



# Certificate in Criminal Psychology Course Guide



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# Turn your passion for crime & forensics into a meaningful career

Expand your knowledge in this diverse and exciting industry. This course has been designed specifically to give you a broad introduction into criminal psychology and forensics and how they are key factors into solving crime and working with people suffering from a life of criminal activity, aggression and mental disorders. During this course you will learn about topics such as gender, youth and crime, psychology and the police, and crime prevention. You will also take a deeper look into forensics, gathered evidence and forensic science. This course is the perfect pathway into a diverse array of career options such as legal services, law enforcement, social work, crime writing and more.

The range of units you will learn about during this course will complement each other to give you a unique opportunity to enter into the field of your choice where you can really make a difference.

This course is tutored by academics currently practicing and working in the field.

**Perfect for anyone who loves watching crime television and listening to crime podcasts.**





## About us

Careers Collectiv is about practical education with a focus on providing courses relevant to real life. We help you gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to try a new career path, broaden your professional development, start a new business or explore a passion and deepen your understanding in a special interest.

Careers Collectiv was founded by a family who are passionate about providing quality education, accessibility for everyone and the flexibility to work at your own pace and in your own time. They have over a decade of experience in the online education sector after establishing a college specialising in the beauty industry.

### Our teachers

We only use teachers who are active in their specialised industry. Learn from people who have first-hand experience in their subject matter and current industry expertise. Staff come from varied backgrounds with teaching and vocational experience from universities and vocational colleges.

Courses provide flexible options for different career pathways, self-improvement, professional development and general adult education.

**We give our students the skills, tools and structure to learn in real life situations without compromising on academic excellence.**



### Recognition



All Careers Collectiv courses come with a certificate of attainment upon completion.

Our courses are accredited with the International Approval and Registration Centre (IARC), a non-profit association providing a quality control system for education programs and courses in international education.





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## Immerse yourself into a world of crime

You will understand the theory and approaches to recognise and work with all types of criminal behaviour. There are many different theories which range from social learning, to labelling theory and individual differences. It is important to understand different theories in order to nurture a broad understanding of how crime is conceptualised. Once this is in place you can better understand the thoughts and behaviours of criminals and people who cross the boundary of what is considered acceptable in society.

You will develop an understanding of how forensic science and the law work together to solve crime. The science of evidence collection, and how this evidence is analysed, are also covered in this course. Students learn about the links between crime and psychological disorders. In addition, you will study criminal profiling, presenting evidence in courtrooms, and how ethical issues can affect the use of forensics in criminal cases.

## Who is the course for?

Designed for beginners with no experience in the industry or any individuals who are looking to upskill. This course will be of interest to anyone working or aspiring to work in law enforcement and crime prevention, social work, rehabilitation, prisons, legal and/or security. The best part is studying at your own pace through our online learning.

**This course has 2  
in-depth modules:**

- Criminal Psychology
- Forensic Science





Learn from experts in their field who guide you to see, do, think and experience learning on your own terms and at your own pace.

## Protect, serve and learn during your criminal psychology studies

We know from research that success depends upon knowledge and skill, but also attitude and experience.

We've constructed this course to encourage development of positive attitudes, mastering industry practices and creating new opportunities to help you succeed and stand out.

Get inside the criminal mind. Explore the intrelation between crime and society. Unpack white collar crime, youth justice and rehabilitation. Hone in on a sense of justice that will inspire a policing, corrections, security or crime prevention career.

### Entry requirements

You will need a computer, tablet or other device to access the course work and submit your assessments.

### Assignments

Each lesson in your course modules culminate in an assignment which is submitted online, marked by the tutors and returned to you with suggestions and feedback.

### Career prospects

Criminal Psychology has a vast range or diverse options when it comes to pathways after completing your course.

#### Here are some of the roles within the industry:

- Law Enforcement
- Crime Prevention
- Social Work
- Welfare Officer
- Youth Worker
- Counsellor
- Support Worker
- Rehabilitation Officer
- Prison Guard
- Legal Profession
- Security Officer



# Course modules

## 1 Criminal Psychology

### 1 Introduction to Criminal Psychology

- Definitions of Crime
- Consensus View of what Crime is
- Conflict View of Crime
- Interactionist View of Crime
- Scope of Criminal Psychology
- What Criminal Psychologists do
- Case Study
- Profiling
- Courts
- Correctional System

### 2 Psychological approaches to understanding crime

- Biological explanations of Crime
- Phrenology
- Eugenics
- XYY Chromosome Model
- Genetics
- Twin Studies
- Adoption Studies
- Nature, Nurture
- Environmental Explanations of Crime
- Family Influence
- Agency Explanations
- Rational Choice Theory

### 3 Psychology & understanding serious crimes

- Aggression
- Types of Aggression
- Terminology
- Drive Theories
- Freudian Theories
- Social Learning Theories
- Biological and Evolutionary Theories
- Types of Aggression
- Aggression against Outsiders
- Aggression in Species
- Aggression in Humans
- Environmental Influences on Human Aggression
- Imitation or Modelling

