

Level 3 Criminology

Criminology is a Level 3 Applied Diploma that combines internal and external assessments. It is ideal for students who are creative, inquisitive and who enjoy a combination of internal assessment and traditional examinations. It combines very well with psychology, sociology, English and health and social care.

Course Overview

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime

Learners develop an understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. Knowing about the wide range of different crimes and the reasons people have for not reporting such crimes provides an understanding of the complexity of behaviours and the social implications of such crimes and criminality.

Unit 2: Criminological Theories

Enables learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what they have learned in Unit 1. Learners explore the difference between criminal behaviour and deviance and the theories behind why people commit crime.

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom

Provides learners with an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. They develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases.

Unit 4: In Crime and Punishment

Learners apply their understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy

What can the qualification lead to?

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, including police officers, probation and prison officers, and social workers. With their critical thinking, analytical and communication skills, criminology graduates are also attractive to employers outside the criminal justice sector in areas such as social research and politics.

Assessment Overview:

Unit Title 1 Changing Awareness of Crime Mandatory Assessment Internal

Unit 2 Criminological Theories Mandatory External

Unit 3 Crime Scene to Courtroom Mandatory Internal

Unit 4 Crime and Punishment Mandatory External

Learners must complete ALL units.