

LEVEL 3 APPLIED DIPLOMA CRIMINOLOGY



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WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate in Criminology

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English, Maths and Science .

Course Description

Criminology involves analysing illegal human behaviours and crime prevention methods. The field of criminology blends social science and psychology with criminal justice. As a criminologist, you'll explore the many causes of criminal activity among different groups of people, the role of the courtroom in bringing people to justice and the different punishment methods used for criminal behaviour.

The course is made of up **4 main units**

Unit 1— Changing awareness of crime—covers the different types of crime, the impact of crime on society and the role of campaigns in changing the awareness of crime

Unit 2 — Criminological Theories— covers the definitions of crime and the biological, individualistic and sociological theories of why people turn to crime

Unit 3 — Crime scene to courtroom— covers the process of crime scene analysis, processing of evidence and techniques used within the courtroom

Unit 4 — Crime and Punishment— covers the organization of the criminal justice system, types of punishment and rehabilitation and the role of different agencies.

Method of Assessment

2 controlled assessments for unit 1 and 3 (one in year 12 and one in year 13) These are coursework elements completed in exam conditions

2 externally examined units for unit 2 and 4 (one in year 12 and one in year 13) These are completed in examination conditions.

Progression

The main purpose of the WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is mainly to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses, such as: BSc Criminology, BA Criminology and Criminal Justice and BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology 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.

Skills

The applied nature of the course requires learners to consider how the use and application of their learning impacts on themselves, other individuals, employers, society and the environment. This allows learners to develop skills required for independent learning and to develop a range of generic and transferable skills such as the ability to solve problems, the skills of project based research, the ability to work alongside other professionals.

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