

LEVEL 5 CRIMINOLOGY



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Criminology is the scientific study of crime, including its causes, responses by the criminal justice system, and methods of prevention. As an interdisciplinary subject, criminology draws on a range of perspectives including sociology, psychology and law. Criminology goes beyond our common-sense assumptions and explores the complex nature of crime and criminal justice.

In both the mandatory and optional units, learners will study the nature and extent of crime, crime in the community, forensic science and crime control strategies.

The award aims to:

- Enhance the knowledge and understanding of learners and to enable them to make use of this knowledge and understanding to describe aspects of criminology
- Develop a basic understanding of the criminal justice system
- Develop an understanding of the contribution of the study of crime to the modern world and human behaviour
- Develop an open-minded and critical approach to study
- Potential to experience a range of assessment methods
- Gain knowledge and understanding of the importance of evidence-based research, including investigation and research skills
- Gain knowledge of competing views, perspectives, theories and evidence relating to the causes of crime
- Gain insight into the way crime and criminal justice operates

AREAS OF STUDY/COURSE STRUCTURE

The Awards in Level 5 Criminology consists of one mandatory unit and two optional units.

Mandatory Unit:

- Crime in the Community

Optional Units:

- Modern Studies: Social Issues in the UK
- The History and Development of Criminology
- Forensic Science
- Crime Scenes

RECOMMENDED ENTRY

There are no set pre-entry requirements for this award.

ASSESSMENT

There is no exam for this course. Assessment will be based on a range of practical activities and unit assessments.

PROGRESSION

The level 5 award could provide progression to:

- SCQF Level 6 Criminology
- Higher Modern Studies/Sociology
- NC Social Sciences
- HNC Social Sciences
- BA (Hons) Social Sciences
- BA (Hons) Social Work
- BA (Hons) Law

These Awards provide opportunities to develop:

- Core Skills (which underpin all National Certificates)
- Transferable skills

FUTURE CAREERS

- Police
- Teaching
- Law
- Social Work
- Criminal Justice System
- Youth Justice/Work
- Local/National Government
- Offender Supervision