

Level 3 Diploma in Criminology

Awarding body: WJEC

Qualification: Level 3 Applied Diploma
Equivalent to 1 A Level

Method of assessment: Examination and Coursework

Course entry requirement: Good Literacy Skills are required and students should have a minimum of 5 x grade 4GCSE's

Course description and what it will be like: During the first year you will study two Certificate units. Within these units you will look at different types of crime and public perceptions of crime, gaining an understanding of why some crimes go unreported to the police and media. The second Certificate unit, through its focus on a series of criminological theories, also allows learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crimes.

During the second year of the course, the Diploma units will foster a deeper understanding of the criminal justice system and you will develop the skills needed to examine criminal cases and review verdicts. You'll look at the roles of personnel and processes involved from the moment a crime takes place until the verdict itself is passed. In the final unit, you will apply your knowledge of criminological theories to understand how and why we use punishment within the criminal justice system in order to achieve social control. You will learn how to evaluate the effectiveness of social control agencies, such as the police and prisons, in achieving their aims.

Specification and Units of Study

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Changing Awareness of Crime (25% of course)	Criminological Theories (25% of course)	Crime Scene to Courtroom (25% of course)	Crime and Punishment (25% of course)
Coursework	Exam	Coursework	Exam
Planning Campaigns for Change Relating to Crime	Crime and Deviance Theories of Criminality Criminal policy	How Perceptions of Crime and Theory Interact to set Policy	The Criminal Justice System Social Control

Psychology, Sociology, Applied Law, Forensic investigation and History are all strong companion subjects to study alongside this.