



Students at a Criminology Conference

Entry Requirements

Standard Advanced Level entry requirements.

What can I do once I've finished this course?

The Level 3 Diploma in Criminology would benefit students looking to go straight into work when they leave College. It could lead to work with employers such as the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service, or the National Offender Management Service. For students wanting to progress into higher education, it is equivalent to an A level in terms of UCAS points.

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Criminology



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Level 3 Diploma in Criminology

Criminology is the study of criminality, representation of crime in the media, reasons for criminality and the structure of our criminal justice system including prisons and the courts. Lessons will be varied as per any A Level subject. You will be required to undertake independent research during lesson time and to present your findings to the class. PowerPoints, videos and case studies will often form the basis of stimulus material to illustrate key concepts. There will be a lot of reading and note-taking as well as class discussion.

The course could be studied alongside other Level 3 qualifications. However, as there is overlap between the material covered in Criminology and the material covered in Sociology, Psychology and Law, it is advised that a maximum of one of these three subjects is studied alongside.

How does the qualification provide employability skills?

Employability skills are in the following three main categories:

- cognitive and problem-solving skills: using critical thinking, approaching non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, using systems and technology
- interpersonal skills: communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation
- intrapersonal skills: self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.

How does the qualification provide transferable skills that universities value?

- the ability to learn independently
- the ability to research actively and methodically
- the ability to give presentations and be active group members.
- Students can also benefit from opportunities for deep learning where they are able to make connections among units and select areas of interest for detailed study.
- The course provides a vocational context in which students can develop the knowledge and skills required for degree courses

How am I graded and assessed?

There is no coursework: this course is 100% exam and controlled assessment.

Units 1 and 3 will be assessed through computer-based exams lasting 8 hours in total for each unit. Units 2 and 4 will be assessed through written examinations lasting 1½ hours for each unit. The controlled assessment and external exam marks are added together to give you your overall grade, eg. A- U



What units will I study?

There are four units that make up the Level 3 Diploma.

- Unit 1 – **Changing Awareness of Crime:** You will develop an understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes go unreported.
- Unit 2 – **Criminological Theories:** You will gain an understanding of theories behind why people commit crime and also the difference between criminal behaviour and deviance.
- Unit 3 – **Crime Scene to Courtroom:** You will gain an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified through to the verdict.
- Unit 4 – **Crime and Punishment:** You will examine the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

To achieve the Level 3 Diploma in Criminology, (which is equivalent to a full A level), all four units need to be studied. Units 3 and 4 will be studied during the second year of the course

How will I be taught?

Tutors will use a variety of teaching techniques such as class discussions, group work and individual research to form the basis of each assignment. These are also supported with outside speakers and opportunities to attend conferences, theatre trips, attend the public gallery at one of Britain's oldest psychiatric institution and to be part of special workshops in London to learn about scientific investigations etc