

A LEVEL PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY LAW & CRIMINOLOGY



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will develop the necessary skills and attributes for this challenging career. And you will benefit from the Academic Development Day, which includes the Debating Society and taking part in the Bar Mock Trial.

A LEVEL PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS

English Literature
History
Politics
+ a further AS Level in year 1

OR

Sociology
Psychology
History
+ a further AS Level in year 1

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE TARIFF

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6

Following successful completion of the AS year you may choose to continue to study all four subjects to A Level. However, you may progress with three subjects and retain an AS qualification in one, which will contribute to your UCAS or higher apprenticeship applications.

COURSE FEATURES

- Academic Development Day - opportunity to take additional qualifications and develop skills alongside academic studies.
- Bar Mock Trial.
- Partnerships with some of the UK's leading employers.
- Programme designed in response to the findings of some of the UK's leading universities and businesses.
- Exceptional learning facilities.
- Small class sizes.
- Additional academic support tutorials delivered individually, or in small groups.
- Mock interviews.
- Opportunities to undertake enterprise projects and compete in local and national competitions.
- Enrichment opportunities that add value to applications for higher study and chosen careers, including an enhanced guest speaker programme.

The Law & Criminology Professional Pathway will prepare you for progression towards legal careers. You will gather evidence and gain the necessary skills to support your UCAS application for law related degrees.

Students will hone their debating skills and take part in a Bar Mock Trial, as well as taking up voluntary and charity work opportunities. These experiences will help you build vital skills and expand your personal development, boosting applications to top universities and job applications.

The College's strong industry links, combined with its purpose-built state-of-the-art facilities, provide the foundations for establishing a dynamic career, with the support of industry experienced professional tutors.

If you have any queries please contact our Admissions Team: **01942 761 111** or email: **applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk**

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A LEVEL EXTENDED CHOICES CRIMINOLOGY

If you choose to attend Parsons Walk, Wigan you may study a mixed programme of A Levels and a BTEC Level 3 qualification to help you fulfil your career ambitions.

This provides an alternative route to university and degree apprenticeships and may be suitable for those who prefer a combination of coursework and examinations.

A LEVELS (choose two from the following)	BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE (equivalent to one A Level)	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
English Language and Literature* or English Literature History or Media Politics or Business Sociology or Economics	BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Criminology Criminology includes aspects of Law, Psychology, and Sociology. It examines theories on the causes of different types of crime and what makes some people more 'criminal' than others. You will discover why certain crimes are under-reported and will be given the opportunity to create a campaign for change that increases awareness. Year 2 will focus on crime and punishment, exploring the purpose of the criminal justice system and how and why we punish crimes. You will learn about procedures, from the crime scene to the courtroom, and gain an understanding of how the criminal justice system works. You will also be asked to review a criminal case, to ensure that it has been tried fairly.	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. If you wish to study A Level English you will need a grade 6 at GCSE.

*AS is no longer a stand alone option.

COURSE LENGTH

The Law & Criminology A Level Professional Pathway is full-time for two academic years.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Through a combination of written exams and practical assessments.

WHAT CAN I PROGRESS TO?

On successful completion, we will support you in applying to prestigious universities nationwide, to study law and other related degrees. If you wish to secure employment within the legal sector, we will support you in your job searches and applications.

Some universities require additional assessments, for example the LNAT - the national admission test for law - we will support you in preparing for this.



ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT DAY

Options include:

- Bar Mock Trial competition
- Criminology and True Crime conference attendance
- Extended Project Qualification
- HE+ programme in partnership with Cambridge University
- Guest speakers from industry and universities
- Work experience

CAREER PROSPECTS

Careers include:

- Barrister
- Chartered Legal Executive
- Coroner
- Court Reporter
- Criminal Intelligence Analyst
- Immigration, Customs and Border Roles
- Judge
- Police Officer and Police Support Roles
- Prison Officer
- Probation Officer
- Scene of Crime Officer
- Social Researcher
- Solicitor
- Victim Care Officer
- Youth Offending Team Officer

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