Criminology Unit Overview Year 13

Autumn Term 1				
	Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria	What knowledge, skills and understanding will we gain?	Synoptic Links
Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom	LO1- Understand the process of criminal investigations	AC 1.1- Evaluate the effectiveness of the roles of personnel involved in criminal investigations. AC 1.2- Assess the usefulness of investigative techniques in criminal investigations.	After studying this topic, students will be able to clearly evaluate the cost, expertise and availability of personnel involved in the process of criminal investigations. These personnel include: Police officers/ detectives Crime scene investigators Forensic specialists Pathologists The Crown Prosecution Service Other agencies e.g., interpol, Anti-terror agencies. After studying this topic, students will be able to assess the usefulness of specific investigative techniques in criminal investigations: Forensic techniques Surveillance techniques Profiling techniques Use of intelligence databases Interview- eyewitness & experts Observation. Students will use case studies to support their judgements, e.g., the case of Rachel Nickell to demonstrate the limitations of profiling techniques.	
		AC 1.3- Explain how evidence is processed	Students will apply their understanding to a range of situations and types of crime. After studying this topic, students will be able to explain how physical and testimonial evidence is processed. Students should be able to describe the process along with examples: • Collection • Transfer • Storage • Analysis • Personnel involved.	Unit 3 AC 2.3- rules in relation to the use of evidence.

		AC 1.4- Examine the	After studying this topic, students will be able to understand and evaluate the	
		rights of individuals	rights given to suspects, victims and witnesses in the proceedings of a criminal trial.	
		in criminal		
		investigations	This covers the process from investigation through to appeal.	
			Autumn Term 2	
	LO3-	AC 3.1- Examine	After studying this topic, students will be able to examine the following information	
	Be able to	information for	for validity:	
	review	validity.	Evidence	
	criminal		Trial transcripts	
	cases		Media reports	
			Judgements	
			Law reports	
			Students will examine the validity using the following measures:	
			• Bias	
			Opinion	
			Circumstances	
			Currency	
			Accuracy.	
			As such, students should then be able to use their judgement to assess the	
			suitability of information for criminal cases.	
		AC 3.2- Draw	After studying this topic, students will be able to draw objective conclusions from	
		conclusions from	information in criminal cases in relation to the following:	
		information	Just verdicts	
			Miscarriage of justice	
			Safe verdict	
			Just sentencing	
		l Decemb	ber- Unit 3 Controlled Assessment- 25% of overall grade	
			Spring Term 1	
Unit 4:	LO1-	AC 1.1- Describe	After studying this topic, students will be able to describe the processes used for	Students
Crime and	Understand	processes used for	law making including government and judicial processes.	should relate
Punishment	the criminal	law making		this to the
	justice	=		review of

system in England and Wales		In addition, students will understand the legislative process and the role of judges in the creation of criminal law.	verdicts from Unit 3 and the impact of campaigns on policy changes in Unit 1.
	AC 1.2- Describe the organisation of the criminal justice system in England and Wales	After studying this topic, students will be able to describe the structure of the English and Welsh CJS including: • Role of the police • Law making • Courts • Formal punishment • Relationships between personnel. In addition, students should understand the roles of agencies within the CJS, and the co-operation required.	Students should draw on Unit 3 process taken to obtain verdicts and role of personnel involved.
	AC 1.3- Describe models of criminal justice	After studying this topic, students will be able to describe models of criminal justice including: • Due process • Crime control and punishment.	Links to criminological theories from unit 2 and review of criminal verdicts in unit 3.
LO2- Understand the role of punishment in a criminal justice system.	AC 2.1- Explain forms of social control	After studying this topic, students will be able to explain internal and external forms of control including: • Rational ideology • Tradition • Internalisation of morality • Coercion • Fear of punishment • Reasons for abiding by the law.	Student will relate their knowledge to understanding of criminological theories from unit 2.
	AC 2.2- Discuss the aims of punishment	After studying this topic, students will be able to discuss the aims of punishment including:	Students should be

		 Retribution Rehabilitation Deterrence Prevention of reoffending Deterrence of others from committing crimes Public protection Reparation 	able to consider these aims in the context of unit 2 criminological theories.
	AC 2.3- Assess how forms of punishment meet the aims of punishment	After studying this topic, students will be able to assess how different forms of punishment meet the aims of punishment including: Imprisonment Community Financial Discharge	
LO3- Understand measures used in social control	AC 3.1- Explain the role of agencies in social control	After studying this topic, students will be able to explain the role of agencies in social control. Roles:	Students can apply their understanding of the CJS from Unit 3.

	AC 3.2- Describe the contribution of	After studying this topic, students will be able to describe the contribution of agencies to achieving social control including:	Policy and
			campaigns
	agencies in	Tactics and measures used by agencies including environmental (design,	from unit 1.
	achieving social	gated lanes), behavioural (ASBO, Token economy), institutional, disciplinary	Criminological
	control	procedures (rule making and phased).	theories from
		Gaps in state provision.	unit 2 (policy
			creation).
		Understand the range of techniques used by agencies to examine their contribution	Processes
		to the CJS.	used to bring
			an accused to
			justice from
			unit 3.
	AC 3.3- Examine the	After studying this topic, students will be able to examine the limitations of	Students
	limitations of	agencies including examples of:	should apply
	agencies in	Repeat offenders/ recidivism.	their
	achieving social	Civil liberties and legal barriers	understanding
	control	Access to resources and support	of unit 2
		Finance	criminological
		Local and national policies	theories as
		Environment	well as
		Crime committed by those with moral imperatives.	campaigns for
		on the committee by those with moral imperatives.	change
			surrounding
			prioritisation.
	AC 3.4- Evaluate the	After studying this topic, students will be able to evaluate the effectiveness of	Students
	effectiveness of	agencies in achieving social control covered in AC 3.1.	should refer
	agencies in		to AC 3.1.
	achieving social		
	control		
Revision			
May- Unit 4 Exam- 25% of overall grade			
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