Criminology Unit Overview Year 12

Autumn Term 1				
	Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria	What knowledge, skills and understanding will we gain?	Synoptic Links
Unit 1:	LO1-	AC 1.1- Analyse	After studying this topic, students will be able to:	
Changing	Understand	different types of		
Awareness of	how crime	crime.	Analyse the following types of crime:	
Crime	reporting		White collar	
			State	
			Moral	
			Technological	
			 Individual (hate crime and domestic violence). 	
			Students will be able to discuss the types of victims, offender and level of public	
			awareness surrounding each of these types of crime.	
			In addition, students will be able to understand the difference between criminal	
			and deviant behaviour and identify examples of each.	
		AC 1.2- Explain the	After studying this topic, students will be able to:	
		reasons why certain		
		crimes go	Give clear and detailed explanation of the reasons why a range of crimes are	
		unreported.	unreported, using relevant examples.	
			Explain why the following reasons may cause a victim or witness to not report criminal activity:	
			Personal reasons- fear, shame, disinterest.	
			 Social and cultural reasons- lack of knowledge, complexity, lack of media 	
			interest or public concern and culture-bound crime.	
		AC 1.3-Explain the	After studying this topic, students will be able to give clear and detailed	
		consequences of	explanations of the consequences of unreported crime including:	
		unreported crime.	Ripple effect	
			Cultural consequences	
			Decriminalisation	
			Police prioritisation	

	Unrecorded crime
	Cultural change
	Legal change
	Procedural change
AC 1.4 Describe the	After studying this topic, students will be able to give a detailed description of a
media	number of media outlets and the way in which they represent crime differently.
representation of	This will include:
crime.	 Newspaper
	• Film
	Television
	Electronic gaming
	Social media
	Music.
AC 1.5- Explain the	After studying this topic, students will be able to apply their understanding of the
impact of media	media representations of crime and explain how this impacts public perception.
representations on	These impacts include:
the public	Moral panic
perception of crime.	Changing public concerns and attitudes
	Perceptions of crime trends
	Stereotyping of criminals
	Levels of response to crime and types of punishment
	Changing priorities and emphasis.
	Students will be able to support this with case study examples such as the 9/11
	terror attacks, London riots and murder of Stephen Lawrence.
AC 1.6- Evaluate	After studying this topic, students will be able to evaluate UK methods of collecting
methods of	statistics on crime including Home Office statistics as well as the Crime Survey for
collecting statistics	England and Wales.
about crime	
	Students will evaluate and compare these methods using the following criteria:
	Reliability
	Validity
	Ethics of research
	Strengths and limitations
	Purpose of research.

	Autumn Term 2				
Unit 1:	LO2-	AC 2.1- Compare	After studying this topic, students will be able to make detailed comparisons of a		
Changing	Understand	campaigns for	range of relevant campaigns for change, making explicit links to campaign case		
Awareness of	how	change	studies and students own planned campaign.		
Crime	campaigns				
	are used to		Students should use specific and appropriate sources to support their comparisons		
	elicit change.		and conclusions using the following criteria:		
			• Aims		
			Objectives		
			Driving factors behind the campaign		
			• Successes		
			Use of the media.		
		AC 2.2- Evaluate the	After studying this topic, students will be able to evaluate the effectiveness of a		
		effectiveness of	range of media used in campaigns for change, linking back to LO1.		
		media used in			
		campaigns for	These methods should include:		
		change	• Blogs		
			Viral messaging		
			Social networking		
			Advertising		
			Radio		
			Television		
			• Film		
			Documentary		
			Word of mouth		
			• Events		
			Print.		
	LO3-	AC 3.1- Plan a	After studying this topic, students will be able to produce a detailed and		
	Planning	campaign for	comprehensive plan for their campaign including clearly described actions in a		
	campaigns	change relating to	sequence.		
	for change	crime.			
	relating to		Students' plans will include:		
	crime.		Aims and objectives.		
			Justification for choice of campaign		

