



**Department of Social  
Science**

Criminology

Applicant Study Pack

## **Welcome to Social Science here at Clarendon College!**

By studying Criminology you will gain a deep understanding into crime and deviance within the UK and be able to make comparisons with the Criminal Justice System used in England and Wales, to that in other countries.

The course starts by introducing you to a range of crimes which tend to go un-reported and remain hidden within society. Unit 1 will give you an insight into how the media represents different forms of crime through music, film and TV. This will allow you to begin to analyse the potential impacts of these representations, such as moral panics and stereotyping of certain social groups within society. This unit also gives you the opportunity to research cases whereby the media has been used to promote change and assist campaigns which seek to change the law. The unit ends with the opportunity for you to design your own campaign in order to raise awareness for a crime you feel passionate about. This will be completed through a Controlled Assessment which you will be well prepared for and have the notes you have developed during your lessons from September to December. This makes up 25% of the overall course.

The second unit of this course focuses on a wide range of interesting theories. Unit 2 asks you 'why do people commit crime?' and will address theories from other fields such as Sociology and Psychology. You will gain an understanding of different ways in which societies respond and manage crime by analysing and evaluating different punishments, methods of crime control and policies to prevent further crime. The discussion on whether capital punishment (the death penalty) should be used will most definitely come up within this unit. By May you will have the understanding needed to complete the external examination which will make up another 25% of this course.

Unit 3 allows you to develop deep understanding into a range of criminal cases. You will follow each case step by step from the crime scene itself, to the courtroom and the overall outcome. Therefore this Unit will lend from other fields such as Forensics and Law. You will further your knowledge on the role each member of a Criminal Investigation takes as well as analysing the effectiveness of the methods they use when trying to secure a conviction. By the end of this Unit, the Controlled Assessment you will sit gives you the opportunity to apply your knowledge in order to draw a conclusion from a range of information on criminal cases, such as the Amanda Knox case, in order to challenge or agree with the outcome given. This Unit again makes up 25% of the course and will begin in your second year.

Finally Unit 4 brings together the other three units and gives you the opportunity to really understand the Criminal Justice System in England and Wales and allows you to be able to discuss and challenge the roles of the agencies involved. Does prison work? Is one of the most commonly asked questions amongst criminologists. This unit will present you with enough information for you to be able to make your mind up about this and offer a detailed

explanation as to why you agree or disagree. That being just one of the many questions this unit covers. Once you have completed unit 4, there will be another external examination sat in May which will make up the final 25% of the course.

### Things to do for September

1. Tasks to complete:
  - Research the white-collar criminal, Billy McFarland (there's currently a Netflix documentary call Fyre which should help a lot with this)
    - o What was Fyre festival?
    - o Why did it not take place?
    - o How much money did Billy fraud?
    - o Make a list of specific offences he committed
    - o Who did these crimes impact? How many different victims?
    - o Describe the impact of his crimes
  
  - Research Clare's Law
    - o Why was this campaign started?
    - o What was the campaign trying to change?
    - o What media was used to help with this campaign?
    - o How successful was the campaign?
  
  - Using three examples for each, explain how the following types of media show different types of crime, criminal and the effects of crime – give examples:
    - o TV
    - o Films
    - o Music
  
  - Should the UK bring back the death penalty
    - o Write a detailed answer explaining your opinion on this debate. Try to use research in your work to support your claim.
  
2. Articles to read
  - Read a news story in the Sun/Mirror and then an article about the same issue in the Guardian – How do they compare? (ensure that the article is about crime)
  - Articles about knife crime and hate crime in the UK. Then compare these to articles on the same topics in America.

3. Documentaries and Films to watch:

- Amanda Knox
- Fyre
- Joker
- Ocean's Eleven
- Split
- Inside the world's toughest prisons
- Catch me if you can
- Legend

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