

# CRIME AND SOCIETY

## OVERVIEW

Crime is an everyday occurrence in modern society – most people are affected by crime at some time in their life. Criminologists like to study crime and what it is, as well as, criminals and why they might commit crime, and what might be done to control crime, through agencies involved in the Criminal Justice System.

The study of crime is an interesting one, and this course is designed to challenge taken-for-granted, common sense understanding of the area and introduce you to issues which may not have been discussed previously.

This short course provides an introduction to the area to give knowledge on a number of key areas and issues.

Over 6 weeks the following subjects will be covered;

**Week 1 - Introduction to crime and its meaning for society.**

**Week 2 - The reality of crime** - considering how crime is reported upon in the media and whether its portrayal influences our understanding

**Week 3 - Theoretical understanding of crime** - where we will consider some of the main theories as to why people commit crime

**Week 4 - Gender, Class, Ethnic and Age differences in criminality** - a session to consider the different rates of offending within the social groups listed

**Week 5 - Punishment and crime** - considering how crime is controlled in society, discussing key historical changes

**Week 6 - The impact of crime** - sometimes the forgotten element of crime is the victim – this session will look at the wider impact of crime.

Each session lasts two hours.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no formal entry requirements.

## ASSESSMENT

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## **PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Access to higher education at level 2 or 3 are possible progression routes.

## **DATES & FEES**

Contact us for current course dates and fees.

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