

Criminology

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma

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Course Outline:

This exciting new course will give you an understanding of criminology that is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work as well as sociology and psychology

1 Changing Awareness of Crime - Internal

This will help you understand different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported.

2 Criminological Theories - External

This will help you understand why people commit crime, drawing on what you have learned in Unit 1.

3 Crime Scene to Courtroom - Internal

This will provide an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. You will examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases.

4 Crime and Punishment - External

This will help you understand awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

You will develop:

- skills required for independent learning and development
- a range of generic and transferable skills
- the ability to solve problems
- the skills of project based research, development and presentation
- the fundamental ability to work alongside other professionals, in a professional environment
- the ability to apply learning in vocational contexts

Assessment

The following units are internally assessed:

- Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime
- Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom

This can be a model assignment set by the exam board or adapted to reflect local situations.

The following units will be externally assessed:

- Unit 2: Criminological Theories
- Unit 4: Crime and Punishment
- 90-minute examination

Additional Considerations:

Ideally students will have achieved a broad range of GCSE at Grade 4 and above, including English Language.



Progression Post-18

The main purpose of the WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses, such as:

- BSc Criminology
- BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology
- LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology
- BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology

Alternatively, the qualification allows learners to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within some aspects of the criminal justice system, e.g. the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service.