

Applied Diploma Criminology

Exam Board: WJEC

Qualification Code: 601/6248/X

Subject overview:

Not all types of crime are alike. What different types of crime take place in our society? How do we decide what behaviour is criminal? What is the difference between criminal behaviour and deviance? How do we explain why people commit crime? What happens to those who commit a crime? Why and how do we punish people? What organisations do we have in our society to control criminality? An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, including police officers, probation and prison officers, and social workers. With their critical thinking, analytical and communication skills, criminology graduates are also attractive to employers outside the criminal justice sector in areas such as social research and politics. The WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology has been designed to provide learners with underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills to progress to further study and training. It offers 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

Course outline including assessment method:

The qualification is made up of four mandatory units, as follow:

1. Changing Awareness of Crime (90 GLH);
2. Criminological Theories External (90 GLH);
3. Crime Scene to Courtroom (90 GLH); and
4. Crime and Punishment External (90 GLH).

Student will have two internally assessed units and two externally assessed 90 minute examinations.

Year 1 Contents:

- Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime;
- Unit 2: Criminological Theories.

Year 2 Contents:

- Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom;
- Unit 4: Crime and Punishment.

Resources and Facilities at TKAW:

The social science department at The Khalsa Academy Wolverhampton is well resourced. Students will benefit from developing the skills required by employers within and beyond the field of Criminology.

Careers and Progression:

As stated by WJEC, the main purpose of the qualification is 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.

Entry Requirements:

Five GCSE's at Grade 4 and above, including a minimum of a Grade 4 in English Language.

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