGY-LEVEL 3



EXAM BOARD: WJEC COURSE DURATION: 1 YEAR-LEVEL 3
APPLIED CERTIFICATE. 2 YEAR LEVEL 3 APPLIED DIPLOMA

Crime is always in the public eye and has emerged as a social phenomenon inseparable from our day to day lives. Studying Criminology will allow you to understand the culture of crime and workings of the criminal justice system including the police, courts, prosecution services, prisons and rehabilitation services.

Criminology is about crime and punishment. It is an exciting interdisciplinary subject that draws on law, psychology and sociology to examine how crime is defined, why people commit crimes, and how society responds.

COURSE CONTENT INCLUDES

- Unit 1 Changing awareness of crime
- Unit 2 Criminological theories
- Unit 3 Crime scene to courtroom
- Unit 4 Crime and punishment

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is by controlled assessment (Units 1 and 3) and external examination (Units 2 and 4).

There are a number of opportunities for students to extend their understanding of Criminology. Outside speakers visit Durham Sixth Form Centre and include probation officers, a prison governor, police officers, magistrates and representatives from local universities.

Students can visit Durham Magistrates Court or Newcastle Combined Law Courts and sit in on trials. In addition, students may have the opportunity to visit Durham prison, local universities and specialised courses to provide a detailed understanding of the criminal justice system.

CAREERS/HE INFORMATION

Studying Criminology at Level 3 will enable students to develop outstanding oral and written communication skills, vital to all future careers. It will give students the ability to solve problems, provide skills of project-based research, development and presentation. Additionally, what students learn may stimulate interest for a possible career and widen their prospects in terms of higher education alongside the skills required for all employers.