

LAW & CRIMINOLOGY

Law & Criminology at Macademia introduces young people aged 12+ to how laws are created, how justice systems work, and why people commit crime. Students explore key areas such as criminal behaviour, policing, courts, and human rights while developing critical thinking, debate, and analytical skills.

The course is structured into six standalone modules, each running as a 6-week block (2-hour sessions). Modules can be taken in sequence or mixed with other subjects, allowing a flexible learning journey.

Through case studies, discussions, and practical activities, students investigate real-world legal issues and criminology concepts. The course supports GCSE and A-Level studies while helping students build strong portfolio work and prepare for future study and careers in law, criminology, and related fields.

Introduction to Law & Criminology

1. What is law and why it matters
2. Types of crime
3. Causes of crime
4. The role of police
5. Rights and responsibilities
6. Case study review

Law, Ethics & Society

1. Justice and fairness
2. Human rights
3. Ethical dilemmas
4. Law and society
5. Debates and discussion
6. Reflection

Criminal Justice System

1. Police and investigation
2. Courts and trials
3. Evidence and procedures
4. Roles in the courtroom
5. Sentencing and punishment
6. Trial simulation

Forensics & Investigation

1. Introduction to forensics
2. Evidence collection
3. Crime scene analysis
4. Fingerprints and DNA basics
5. Solving a case
6. Investigation presentation

Criminology Theories

1. Why people commit crime
2. Social and environmental factors
3. Psychological perspectives
4. Media and crime
5. Crime prevention
6. Theory presentation

Careers in Law & Criminology

1. Legal careers
2. Pathways and qualifications
3. Skills and attributes
4. Mock interviews
5. Preparation and advice
6. Career presentation

