

Criminology at FSG Curriculum Overview



Vision

Criminology incorporates a variety of subjects and the diploma here aims to prepare students for further education to be able to consider employment within some aspects of the criminal justice system, e.g. the National Probation Service, Policing, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service. The diploma requires much student led and independent leaning, outside reading and encourages an interest and a thirst for understating of the UK's criminal system. Criminology also incorporates further knowledge designed to complement other subjects and an increased understand of politics, sociology, psychology, law and ethics.

Skills

The skills developed as part of the course are mainly research led and independent. Students are actively encouraged to gather data and research themselves for all modules. They will become used to research skills, wider reading and also high organisational and preparation skills needed for controlled assessment. Criminology students will be actively encouraged to constantly watch the news, question choices and decisions made within this, and look at criminal and human behaviour from a variety of psychological and political perspectives which may not necessarily be their own.

Students will learn debating skills, evaluative and analytical skills as well as application of knowledge to new scenarios.

Time management, typing skills and organisation are essential in the controlled assessment and student will be given time to practice and prepare for this.

Enrichment

Criminology students are constantly encouraged to undergo wider ready of the topic and keep up to date with the current news. There are also a variety of television and film available – alongside reading and watch lists, to help assist in knowledge and understanding of crime and further careers in this role. We organise and encourage student to attend criminology taster day sessions at university and have a variety of speakers in to discuss their roles and work. There are also plans to have joint trips with other department, such as politics – to visit a Magistrates court to enrich further understanding of the criminal system in the UK.

Knowledge

The applied diploma consists of 4 mandatory units that the students will learn information about. These are:

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology				
Unit Number	Unit Title		Assessment	GLH
1	Changing Awareness of Crime	Mandatory	Internal	90
2	Criminological Theories	Mandatory	External	90
3	Crime Scene to Courtroom	Mandatory	Internal	90
4	Crime and Punishment	Mandatory	External	90

Unit 1 deals with under reported crimes and how crime can be portrayed in the media. Unit 2, are psychological and sociological theories as to why people commit crime. Unit 3 focuses on how evidence is gathered and used in a court of law, and unit 4 investigates the consequences of crime and assessment of punishment and rehabilitation services.