

Crime and Deviance (unit 2536 option 1)

These are your set assessment assignments for this module. Note that this is a minimum of work to be completed.

<i>WEEK</i>	<i>DATE DUE IN</i>	<i>TASK</i>	<i>KS</i>
1.		Explain simply and clearly why sociologists should reject socio-biological and psychological theories of crime. Refer to the nature – nurture debate. This can be notes or an essay.	C
2.		Produce a content analysis of the treatment of crime by any one media form of your choice <i>or</i> Collect downloads about crime from the Internet and comment on what you have learned.	PS N C
3.		Detailed essay (1500 words max) <i>How reliable and valid are official crime statistics?</i>	C N
4.		Choose one of the classical theoretical approaches to crime. Explain it. Evaluate it. Present your work in essay or note format. You will be expected to pool and share these notes with the class.	C ICT
5.		Spend time in either a Magistrates or a Crown Court. Make notes of your observations of how social control is maintained through the courts.	C WP LS
6.		Choose <i>either</i> ethnicity <i>or</i> gender and explain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How this minority is represented in crime statistics • How this minority is represented in victim statistics • What do classical theories have to offer us in terms of understanding the above two patterns. 	C ICT N
7.		Using your sociological knowledge and understanding as the basis of discussion suggest how you would set about controlling crime if you were a policy maker.	C PS

C= communication, N = application of number, ICT = information technology,
PS = problem solving, WP =working with people, LS = learning skills