

## CRIMINOLOGY Access Course



### Aim

The study of crime is intended to enable you to assess critically the causes of criminality and society's responses to it.

### Course Content

You will take three units of study:

- **Unit 1: Infamy: A Modern History of Crime.** This three credit unit will give you a foundation in the study of crime by adopting a case-study approach where you will learn about notorious criminals from the recent past.
- **Unit 2: Introduction to Criminology.** This six credit unit aims to develop your understanding of the theory and methodology associated with the study of crime. This will include the various approaches that exist for measuring, recording and assessing criminal behaviour.
- **Unit 3: Introduction to Criminal Justice.** This six credit unit aims to develop your understanding of the different parts of the criminal justice system in England. In addition, the unit will address developments in the control of crime by exploring the notions of punishment, rehabilitation and restorative justice.

### Approaches to Study

Criminology is a contemporary subject. As such, it is anticipated that you will be able to refer to current events as part of the discussion and deliberations that we will inevitably engage in. Furthermore, you will be referred to and use both classic and contemporary studies of crime as a way of framing your thoughts and ideas.

### Assessment

The assessment for the course is carried out across all three units and may include written assignments, case studies and seen examination.

### Recommend Reading and Preparation

You should ensure that you are engaging with news and current events as they are presented in the mass media. In addition, you should approach your study of crime with an open mind and be prepared to have your personal views challenged.

### Qualification Requirements in English and Maths

If you are aiming at progressing into higher education you will need to have English and Maths GCSEs at 4 – 9 for university entrance. If you do not already have these you will be enrolled as a part-time student on the Access course and you can take these alongside your Access course at no extra charge. You may take these in either the first or second year of your Access course. You may decide to take them both from your first year, so that you have a chance to re-take them if you do not achieve the required grades.

Some university courses may take Level 2 Functional Skills English and Maths.

### Hours:

The course is available either full-time (approx. 12 hours per week over three days for one year) or part-time (approx. 6 hours per week over one day for two years).

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### Examination Board

Laser Learning Awards

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### Qualifications

You will need a Level 4 in English and Maths or be willing to gain these on the Access course; or Level 2 Functional Skills in English and Maths

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### When to Apply

You can apply at any time. Interviews are held from October to June and the course begins in September. At Interview we check that the course will suit your needs.

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### Subjects

You can find out more about Access subject options by visiting our website at [www.stvincent.ac.uk](http://www.stvincent.ac.uk) under 'Higher Education' and 'Access to University'.

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### Child Care

There is a nursery at St Vincent College for babies and young children up to four years old, run by YMCA Fairthorne Manor. This is free for those on benefits.

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### Financial Support

Some support for your studies (eg books, stationery, travel) is available for most students on benefits.

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### Advice and Guidance

You will be able to consult our Careers and Higher Education Manager for impartial advice about university or careers.

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