



**GRADE 12**

# Criminology

## Yukon - Department of Education

This course focuses on the study of crime. Possible explanations for criminal behaviour from various perspectives (psychological, biological, sociological), categories and social consequences of crime, as well as the criminal justice system's handling of criminals and their crimes will all be explored and discussed. The course will investigate possible factors that shape the criminal case process from arrest through punishment.

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**Credits:** 4

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**Hours:** 120

**Trax Code:** YLAW

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## GOALS AND RATIONALE

Crime and deviant behavior are often one of the top concerns of society members and criminology has become an area of greater interest. Students will examine factors that influence crime and the criminal justice system, investigate how crimes and criminals are handled by the criminal justice system, explore why people commit crimes, and examine the consequences of crime to individuals and the larger society.

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## BIG IDEAS

Criminology requires knowledge of various perspectives on human behavior and causes of crime. Understanding the different legal categories of crime is an important aspect of studying criminology. Criminology investigates the stages of the criminal case process within the justice system. Effects of crime go beyond punishment for the criminal.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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