

## WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

### Course Details

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in humanities.

#### There are four mandatory units.

##### Unit 1 – *Changing Awareness of Crime*

The first unit will enable the learner to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported.

##### Unit 2 – *Criminological Theories*

The second unit will allow learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, using their knowledge of what they have learned in unit 1.

##### Unit 3 – *Crime Scene to Courtroom*

The third unit will provide an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. Learners will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases.

##### Unit 4 – *Crime and Punishment*

The final unit, learners will apply their understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories, and the process of bringing an accused to court 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.

### Assessment

#### This course is 360 Guided Learning Hours

This is the equivalent in size to one A Level. There are 4 mandatory units.

Two of the four mandatory units are assessed by external examination.

Unit	Type	Availability
Unit 2: Criminological Theories	Written exam set and marked by WJEC 90-minute examination 75 marks	June of each year
Unit 4: Crime and Punishment	Written exam set and marked by WJEC 90-minute examination 75 marks	June of each year.

The other two units are assessed internally by:

#### Extended report writing

Each of the unit has a weighting of 25%. The overall grades for the Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology will be recorded on a scale A\* to E.



## Background Requirements and Suitability

- You will need to have an interest in the criminal justice system.
- You need to be aware that during the course you will do two pieces of extended written coursework.
- You will need to be motivated to cope with the workload.

## Skills Required

You will need to have:

- skills required for independent learning and development.
- A range of generic and transferable skills
- Ability to solve problems
- Skills of project-based research, development, and presentation.

## Prospects

To support access to higher degree courses, such as:

BA Criminology

BA Criminology and Criminal Justice

BA Criminology and Sociology

BA (Hons) Criminology

BSC (Hons) Psychology and Sociology

BSC Criminology with Law

### Possible careers with further education:

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 Tribunal Service or the National Offender Management Service.

## For More Information

Students interested in Applied Diploma should contact:

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### Syllabus

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### Exam Board

WJEC

### Website

Further details of this course can be found on the exam boards' website.

[www.wjec.co.uk](http://www.wjec.co.uk)

