

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology



What is Criminology?

Criminology is the study of criminal behaviour. You will explore key questions in relation to offending such as “what is crime?” “what makes someone commit a crime?” and “how effective are our current methods of punishment and rehabilitation?”. By studying Criminology, we hope you will become tolerant individuals with a keen interest in all things crime. You will also not only have a deep understanding of criminal behaviour but where society could be improved to improve outcomes for all.

Why study Criminology?

Criminology is a fascinating subject that offers a unique delve into the world of criminal behaviour. If you enjoy watching, listening and reading about true crime then Criminology is the subject for you. You will regularly apply your learning in the classroom to real life case studies to examine how useful our theories are in explaining real world events.

University degrees that require or often prefer Criminology include:

The study of Criminology at this level can lead to a range of further qualifications in forensic related fields including: Criminology, Psychology, Criminology and Policy, Professional Policing, Criminal Justice, Youth Justice and Forensic Psychology.

Possible careers:

Criminology can open the door to an array of career paths that require understanding of the criminal justice sector. These may include careers in the police force or in police support roles, the field of forensic psychology, social and probation work, or the prison

Entry requirements:

Minimum of a grade 5 in English.

Unit title	Description	Assessment Type
Changing Awareness of Crime	The purpose of this unit is for learners to plan campaigns for change relating to crime. At the end of this unit, you will have gained skills to differentiate between myth and reality when it comes to crime and to recognise that common representations may be misleading and inaccurate. You will have gained the skills to understand the importance of changing public perceptions of crime. You will be able to use and assess a variety of methods used by agencies to raise awareness of crime so that it can be tackled effectively.	Internally centre assessed
Criminological Theories	The purpose of this unit is for learners to apply their understanding of the public perceptions of crime and campaigns for change studied in Unit 1 with criminological theories to examine how both are used to set policy. Students will explore a range of biological, psychological and sociological theories to explain why an individual commits a crime.	External examination
Crime Scene to Courtroom	Through this unit, learners will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases. At the end of this unit you will have gained the skills to review criminal cases, evaluating the evidence in the cases to determine whether the verdict is safe and just.	Internally centre assessed
Crime and Punishment	The purpose of this unit is for learners to develop skills in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the process of social control in delivering policy in practice. Through this unit, you will learn about the criminal justice system in England and Wales and how it operates to achieve social control. You will have gained an understanding of the organisations which are part of our system of social control and their effectiveness in achieving their objectives.	External examination

Experiences outside the classroom?

- Crime scene to courtroom days
- Trips to Shrewsbury prison
- Guest speakers in lesson

SUMMER 2024 RESULTS!

A*-A = 15%

A*-C = 80%