

# CRIMINOLOGY LEVEL 6



## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This National Progression Award (NPA) allows learners to study criminology, including the complex nature of crime and the problems of measuring crime. It develops an understanding of the criminal justice system and provides bite-sized chunks of learning. The award focuses on areas such as the nature and extent of crime, and forensic psychology.

Criminology is the scientific study of crime, including its causes, responses by the criminal justice system, and methods of prevention. You will study the nature and extent of crime and crime control strategies.

Throughout the course, you will:

- Evaluate aspects of criminology
- Develop an understanding of the criminal justice system
- Develop an understanding of the contribution of criminology to the modern world and human behaviour
- Develop an open-minded, critical and evaluative approach to study.
- 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 operate

**The award aims to:**

Support candidates to:

- Enhance the knowledge and understanding of learners to enable them to make use of this knowledge and understanding to evaluate aspects of criminology
- Develop an understanding of the criminal justice system
- Develop an understanding of the contribution of criminology to the modern world and human behaviour
- Develop an open-minded, critical and evaluative 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

- Nature and Extent of Crime
- Crime Control Strategies
- Modern Studies: Social Issues in the United Kingdom – Crime and the Law

## RECOMMENDED ENTRY

Candidates should have achieved National 5 or Higher in Modern Studies/ History/ Geography or equivalent qualifications. Otherwise, progression from Level 5 Criminology.

## ASSESSMENT

There is no final exam for Level 6 Criminology. However, there are closed-book assessments throughout the course.

## PROGRESSION

- Higher Sociology
- Higher Modern Studies
- NC Social Sciences
- HNC Social Sciences
- HNC Legal Services
- HNC Police Studies

## FUTURE CAREERS

- Police Officer
- Criminologist Assistant
- Criminal Justice System
- Teaching
- Social Researcher
- Government