- Familiarity
- Reinforcement
- Aggression and Culture
- Other Factors in Aggression: Alcohol, Pain, Frustration
- Murder
- Sexual Assault
- Stalking
- Pursuit Behaviour
- False Stalking Syndrome

### 4 Learning disabilities and crime

- Meaning of Learning Disabilities
- IQ Testing
- Crime and Intelligence
- Modern Intelligence Testing
- Learning Disabilities and Crime
- Sex Offences and People with Learning Disabilities Courts

### 5 Mental Disorder & Crime 2 (Psychopathy)

- Scope and Nature of Psychopathology
- Personality Disorder
- Psychopath
- Heartlessness
- Emotionless
- How do People become Psychopaths Treatment

### 6 Gender & Crime

- Scope and Nature of Gender & Crime studies
- Rates of Crime
- Murder and Violence
- Prostitution
- Case Study:
  - *Women Offenders*
  - *Victims*
  - *Murder*
  - *Domestic Violence*
  - *Sexual Abuse*





# Course modules

## 2 Introduction to Forensic Science

### 1 The Nature of Forensic Science

- What is Forensic Science?
- Origins and Principles of Forensic Science

### 2 Forensic Science and Law

- Scientific Principles
- Use of Evidence
- Relationship with Law
- What is Evidence?
- Types of Physical and Biological Evidence

### 3 Evidence Collection

- Crime Scene Investigations
- Chain of Custody
- Assessing a Scene
- Processing a Scene
- Collecting Samples

### 4 Analysis of Evidence

- The Purpose of Analysis
- Principles of Underlying Analysis
- Statistical Analyses
- Types of Evidence
- Use of Laboratory Evidence

### 5 Specialist Forensics

- Civil vs Criminal Courts
- Types of Forensics Used
- Digital and Electronic Forensics
- Forensic Pathology
- Forensic Anthropology
- Forensic Psychology

### 6 Criminology

- Psychological Theories
- Psychodynamic Theory
- Behavioural Theory
- Social Learning Theory
- Cognitive Theory
- Moral Development
- Personality and Crime
- Children and Crime

### 7 Psychological Disorders & Crime

- Mental Health
- Mental Health and Criminal Offences
- Types of Disorder and Crime
- Mental Health in Children and Crime

### 8 Criminal Profiling & Intelligence

- Criminal Profiling
- Problems with Profiling
- Intelligence
- Intelligence Gathering

### 9 Presenting Evidence in Court

- Burden of Proof
- Proof Beyond a Reasonable Doubt
- Other Standards of Proof
- Admissibility of Evidence
- Evidence

### 10 Ethical Issues

- Legislation vs Legislature
- The Purpose of the Law
- The Purpose of Ethics
- Ethical Practice and Forensic Science
- Forensic Practice and Ethics



# Course modules

## 1 Criminal Psychology

### 7 Youth & Crime

- Age of Criminal Responsibility
- Risk Factors
- Mental Health Risk
- Conduct Disorders
- ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)
- Cumulative Affect of Risk Factors
- Prevalence and Offending
- Case Studies
- Young People as Victims

### 8 Psychology & the Police

- Social Construction of Reported Crime
- Eyewitness Testimony
- Early Research
- Schemas and EWT
- Police Line Ups
- Every day Uses of Psychology by Police

### 9 Psychology in the Courtroom

- Social Cognition
- Behaviour
- Appearance
- Expectations
- The Primacy Effect
- Attribution
- Schemas and Social Perception
- Central Traits
- Stereotypes
- Social Inference and Decision Making
- Psychology and the Law
- Guilt Bias
- Media Effect
- Defendant Attributes
- Attorney Attributes

### 10 Psychology & Crime Prevention

- Punishment
- Types of Punishment
- History of Punishment
- Reasons for Punishment
- Deterrents
- Punishment and Impartiality





## Course overview



### Course

This course is made up of 2 in-depth modules. The amount of study time required to complete this course is approximately 200 hours.



### Supporting you in your studies

With our courses you are not on your own. Careers Collectiv provides the highest level of support possible. Our tutors will provide direct feedback on your assessments and will be available for you during your studies and after, even if you complete your course.



### Equipment

You will need a computer, tablet or other device to access the course work and submit your assessments. If you do not have one a tablet can be provided for you.



### Certification

A certificate of attainment will be issued upon completion of your course.

### Careers Collectiv Benefits

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- Study from anywhere, anytime
  - No experience required
  - No set deadlines
  - 2 years course access, option to extend upon request
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### Flexible payment options

This course can be paid off through an interest free payment plan for \$25 per week.

The overall price will vary depending on the options you select. We also offer a discount for upfront payments.

To find out more about the course that best suits your needs, talk to one of our career advisors on 1300 001 703.

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