
Criminology

WJEC Applied Diploma in Criminology



Course Description

Criminology involves analysing illegal human behaviours and crime prevention methods. The field of criminology blends social science and psychology with criminal justice. As a criminologist, you'll explore the many causes of criminal activity among different groups of people, the role of the courtroom in bringing people to justice and the different punishment methods used for criminal behaviour.

The course is made up of 4 main units:

- Unit 1 – Changing awareness of crime: Covers the different types of crime, the impact of crime on society and the role of campaigns in changing the awareness of crime.
- Unit 2 – Criminological Theories: Covers the definitions of crime and the biological, individualistic and sociological theories of why people turn to crime.
- Unit 3 – Crime scene to courtroom: Covers the process of crime scene analysis, processing of evidence and techniques used within the courtroom.
- Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment: Covers the organization of the criminal justice system, types of punishment and rehabilitation and the role of different agencies.

Methods of Assessment

- 2 controlled assessments for Unit 1 and Unit 3 (one in Year 12 and one in Year 13). These are coursework elements completed in exam conditions.
- 2 externally examined units for Unit 2 and Unit 4 (one in Year 12 and one in Year 13). These are completed in examination conditions.

Progression

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 and Criminal Justice
- BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology

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.

Student Testimonial - Oscar



Throughout my studies of Criminology, I have gained a greater understanding and interest in the minds of criminals as well as the justice system. I chose the course as it seemed interesting to me, and I wanted to deepen my understanding of all factors that could be considered when discussing crime. I enjoy the course as I am fascinated by the different reasoning people have to commit crime and enjoy learning about this. My study of criminology will benefit me in the future as I will be able to use my research, organisation and note making skills that I have gained from studying the subject.

Class of 2024-25

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