

Ascentis **Level 2 Certificate** in **Introduction to Principles of Criminology** **Overview Specification**



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Qualification Overview

Criminology is the scientific study of crime and criminals. It is a multi-disciplinary approach that draws together methods and perspectives from a range of social sciences, including sociology and psychology. There are therefore some areas of commonality with these subjects; however, none of these subjects alone provides the same insights as are to be gained from the multi-disciplinary approach of criminology.

The Ascentis Level 2 Certificate in Introduction to Principles of Criminology is designed to provide learners with an effective experience in developing study skills and the initial stages of learning about the discipline in terms of the concepts, theories and perspectives which characterise criminology. It is designed as an introduction to the study of criminology, and as such it does not provide, on its own, progression to work in criminology or a career as a criminologist or in any other forensic service(s).

There are several features of this qualification that make it very appropriate for its target learners:

- Unit certification is available for each of the units
- Verification and certification can be offered throughout the year, allowing maximum flexibility for centres
- It can be delivered either as a classroom-based course or as a blended learning programme
- Evidence can be generated within a wide range of organisational contexts allowing the qualification to meet the specific occupational requirements of the learners

Aims

The aims of the qualification are to enable learners:

- 1 To provide a foundation of academic study skills as the basis for a range of related progression options
- 2 To provide an introduction to a range of substantive areas, basic concepts and theories within criminology
- 3 To provide an introductory level of application of criminology to a limited range of issues of direct relevance to the interests of students

Target Group

The qualification is aimed at learners who wish to develop a range of skills, gain an introductory knowledge of criminology and progress to further study in a variety of courses.

Regulation Codes

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Assessment Method

All units are internally assessed through the learner building up a portfolio of evidence that covers the relevant assessment criteria. They are internally assessed and verified by the centre and then externally verified by Ascentis.

Resources to support the Delivery of the Qualification

Ascentis has devised a learner workbook and tutor presentation resource for each unit in this qualification.

Rules of Combination

To achieve the Certificate in Introduction to Principles in Criminology, the learner must successfully complete both mandatory units.

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Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Aspects of Crime	Level 2	3	30	T/500/2458
Criminal Justice System, Crime and Social Groups	Level 2	3	30	A/500/2459

Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

The recommended guided learning hours for this qualification is 60.

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

The total qualification time for this qualification is 60.

Age Range of Qualification

This qualification is suitable for young people aged 16–18 and adult learners.

Contact & Further Information

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