

Criminology Diploma

Who is the course for?

The WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology is designed for students who have a desire to explore issues about crime and the criminal justice system through an applied learning approach. Students will be able to acquire the necessary knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts, they will be linking learning to authentic case studies. The qualification is varied and combines elements of psychology, law and sociology.

The applied nature of the course encourages students to learn in such a way that they develop a range of skills highly valued by universities and employers. Students will develop: 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; and the ability to apply learning in vocational contexts.

What does the course involve?

The course is designed to provide you with a broad understanding of different explanations of crime and deviance and to explore how the Criminal Justice System works and how crime can impact social policy. Class discussion and debate will give you an understanding of the theory, but you will also be putting the theory into practice by completing two controlled assessments.

Modules include:

- **Changing Awareness of Crime** - Learners develop an understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported.
- **Criminological Theories** - Learners are enabled to gain an understanding of why people commit crime. Learners explore the difference between criminal

- **Behaviour and Deviance** - Theories behind why people commit crime.
- **Crime Scene to Courtroom** - Learners are provided with an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict.
- **Crime and Punishment** - Learners apply their understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories and processes of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

Assessment Methods

The WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology is assessed by two internal controlled assessments, which make up 50% of the final grade and two external exams, which make up the remaining 50% of the final grade.

Progression Options

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, including police officers, probation and prison officers, social workers and those in law. Skills developed include critical thinking, analytical and communication skills. The course sets students up for higher education but also for apprenticeships and jobs alike. The qualification would go well alongside subjects such as; Sociology, Law, Psychology and History.

Awarding Body

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