			Target audience	
			Methods to be used.	
			Materials to be used.	
			• Finances	
			• Timescales	
			Resources needed.	
		AC 3.2- Design	After studying this topic, students will be able to produce materials for their	
		materials for use in	campaign for change in order to change awareness or behaviours.	
		campaigns for	campaign for change in order to change awareness of behaviours.	
		change.	Materials should be visually stimulating, technically accurate and take into account	
		change.	the aims set out in 3.1. They could include:	
			• Leaflets	
			Advertisements	
			Merchandise	
			Blogs	
			• Posters	
		AC 3.3- Justify a	 Social networking pages. After studying this topic, students will be able to give clear and detailed 	
		campaign for	justifications for their designs, including conclusions supported by relevant	
		change.	judgements such as:	
		change.	Presenting their case for action	
			 Using evidence to support their case. 	
			Their use of persuasive language.	
			• Their use of persuasive language.	
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		January <mark>Unit 1</mark>	Controlled Assessment- 25% of overall grade	
Unit 2:	LO1-	AC 1.1- Compare	After studying this topic students will be able to compare definitions of criminal	Understand
Criminological	Understand	criminal behaviour	behaviour and deviance.	the impact of
Theories	the social	and deviance.	Criminal behaviour:	reporting on
THEOTICS	construction	and deviance.	Social definition	public
	of criminality		Legal definition	perceptions of
			Formal sanctions against criminals	crime and
			Variety of criminal acts	deviance (U1
			Deviant behaviour:	AC 1.5).
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	AC 1.2- Explain the social construction	 Norms, moral codes, and values Informal and formal sanctions against deviance Forms of deviance. Students will be able to understand how behaviours can be criminal, deviant or both as well as the implications of these. After studying this topic, students will be able to explain the social construction of crime including the following differences in law: 	Understand how the		
	of criminality.	 How laws change from culture to culture How laws change over time How laws are applied differently according to circumstance Why laws are different according to place, time and culture. 	media and campaigns for change contribute to social constructions of criminality and unreported crime (U1 AC 1.5/ 3.1).		
LO2-	AC 2.1- Describe	After studying this topic, students will be able to explain criminality using biological			
Describe	biological theories	factors including:			
theories of	of criminality	XYY Theory- Genetic.			
criminality		Lombroso's atavistic theory			
		Sheldon's theory of somatotypes.			
	AC 2.2- Describe	After studying this topic, students will be able to explain criminality using			
	individualistic	psychological theories including:			
	theories of	Social Learning Theory			
	criminality	Eysenck's theory of personality			
	1000 0 "	Cognitive Distortions.			
	AC 2.3- Describe	After studying this topic, students will be able to explain criminality using			
	sociological theories	sociological theories including:			
	of criminality	Structural theories such as Functionalism, Strain Theory and Marxism.			
		Interactionist theories such as Labelling. Interactionist theories such as Labelling.			
		Left and Right Realism. Continue Towns 3			
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Unit 2:	LO3-	AC 3.1- Analyse	After studying this topic, students will be able to analyse situations relating to:				
Criminological	Analyse	situations of	Different types of crime				
Theories	situations of	criminality	Individual criminal behaviour.				
	criminality		Additionally, students will be able to apply this to a range of crimes against person				
			and property using theories covered in LO2.				
		AC 3.2- Evaluate the	After studying this topic, students will be able to critically evaluate individualistic,				
		effectiveness of	biological, and sociological theories of criminality covered in LO2.				
		criminological					
		theories to explain					
	101	causes of criminality					
	LO4-	AC 4.1- Assess the	After studying this topic, students will be able to assess the use of individual,				
	Understand causes of	use of criminological theories in	biological and sociological theories in informing policy development.				
	policy change	informing policy	These policies could include:				
	policy change	development	Informal policy making				
			Formal policy making such as crime control and punishment.				
			a part of the same				
			Students will be able to apply this knowledge to evaluate their use in policy making				
			such as penal populism, CCTV, restorative justice and a multi-agency approach.				
		AC 4.2- Explain how	After studying this topic, students will be able to explain various social changes and				
		social change affects	how these can impact policy changes such as:				
		policy development	Social values, norms				
			Public perception of crime				
			Structure of society				
			Cultural changes.				
		AC 4.3- Discuss how	After studying this topic, students will be able to discuss how campaigns for change	Students			
		campaigns affect	can affect policy making including:	should use			
		policy making	Newspaper campaigns	their			
			Individual campaigns	knowledge and			
			Pressure group campaigns.	understanding			
				from unit 1			
				AC 2.1/2.2.			
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Unit 2: Criminological Theories	Revision	Revision	Preparation for Unit 2 exam.
			May- Unit 2 Exam- 25% of overall grade
Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom	LO2- Understand the process for the prosecution of suspects	AC 2.1- Explain the requirements of the Crown Prosecution Service for the prosecution of suspects.	After studying this topic, students will be able to explain the requirements of the CPS for prosecuting suspects including: • The charging role • The prosecution of offences act 1985 • The full code test. In addition, students will be able to explain the role of public interest in the duty of the CPS in prosecuting suspects.
		AC 2.2- Describe the trial process	After studying this topic, students will be able to describe the following trial processes: • Pre-trial • Plea bargaining • Bail • Roles of personnel • The British court structure. • Process of appeals.
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Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom	LO2- Understand the process for the prosecution of suspects	AC 2.3- Understand the rules in relation to the use of evidence in criminal cases	After studying this topic, students will be able to show detailed understanding of the rules in the use of evidence in criminal trials. This includes rules of: Relevance and admissibility Disclosure Hearsay rule and exceptions Legislation and case law. In addition, students should apply case studies to these rules, highlighting their practical use in criminal court.
		AC 2.4- Assess key influences affecting	After studying this topic, students will be able to assess the key influences affecting the outcomes of criminal cases including: • Evidence

	the outcomes of criminal cases AC 2.5- Discuss the	 Witnesses Experts Barristers and legal teams Judiciary Politics The media Students should be able to use case study evidence to demonstrate the impact these factors can have on the outcome of criminal trials. After studying this topic, students will be able to discuss the use of the following	
	use of laypeople in	laypeople in criminal cases:	
	criminal cases	• Juries	
		 Magistrates 	
		Students should also be able to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of both	
		groups of laypeople.	
End of Term			