

# Criminology

## (Applied Certificate / Diploma)

### WHY SHOULD I STUDY CRIMINOLOGY?

Criminology is a modular two-year A Level equivalent course in the study of the nature, causes and control of criminal behaviour in both the individual and society. It is interdisciplinary in that it draws on concepts from psychology, psychiatry, law, sociology and social anthropology.

Criminologists tackle some of the most pressing issues and dilemmas we face in society. They carry out research on crimes and try to explain why they happen, looking into the family life, mental state, social status, biology and other aspects of the lives of criminals.

The main aim of criminologists is to find ways to predict, deter, and prevent future crimes. They may assist law enforcement in catching criminals.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER STUDYING CRIMINOLOGY?

Criminologists work in a number of areas and therefore a criminology degree offers good career opportunities in fields such as policing, criminal justice, social work, the prison service, probation, youth offending, drug/alcohol services and victim support among others.

In addition, people with criminology degrees go into a range of other professions as they have gained a wide range of useful and transferable skills, such as the ability to solve problems, the skills of project-based research, development and presentation, the ability to work alongside others in a professional environment and the ability to apply their learning in a variety of contexts.

#### **Prepare for a career in law enforcement**

Studying criminology is an excellent way to prepare for a career in law enforcement. Many police departments and other law enforcement agencies require a degree in criminology or a related field for entry-level positions. By studying criminology, you will gain a deep understanding of criminal law, criminal investigations, and other aspects of law enforcement that are essential for a successful career in this field.

#### **Explore the criminal justice system**

The criminal justice system is complex and multifaceted, involving many different institutions and processes. You will gain a comprehensive understanding of how the criminal justice system works, by studying criminology, including the roles of law enforcement, the courts, and corrections.

This knowledge can be valuable for anyone interested in a career in criminal justice, social work, or related fields.

#### **Make a positive impact on society**

Studying criminology can allow you to make a positive impact on society by contributing to the prevention of crime and the improvement of the criminal justice system.

By doing this, you will be able to understand both criminal behaviour and the criminal justice system, you can identify ways to prevent crime and improve the system's fairness and effectiveness.

This can lead to a fulfilling career that makes a positive difference in people's lives.

