



LEVEL 3 APPLIED DIPLOMA IN CRIMINOLOGY

WHAT IS THE COURSE ABOUT?

Criminology is the study of crime and criminals. This applied qualification will give you the opportunity to study different types of crime, why people commit crime, how the criminal justice system works and how policies can be implemented to try and reduce crime.

HOW IS THE COURSE STRUCTURED?

Year 12 Unit 1 - Controlled Assessment

Changing Awareness of Crime

Learners develop an understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. There is an emphasis on why campaigns for change are important in changing the law / policy.

8-hour exam (split over 3 days), open folder, 50% of year 1 grade, 25% of year 2 grade

Year 13 Unit 3 - Controlled Assessment

Crime Scene to Courtroom

Provides learners with an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict.

8-hour exam (split over 3 days), open folder, 50% of the year 2 grade, 25% of year 2 grade

Year 12 Unit 1 - External Exam

Criminological Theories

Enables learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crime through studying different criminological theories, drawing on what they have learnt in Unit 1.

1 hour and 30 minutes exam, 3 x 25 mark sections, 50% of year 1 grade, 25% of year 2 grade

Year 13 Unit 3 - External Exam

Crime and Punishment

Learners apply their understanding to 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.

1 hour and 30 minutes exam, 3 x 25 sections, 50% of year 2 grade, 25% of year 2 grade

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE TAKING THE COURSE

Criminology uses a variety of skills from English, Maths and Science, therefore it is essential that you have good grades in these subjects at GCSE. You do not need to have studied Criminology before, although if you have, you can use the knowledge you have gained as a foundation to the Diploma material. **You need a 5 in GCSE English to study Criminology.**



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HOW CAN CRIMINOLOGY DEVELOP MY FULL RANGE OF SKILLS?

Visit the WJEC website:

Check out the course in greater detail to see what content is included in each topic.

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During the Level 3 Diploma course you will:

- Extend your independent research skills
- Learn how to use evidence from research to support your arguments
- Develop your ability to explain your point of view fluently
- Develop your analytical skills

POSSIBLE CAREERS

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 in areas such as social research and politics.

The British Society of Criminology:

Have a look at what Criminology is all about and the potential career opportunities.

Is there anything you would like to do?

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WHAT CAN I DO TO SEE IF CRIMINOLOGY IS FOR ME?

Watch the following shows and documentaries and make a mind map of the key issues you came across in each:

Channel 5: Lucy Letby: The New Evidence

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The Ted Bundy Tapes

Netflix

YouTube: The Psychology of Evil

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Spotify: Criminology – Emash Digital, Mike Ferguson and Mike Morford



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