

Criminology Curriculum Plan - Whole Academy

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KEY STAGE 5 ONLY – YEAR 12 AS NEW COURSE

SUBJECT	1 st Half of the year (Sep – Jan)	2 nd Half of the year (Jan-July)
12		Unit 2 - Criminological Theories LO1 Understand social constructions of criminality - Compare criminal behaviour and deviance - Explain the social construction of criminality LO2 Know theories of criminality - Describe biological theories of criminality - Describe individualistic theories of criminality - Describe sociological theories of criminality LO3 Understand causes of criminality - Analyse situations of criminality - Evaluate the effectiveness of criminological theories to explain causes of criminality LO4 Understand causes of policy change - Assess the use of criminological theories in informing policy development - Explain how social changes affect policy development - Discuss how campaigns affect policy making <u>Revision covering unit 2 content</u> Unit 3 started June 2026 LO1 Understand the process of criminal investigations - Evaluate the effectiveness of the roles of personnel involved in criminal investigations - Assess the usefulness of investigative techniques in criminal investigations - Explain how evidence is Processed - Examine the rights of individuals in criminal investigations
	Unit 1 - Changing Awareness of Crime - Controlled assessment January 2026	Unit 2 – Criminological Theories external exam – 14 th May 2026

SUBJECT	September – November	December – March	March - June
13	Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance: Theories of crimes and deviance continued: Subcultural theories, Labelling theory, Marxism, Neo-Marxism Right realism and Left Realism Gender and crime – sources of data, explaining female crime and explaining male crime Ethnicity and crime – sources of data, Left Realism verses Neo-Marxism Crime and the Mass Media Globalisation and crime, Green crime, Human rights and state crimes Crime prevention, control, surveillance, Punishment and Victims of crime	Paper 3 – Theory and Methods Sociological debates - Sociology and science – positivism verses interpretivism / definitions of science, Sociology, Sociology and value freedom - objectivity and values in sociology and sociology and social policy Sociological theory – Functionalism, Marxism –Feminist theories, Action theories – social action theory, Post modernism and Late modernism Paper 2 – The Media Introduction to the mass media - Media organisations and media concentration Theories on the role of the media – pluralism, Marxism, Neo-Marxism, Postmodernism New media – characteristics of the new media / who is using the new media, debate Neophiliacs, Cultural pessimists and lack of regulation / conclusions The media, globalisation and popular culture – types of culture / effects of globalisation on popular culture Effects models – The Hypodermic syringe	Paper 1 - education with research methods in context revision Paper 2 – families and households /The Media revision Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance / Sociological theory/ debates / methods - revision
	November Mock Exam: Paper 1 – Education and Research methods in context - 2 hours Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance – 2 hours	March Mock Exam: Paper 2 -Families and Households /The Media – 2 hours Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance - 2 hours	ACTUAL A LEVEL EXAMINATION Paper 1 – 18th May 2026 Paper 2 – 3rd June 2026 Paper 3 – 12th June 2026

