

Under reported crimes and the consequences as well as methods of collecting statistics in Criminology.

Overview: This workshop will provide an overview of Sociological and Criminological research methods. The students will encounter different forms of social science research and learn to put these methods in to practice through case studies provided. At the end of the session the students will be able to demonstrate why particular research methods are used for different forms of research. The session will have a particular focus on quantitative data and when exploring this the students will be encouraged to identify under reported crimes and explore the consequences of this. Through this, the students will be exposed to real-life official statistical reporting's and engage in analytical and critical thinking when handling such data.

It is worth noting this session will explore under reported crimes that may be of a difficult nature, these include hate crime, knife crime and other under reported crimes.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of the workshop, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of Social Research and the importance of it.
- Understand the basic process of conducting social research and keeping ethical considerations in mind at all times.
- Assess analytically and be able to interpret a range of secondary data from which quantitative data concerning specific topics in sociology/criminology could be extracted, and the kinds of questions they could be used to answer.
- Demonstrate the ability to be critical of official crime reporting's.
- Explain how we can apply an understanding of social psychology to digital communication.
- Understand how to apply social psychology to global issues.

Links to the National Curriculum

This workshop complements the following areas within the AQA AS & A Level Sociology Specification:

Compulsory content: 3.12, 3.2.1 Optional content: 3.2.2.1, 3.2.2.4

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