



GRADE 12

Criminology

SD34 Abbotsford

This course explores the field of criminology and its related professions. Students will a) research and analyze explanations for crime including the behavioural, psychological, and environmental factors; b) explore the various types of crime and their consequences for society; and c) investigate how crime and criminals are handled by the criminal justice system. Students will develop answers to key inquiry questions about the criminal justice system.

Credits: 4

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Hours: 120

Trax Code: YSSC

GOALS AND RATIONALE

Students will gain an understanding of the Canadian justice system and the role the penal system plays within it. Students will understand how crime affects all parties involved including aspects of physical and mental health. Students will gain an understanding of the factors that affect crime rates in society. Students will gain an understanding of various methods of punishment and their effectiveness in the Canadian justice system.

BIG IDEAS

Social, physical and environmental conditions have an impact on crime rates. Criminology includes a wide range of sciences as they relate to law, criminal behaviour and treatment. Criminology focuses on understanding and preventing criminal behaviour and its societal patterns. The legal system affects the economic well-being, physical and mental health of individuals and families.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This course creates an opportunity for students to explore topics relevant to them that can be applied to future education in careers such as corrections, probation, justice law, crime scene investigations, law enforcement and cyber crime.