

GETTING AHEAD



Start to develop skills that are relevant to your course before you join HSDC this September!

Criminology – Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

Welcome to the Subsidiary Diploma in Criminology. Over the following two years you will investigate why people commit crimes, the public's perception of these crimes and how policies and laws are set based on this information.

We begin in the first year by looking at a variety of under-reported crimes that have a low level of public awareness. We explore how campaigns affect and change how people see these crimes and how these can help develop and change our laws. We will then move onto looking at why people commit crimes through various theories.

In the second year we will evaluate the effectiveness of social control as well as review information from criminal cases, both physical (what was found at the scene of the crime) and testimonial (interviews by witnesses) and determine if these cases passed a just verdict.

Activity

Review the case of Sally Clark

Sally Clark was convicted of the murder of both her children in 1999. The first death was originally treated as natural causes however, after the death of her second child at two months old it was treated as suspicious. The police pathologist revisited the first death and then claimed this was suspicious too.

You will need to produce a report on the Sally Clark case and decide how reliable (trustworthy) the evidence given in the case was. In other words, was this a just case? Was the verdict correct? If yes/no, why? What can we learn from these cases? How can we ensure that cases like this are always just and people are dealt with in the courts fairly?

Research the case of Angela Canning. How does this case relate to the case of Sally Clark? Did these cases influence each other in any way?

Before you answer the questions above, you will need to read the articles and watch the videos we have asked you to look at. Please bring this work with you to your first Criminology lesson in September.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

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Read

Articles on the Sally Clark case

When we look back at cases in Criminology, we rely on newspaper articles a lot of the time. Please remember that the newspapers want to sell stories so they may not always be fully factual. Read with caution and read lots of different ones to get a better picture.

Below is a link to all of The Guardian's articles on Sally Clark. You will need to start on page 3 and work back to read through the whole story. You do not need to read all the articles. Try and pick out the important ones to assist your understanding of what happened in this case. It would be helpful if you also did some research of your own, this is a skill you will need in Criminology as well as other A Level courses.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk/sally-clark>

Why do we trust expert witnesses or people in authority? <http://changingminds.org/principles/authority.htm>

Watch

The following videos in relation to the Sally Clark case

There are five cases on this YouTube video and Sally Clark is the second one (feel free to watch them all) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gymUXitsPfo>

The statistics evidence and what went wrong <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7F03Wf3lvzs&t=22s>

We hope you all enjoy the task. If there are any problems you can contact Nikki who is the Course Manager for Criminology, at Nikki.mccarthy@hsdc.ac.uk and we in the Criminology Department are looking forward to meeting you in September.

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