

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology



Subject Overview

Criminology looks at the types of crime that take place within our society. How do we decide which behaviour is criminal? How do we explain why some people commit crime and how can we use different theories of criminality to explain this behaviour?

Criminology is an Applied General qualification primarily designed to support learners progressing to university; however, much of the course is vocationally relevant, offering opportunities to learn from practical activities and the expertise of professionals currently working in criminology. It offers exciting and interesting learning experiences in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system. If you are fascinated by the workings of crime and punishment, this course could be for you!

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Unit	Weighting	Title	Details
Unit 1	25% - 100 marks	Changing Awareness of Crime	Internally Assessed 8 hours LO1 Understand how crime reporting affects the public perception of criminality LO2 Understand how campaigns are used to elicit change LO3 Plan campaigns for change relating to crime
Unit 2	25% - 75 Marks	Criminological Theories	Externally Assessed 1 hour 30 minutes LO1 Understand social constructions of criminality LO2 Know theories of criminality LO3 Understand causes of criminality LO4 Understand causes of policy change
Unit 3	25% - 100 Marks	Crime Scene to Courtroom	Internally Assessed 8 hours LO1 Understand the process of criminal investigations LO2 Understand the process for prosecution of suspects LO3 Be able to review criminal cases
Unit 4	25% - 75 Marks	Crime and Punishment	Externally Assessed 1 hour 30 minutes LO1 Understand the criminal justice system in England and Wales LO2 Understand the role of punishment in a criminal justice system LO3 Understand measures used in social control

What opportunities this course could lead to:

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 services.

Course requirements:

Students must have 5 or more GCSE passes, including English and Mathematics, grade 5 or above to study Criminology.

Useful websites:

https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3/#tab_overview

<https://criminology.uk.net/>

<https://revisesociology.com/tag/criminology/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/crime-statistics>

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/bulletins/crimeinenglandandwales/yearendingseptember2019>