

Getting Started with...

Criminology



Welcome!

CRIMINOLOGY Level 3 Applied Diploma

We've tried to create a resource bank which you can draw on as preparation for the Criminology course, which begins in the Autumn term.

The study of crime incorporates a wide range of diverse topics and issues: from the big question of why people commit crime and why of course people don't; to why some acts are illegal and others, which seem to be equally harmful, are perfectly legal; to why certain groups seem to be far more criminal than others. So be inquisitive and follow your interests.



Work through the resources at your leisure, follow any leads, ignite your interests, and make the most of having this time to really broaden your knowledge before we begin the course in September.

A good place to start is with 'introduction to Criminology YouTube clips. Here are three decent ones you could take a look at, all fairly short and to the point:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tvL1dvWcFk>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdaqqIFQdTE>
3. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDhkcDAI_3c

If you want to **prepare yourself for the first few weeks of the course** these clips are worth a peek:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a15SLsoe0C0> Clip about the notorious white collar criminal Bernie Madoff
2. https://www.ted.com/talks/leslie_morgan_steiner_why_domestic_violence_victims_don_t_leave#t-19626 Ted clip about domestic violence (male violence on their partner)
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BO6PQHGXnlk> clip about stereotypes and how we need to see beyond them
4. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4ClveEDtmk> clip about the sentencing of offenders

This is a **site which takes you right to the heart of the course** and is linked to the Napier Press Criminology course books with a huge range of resources: www.criminology.uk.net

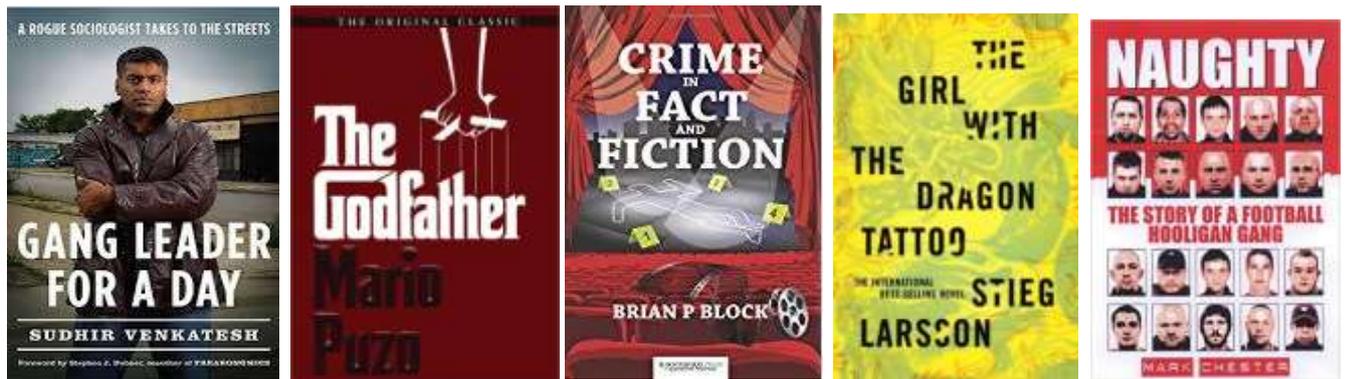
If you really want to **push the boundaries** start exploring some of these clips about criminological theories. A lot of very clever people over the past 100 years or so, and even some before that, have developed theories about why people get involved in crime (and also why they don't). Here is a selection, none are that long, but they give you a flavour of what crime theories are all about.

- 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvVd9oOxTm8> Merton's Strain Theory
- 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olbABMSjFso> Cohen's Delinquent Boys
- 3 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0z2_9Palmxs One minute Marxism and Crime
- 4 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJuHkbL5Mao> Gender and Crime
- 5 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8HjWn63R54> One minute Crimes of the Powerful

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If you like **reading**, here are books about crime which you might like to dip into over the summer:



Finally **films**: many great films have been made about crime (as well as a lot of bad ones). Here are some you could watch which will help you to engage with the world of crime:

- Rogue Trader** (1999) about the infamous white collar criminal Nick Leeson
- Memento** (2000)
- City of God** (2002)
- Zodiac** (2007)
- A Prophet** (2009)
- The Wolf of Wall Street** (2013)
- Legend** (2015) - about the notorious London gangsters, the Kray twins



There is one compulsory task...

At some point over the summer create your own **alphabetical glossary** of 20 Criminological key terms (either word-processed or hand-written).

This can then go into your folders and will be an excellent point of reference for your studies. You must hand this in (name at top please) when you come to your first Criminology lesson in the autumn term.

Find your definitions on the internet or from library books. Make them precise, concise and written in language that you understand (usually somewhere between one line and two sentences of writing). Here are the key terms:

Anomie	Biological Determinism	Coercion	Cyber-Bullying
Dark figure of crime	Decriminalisation	Deviance	Deviancy Amplification
Forensics	Islamophobia	Legalisation	Manslaughter
Materialism	Moral Panic	Phishing	Recidivism
Rehabilitation	Surveillance	Typological Profiling	Victim Survey

Email me at any time if you are struggling to find definitions on: MParry@hajc.leics.sch.uk

See you in September,
Kind Regards - Matt Parry