

WEA Course information sheet

2020-21



Adult Learning
Within Reach

Course title: Introduction to Criminology		Course ID: C2526167
Start date: 02/10/2020	End date: 18/12/2020	Day(s)/time(s): Fri 13:30
Number of sessions: 10	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Ian Brady
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements: This course is for residents living in the Tees Valley area only.		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 1
Fee: £64.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Online Learning, Online, ZZ99 9ZZ		
<p>Theme(s): The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.</p> <p>Employability – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing</p> <p>Community Engagement – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities</p> <p>Culture – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments</p> <p>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:</p> <p>1. Employability 2. Community Engagement</p>		

Course Aim

The study of crime draws together methods and perspectives from a range of social sciences with some areas of commonality. With this varied, interesting multi-disciplinary approach you will begin to explore what criminology really means

Course Description

This Introduction to Criminology is open to beginners and designed as an introduction to the study of criminology and providing you with an effective experience in the field of criminological study. It will cover the initial stages of learning the disciplines of Criminology and its concepts, theories and perspectives. You will explore a variety of topics; in particular, to question things that might be taken for granted in relation to crime, the law, criminal justice, and what dangers people in society find most threatening. You'll explore the different understandings and ways of thinking about crime. This topic is relevant to a wide range of jobs in the public, voluntary and community sectors. For example, social welfare services, criminal justice services, community support services among others. The key skills you will develop are relevant to any job context.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

By the end of the course I will be able to:

1. discuss the main theoretical perspectives in criminology
2. understand the basics of the theorists behind crime and deviance
3. discuss how criminology has studied different forms of crime, the social dimensions of crime and the differing responses to crime
4. Compare and contrast criminological perspectives and their application to crime
5. Develop a basic critical knowledge of the development of the field of criminology

What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?

- The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will be used to provide resources or to support lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>
- The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning
- You may be asked to undertake additional work in your own time to support your learning
- You will be expected to carry out a range of activities in your own time

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?

- You will be able to keep a record of your progress and achievement using photos, audio, text or documents uploaded into the WEA's digital learning platform, WEA Canvas.
- Your tutor will provide written, text and audio feedback recorded in WEA Canvas, WEA's digital learning platform.
- You will be able to keep a digital portfolio of your work on WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas.
- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion
- You will have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor
- You will be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning
- You will be encouraged to consider other students work and give your opinions and suggestions
- A file of work will be kept which will help to record your progress
- There will be a number of tasks appropriate to your course such as written work, creating art or craft, video, photography or small projects. Some of these may be marked to help you progress

What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?

- What you need: You will need an internet connection, speakers, a microphone and a webcam so that you can use our video learning platform, Zoom. If you'd like to understand more Zoom please visit: <http://bit.ly/ZoomSpec>
- You will also need access to the internet outside of your sessions. You could do this using a smart phone, tablet, laptop or a desktop computer (at home or through a library etc.).
- You will need a personal email address to join the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas so that you can receive resources, record your progress and achievement and to work with others and share ideas. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- You will have access to course resources and links to wider learning through the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>

- No pre reading is required but research on the subject on the internet or in the library may be helpful

Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)

- Progress to another WEA course
- Progress to a course with another provider
- This course could lead to a range of job opportunities. Follow link to National Careers Service for more details <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>
- Become involved with the WEA in a range of voluntary work and other activities including campaigning as a WEA member
- Become involved as a volunteer for a WEA partner or another organisation
- You could progress to Higher Education courses. Follow link to the PEARL website for information <http://pearl.open.ac.uk/>
- Access the WEA What Next? booklet here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/what-can-i-do-next>

Learning with the WEA

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for most courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB Tel: 0300 303 3464 Email: courseenquiries@wea.org.uk



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