

Year 12 Curriculum Overview: **Criminology**



Topics/ content outline:	Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)	What will you be assessed on?
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Autumn Term

Unit 1: Understand how crime reporting affects the public perception of criminality
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 Unit 2: Understand social constructions of criminality
 Unit 2: Theories of Criminality

Unit 1
 AC1.1 Analyse different types of crime
 AC1.2 Explain the reasons that certain crimes are unreported
 AC1.3 Explain the consequences of unreported crime
 AC1.4 Describe the media representation of crime
 AC1.5 Explain the impact of media representations on the public perception of crime
 AC1.6 Evaluate methods of collecting statistics about crime
 AC 2.1 Compare campaigns for change
 AC2.2 Evaluate the effectiveness of media used in campaigns for change
 Unit 2
 AC1.1 Compare criminal behaviour and deviance
 AC1.2 Explain the social construction of criminality
 AC2.1 Describe biological theories of criminality
 AC 2.2 Describe individualistic theories of criminality

At the end of each topic cycle (roughly every 2 weeks) you will be assessed on this content through one of these methods:
 1. Short answer key knowledge check
 2. Short answer exam questions
 3. Extended answer exam questions

How can you help at home?

Students have key knowledge checklists for all of the content they need to know which are uploaded to Showbie. You can help at home by asking them these questions to check their knowledge and understanding.
Check students are keeping their folders up to date ahead of the February controlled assessment

Spring Term

Unit 1: Plan Campaigns for change relating to Criminality
 Unit 1: Controlled assessment and Preparation
 Unit 2: Know theories of Criminality, Understand causes of Criminality
 Unit 2: Understand causes of policy change

Unit 1
 AC3.1 Plan a campaign for change relating to crime
 AC3.2 Design materials for use in campaigning for change
 AC3.3 Justify a campaign for change
 Unit 2
 AC2.3 Describe sociological theories of Criminality: Functionalist and Subcultural theories, interactionism, labelling theory, Marxist theory, left and right realism, surveillance theory.
 AC3.1 Analyse situations of criminality
 AC3.2 Evaluate the effectiveness of criminological theories to explain causes of criminality

Unit 1 Controlled assessment 26th & 27th Feb (25% of diploma)
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Summer Term

Unit 2: Understand causes of policy change
 Unit 2 exam prep
 Unit 3: Understand the process of criminal investigations

Unit 2
 AC4.1 Assess the use of criminological theories in informing policy development
 AC 4.2 Explain how social changes affect policy development
 AC4.3 Discuss how campaigns affect policy making
 Unit 3
 AC1.1 Evaluate the effectiveness of the roles of personnel involved in criminal investigations
 AC1.2 Assess the usefulness of investigative techniques in criminal investigations

External unit 2 exam in May (25% of Diploma)
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Year 13 Curriculum Overview: **Criminology**



Autumn Term

Topics/ content outline:

Unit 3: Understand the process of criminal investigations

Unit 3: understand the process for prosecution of witnesses

Unit 3: Be able to review Criminal cases

Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)

Evaluate the effectiveness of the roles of personnel involved in Criminal,

Assess the usefulness of investigative techniques in criminal investigations,

Explain how evidence is processed.

Examine the rights of individuals in criminal investigations,

Requirements of the CPS for prosecuting suspects

Describe the trial process,

Understand the rules in relation to use of evidence in criminal cases

Assess key influences affecting outcomes of criminal cases.

Discuss the use of lay people in criminal cases

Examine Information for Validity

Draw Conclusions from information

What will you be assessed on?

At the end of each topic cycle (roughly every 2 weeks) your files will be checked to ensure you have completed the assessment criteria for that topic cycle.

**Unit 3 Controlled assessment 12th -13th Dec
25% final Diploma grade**

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Spring Term

Unit 4: Understand the criminal justice system in England and Wales

Unit 4: Understand measures used in Social control

Describe the processes of law making,

Describe the organisation of the CJS in England and Wales, Describe models of criminal justice.

Explain forms of social control and aims of punishment

Assess how forms of punishment meet the aims of punishment.

Explain the role of agencies in social control

Describe the contribution of agencies to achieving social control.

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Summer Term

Unit 4: Understand measures used in Social control

Examine the limitations of agencies in achieving social control.

Evaluate the effectiveness of agencies in achieving social control.

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**External unit 4 exam in May
25% final diploma Grade**

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