Criminology
Level 3 Diploma

WJEC (2 YEAR COURSE)

Why choose Criminology?

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology. Criminology is becoming a popular and widely recognized Level 3 subject, but is often studied at Level 4 in University and Further Education.

WJEC Level 3 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, visits to local Magistrates courts, Crown Court and visiting speakers, who work in the judicial system are necessary parts of this course.

It is important to note that this qualification is awarded in grades equivalent to traditional A Level subjects (A*-E). Each level given, is recognized by UCAS and equates to similar traditional A Levels in University points.

Where will this course lead me?

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

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



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, Social work, Law or to further continue to study Psychology at Level 4.

What can I expect to learn?

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Unit number	**Entry code**	**Unit title**		**Assessment**	**GLH**
1		Changing Awareness of Crime	Mandatory	Internal	90
2		Criminological Theories	Mandatory	External	90
3		Crime Scene to Courtroom	Mandatory	Internal	90
4		Crime and Punishment	Mandatory	External	90

Learners must complete **ALL** units.

The purpose of the WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Criminology is to provide learners with an introduction to criminal justice and to give a context for humanities learning. Together with other relevant qualifications, such as GCE Law, Psychology and Sociology, it develops the understanding to support entry to higher education courses in the humanities sector.

The first mandatory unit will enable the learner to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported.

The second mandatory unit will allow learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what they have learned in Unit 1.

The third mandatory unit will provide an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. Learners will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases.

In the final mandatory unit, learners will apply their understanding of the 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.

Each unit within the qualification has an applied purpose which acts as a focus for the learning in the unit. The applied purpose demands learning related to authentic case studies. It also requires learners to consider how the use and application of their learning impacts on themselves, other individuals, employers, society and the environment. The applied purpose will also allow learners to learn in such a way that they 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

Entry requirements:

You will need at least **grade 5** in GCSE English Language.