

Bridging the Gap...

Activities to prepare you for Criminology at New College Durham



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Criminology is one of our most popular subjects and a large part of it is keeping up to date with news, criminal cases and what is happening in politics. Students will often tell us about different cases they have read about or documentaries they have seen, and this is really useful as we can link these to our work in class.

In the first year of the programme we study two Units:

- Unit 1 - Changing Awareness of Crime
- Unit 2 - Criminological Theories of Criminality

To give you a flavour of what you will learn, please have a go at the following two activities!



Task 1

Unit one – One type of crime we examine is White Collar crime (professional crime). Research Bernie Madoff and consider the following points:

- What crime did he commit?
- Who were his victims?
- How long did he get away with the crime? And why was it so long?
- What sentence did he receive? And in your opinion was it enough?

Task 2

Unit two (this is the unit students usually like the most!). We need to look at why people commit crime. Is it down to upbringing or can someone be born evil?

- Watch the following documentary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVxGZGPvyPo>
- Consider what are the different factors that could influence someone to become a criminal or is it a matter of being born evil?

Go to <https://www.wooclap.com/CRIMINAL>. Alternatively, you can take part by texting @CRIMINAL to (0113) 320 9662. Thinking about the two activities and what you already know about crime in general, choose ten words to describe criminology. Add these to the word cloud.

