



A Level Criminology

What will I study?

Criminology explores the nature of crime, criminal behaviour, and the criminal justice system. You will study topics such as the changing awareness of crime, criminological theories, the process of crime scene to courtroom, and crime and punishment. The course combines elements of psychology, law, and sociology, helping you understand why people commit crimes, how society responds to criminal behaviour, and how justice is administered. You'll also examine real-life case studies and learn how to apply theoretical knowledge to practical scenarios.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is through a combination of controlled assessments and external examinations. Units 1 and 3 are internally assessed through controlled assessments set by WJEC, while Units 2 and 4 are externally assessed through written exams. This structure allows you to demonstrate both practical and theoretical understanding of criminology.

What are the entry requirements?

You will need GCSE Maths and GCSE English Language at grade 4 or above, with no additional GCSE requirements, and this course is equivalent to one A Level.

Where will this course lead?

Criminology provides a strong foundation for progression to university courses such as Criminology, Law, Sociology, Psychology, or Forensic Science. It also supports entry into degree-level apprenticeships in the criminal justice sector. At Milton Keynes College, you may choose to continue your studies in related Higher Education programmes. Career paths include policing, probation services, youth work, legal services, and forensic investigation.

What combines well with this subject?

Criminology pairs well with subjects such as Psychology, Sociology, Law, and Politics. These combinations provide a broader understanding of human behaviour, society, and legal systems, enhancing your analytical and evaluative skills.