

Level 3 Applied Diploma – Criminology



Exam Board: WJEC

Criminology is a new course for 2024 and will complement our highly successful A Level courses in Sociology, Law and Psychology. If you are interested in the criminal justice system and the processes and key issues that underpin it, then this is the course for you.

Criminology is the scientific and academic study of crime and criminal behaviour. It includes aspects of sociology, psychology and law to understand crime at an individual, social and natural level. You will research and analyse crime policies, assess campaigns on awareness of crime and explore the processes and people involved from crime scene to courtroom. The Applied Diploma in Criminology is equivalent to an A Level.

Course summary:

Unit 1: Changing awareness of crime (controlled assessment). In this unit you will plan a campaign for change related to crime – to raise awareness, or to change attitudes about crime or the reporting behaviour of victims.

Unit 2: Criminological theories (exam). In this unit you will explore how criminologists define and explain crime and deviance and how to evaluate them.

Unit 3: Crime scene to courtroom (controlled assessment). In this unit you will gain the knowledge and skills to be able to review the justice verdicts in the criminal justice system.

Unit 4: Crime and punishment (exam). In this unit you will examine why most people obey the law whilst others don't and analyse the effectiveness of punishment in society.

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Assessment:

Criminology is assessed by two 8-hour controlled assessments completed internally and two 90-minute examinations throughout the course.

Who is the course for?

Students who are interested in the criminal justice system

Students who are motivated and able to engage in a range of assessment methods

Students who keep up to date with current news, legislation and key court cases

Those studying subjects such as Psychology and Sociology

Career pathways

Criminology compliments other social science courses such as forensic and criminal psychology as well as stand-alone degrees such as Criminology and Sociology. The skills and knowledge gained and demonstrated in this course are valued in a wide range of careers in the Criminal Justice System such as solicitor, barrister, as well as social work, and the prison and probation services.