

Criminology (WJEC) - Level 3 Applied Diploma

Criminology engages the learner with the skills and knowledge to interpret, analyse and evaluate complex cases of criminality and deviance. It is a subject that complements the other social sciences well, while also being specialised in a very contemporary and exciting academic area.

Course Content & Assessment

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology.

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in humanities.

This is an Applied General qualification. This means it is designed primarily to support learners progressing to university. It has been designed to offer exciting and interesting experiences that focus learning for 16-19 year-old learners and adult learners through applied learning, i.e. through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system.

The qualification supports learners' progression from any study at Level 2, particularly GCSEs in Sociology,

Law, Psychology, Citizenship, History and Humanities. You will study a range of topics, including:

- Changing Awareness of Crime
- Theories of Crime
- Crime scene to Courtroom
- Crime and Punishment

Examinations: Year 12

- Unit 1 – Controlled Assessment (25%)
- Unit 2 – External Examination (25%)

Examinations: Year 13

- Paper 1, Paper 2 and Paper 3
- What's assessed: Theme 1 - 4
- Written exam: 2 hours
- 100 marks in total

Future opportunities

Criminology aids with further academic study, particularly in the fields of Criminal science, Sociology, Psychology and Law. This may lead to work and employment in such diverse fields as governmental research, academic research, police intelligence/investigation, forensics and jurisprudence.

<i>Entry Requirements:</i>	
GCSE	Minimum requirement: Grade 4 in English Language.
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