

Criminology

Qualification: WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology
Additional Entry Information: Sixth form entry requirements

Speak to **Mrs R Browning** for more information.

What do students need to know or be able to do before taking the course?

The course requires no prior knowledge, although a keen interest in the subject is desirable and it would be worthwhile students researching the subject before opting for it, in order to obtain a clearer picture of what to expect.

What will students learn on this course (skills and course content)?

The first unit will enable students to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. The second unit will allow students to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what they have learned in Unit 1. The third unit will provide an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. Students will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases. In the final unit, learners will apply their understanding of 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.

Each unit within the qualification has an applied purpose which acts as a focus for the learning in the unit. The applied purpose demands learning related to authentic case studies. It also requires learners to consider how the use and application of their learning impacts on themselves, other individuals, employers, society and the environment.

The applied purpose will also allow learners to learn in such a way that they develop:

- skills required for independent learning and development

- a range of generic and transferable skills
- the ability to solve problems
- the skills of project based research, development and presentation
- the fundamental ability to work alongside other professionals, in a professional environment
- the ability to apply learning in vocational contexts

What sort of student is this course suitable for?

This course is suitable for students who have a keen interest in understanding criminality from the perspective of the criminal, the law and have a desire to understanding the criminal justice system. Students need to be motivated to extend their reading around the subject to gain greater insight.



What kind of work will students need to be able to do outside of lessons?

Students will need to be able to conduct research that will be vital for their notes and to feedback during class discussions. This will help them to expand their understanding and increase their ability to apply their knowledge.

What is the course content and how is this assessed?

AS, Unit 1 - Changing Awareness of Crime - 8 hour controlled assessment

AS, Unit 2 - Criminological Theories - External exam - 1 hour 30 minutes

A2, Unit 3 - Crime Scene to Courtroom - 8 hour controlled assessment

A2, Unit 4 - Crime and Punishment - external exam - 1 hour 30 minutes

What could students go on to do at the end of this course?

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
- BA Criminology and Criminal Justice
- BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology
- LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology
- BA (Hons) Criminology • BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology
- BSc Criminology with Law

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.