



Year 12 Pre-Course Project – WJEC Level 3 Criminology Diploma

The following programme is designed to prepare you for Level 3 Criminology for the following topics:

Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime

Unit 2 – Criminological Theory

Unit 3 – From the Crime Scene to the Courtroom

Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment

A reminder – This course has two elements that are not assessed in an exam, Units 1 and 3 will be assessed via controlled assessment in the January of Y12 and 13 respectively, whereas Units 2 and 4 will be assessed via exam at the normal time.

You must aim to complete all sections of the programme to ensure that you have a thorough understanding of the background for the units. It is suggested that you complete a task each week.

I will be checking this work is complete at the start of Y12.

Week	Topic	Task set	Complete
1	Crime and Society.	<p>The social world is changing. Some argue it is growing; others say it is shrinking. The important point to grasp is society does not remain static over time; it constantly changes – through decades, centuries; and across countries, societies. Answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give 3 different ways society has changed over the last 100yrs – think about the different areas of social life and work. • Why has society changed? Why are societies different? • Research the 3 main political parties – Conservative, Labour and Scottish National Party: What are their main ideas with regards to Crime? Who are their Justice and Home Office representatives? • If you were in power, what would your first four items be on your agenda in terms of criminal justice? <p>https://www.parliament.uk/about/mps-and-lords/members/parties/ http://simplepolitics.co.uk/questions-and-answers/who-are-the-parties-and-what-do-they-stand-for</p>	
2	What is Criminology?	<p>Watch the video clip on YouTube: What is Criminology? This is a video lecture from the University of Sydney, make notes on what you understand about the subject from the video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zJFUiPnlqk</p> <p>Find the definitions for the following key Criminological terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law • Statutory Law • Common Law • Precedent • Fraud • Habeas Corpus 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indictable • Moral Panic 	
3	What's the difference?	<p>So here we go, another subject ending in 'ology' – But what is the difference? In academic work, there are number of subjects closely related, and each of them overlap in some areas, whilst remaining distinct in others. The main subjects I am referring to are Sociology, Criminology and Psychology.</p> <p>Do some research into the three subjects, have a look at their A Level Specifications.</p> <p>https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182 https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192 https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/ievn4ihq/applied-certificate-in-criminology-specification-from-2015.pdf</p> <p>Find three ways that each of these subjects overlap and compliment each other, and three ways in which they are distinct from each other.</p>	
4	Criminal Law in the UK	<p>Research the history of Criminology in the UK and answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When did the power to create law stop being the job of the monarchy and why? • When did the UK outlaw use of capital punishment and why? • What is the oldest written criminal law in the UK? • Do some research into some outdated laws that are technically still in place today? • What are some of the major changes that have taken place in UK criminal justice system in the 20th and 21st centuries? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider the impact of the following policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 ■ Terrorism Act 2006 ■ Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 <p>Do some research into our friends in the USA, why is a law so much harder to pass in the US, than it is in the UK?</p>	
5	Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime	<p>Find the definitions for the following key terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Social Behaviour Order • Dark Figure of Crime • Decriminalisation • Manslaughter • Soliciting • Profiling • Scaremongering • Neuroticism • Latent • Denunciation 	

		<p>Research the Jack the Ripper murders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What role did the media play in the case of Jack the Ripper? 	
6	Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime	<p>Criminology is a constant in the media, many people are interested in what journalists have to say. Try searching for the following titles and make notes on different types of crime that are discussed, and what conclusions are made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stacey Dooley documentaries (BBC iPlayer/YouTube) ○ Louis Theroux documentaries (Netflix) ○ Dispatches documentaries (All 4) ○ Panorama documentaries (BBC iPlayer) 	
7	Unit 2 – Criminological Theories	<p>This is where we may see some overlap with other subjects, Criminological Theories.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the difference between Crime and Deviance? 2. What is a moral code? 3. What do we mean by the Social Construction of Crime? What examples are there to support this? <p>Define each of the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychological Theories of Crime • Biological Theories of Crime • Psychodynamic Theories of Crime • Durkheim’s Theory • Merton’s Theory • Labelling Theory • Criminogenic Capitalism • Rational Choice Theory 	
8	Unit 2 – Criminological Theories	<p><u>Documentary Review</u></p> <p>Your task this week is to watch an episode of the BBC’s <i>Life and Death Row</i>.</p> <p>I want you to write a review about the episode and discuss when the theories of criminology are discussed. Do they talk about psychological theories? Do they discuss biological theories? Etc.</p> <p>This is an opinion piece, I want you to be honest about the episode, what you liked, didn’t like etc.</p> <p>I expect a page of A4.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b071jy7p/life-and-death-row</p>	
9	Unit 3 – Crime Scene to the Courtroom	<p>Research task – Explain the role that each of these bodies have in the criminal justice process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Police Forces. • National Crime Agency. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HM Prison Service. • Crown Prosecution Service. • HM Courts and Tribunals Service. • Probation Service • Houses of Parliament. <p>Research Task – There are different levels of Courts in the United Kingdom, for example, Scotland and Northern Ireland have separate justice systems from England and Wales. For most of the Diploma, we will focus on E&W. But what are the differences between the three justice systems in the UK? Why are they separate? In what ways are they similar?</p>	
10	Unit 3 – Crime Scene to the Courtroom.	<p>How accurate is CSI? – Many of you will have been inspired to take criminology thinking it is what you see in CSI, Line of Duty or Criminal Minds etc. Explore some famous shows about Crime, and explain what about them is accurate, and what about them is dramatical nonsense?</p> <p>Find an episode of a TV drama and analyse it, using your knowledge of the prosecution process in the UK.</p>	
11	Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment	<p>The UK Court System – In the UK, there are different levels of the legal system and they are responsible for different things. I want you to research the structure of the court system in England and Wales, explaining what each of the different levels do.</p> <p>Different forms of punishment – There are different ways of dealing with offenders in the UK, explain the differences between them and what offences they are used for.</p> <p>Thirsk Rail Crash 1892 – Research the case and determine the facts, I want you to write your own verdict of the case and whether you would deliver the same sentence?</p>	
12	Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment	<p>Agencies of Social Control –</p> <p>Using the link below, complete questions 1 to 5 that follow. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbmmV5izAiA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why should the public expect high standards of behaviour from the police? 2. How does the Police Code stay true to Sir Robert Peel’s founding principles of British policing? 3. Who does the Police Code of Ethics apply to? 4. Briefly explain what is meant by the following policing principles: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) accountability b) fairness c) honesty d) integrity e) leadership f) objectivity 	

		<p>g) openness h) respect i) selflessness.</p> <p>1. 5. According to the clip, how do the police maintain their legitimacy?</p>	
Additional options	<p>Other sources of information/ways to develop you Criminological understanding of local, regional, national and global issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC News • https://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/category/factual-crimeandjustice • Panorama • Read a range of different newspapers • Social media <p>Extra reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discipline and Punish</i>, Michel Foucault. • <i>Chavs: The Demonization of the Working Class</i>, Owen Jones. • <i>Talking with Psychopaths and Savages: A Journey into the Evil Mind</i>, Christopher Berry-Dee 		