



Post 16 Prospectus: Criminology

Level 3 Applied Cert. (1 year), Applied Dip. (2 year)
Examining Board: WJEC

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An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology. WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in humanities.

COURSE CONTENT

The first mandatory unit will enable the learner to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. The second mandatory unit will allow learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what they have learned in Unit 1.

Internal Assessment 50%	External Assessment 50%
Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime Unit 3: Crime Scene to Court Room	Unit 2: Criminological Theories Unit 4: Crime and Punishment
<p>The following principles apply to the assessment of each internally assessed unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Units are assessed through summative controlled assessment (available electronically).• Controls for assessment of each internally assessed unit are provided in a model assignment.• Each internally assessed unit must be assessed independently. Learners may produce a piece of evidence that contributes to the assessment criteria for more than one unit. This is acceptable provided it can be clearly attributed to a specified assessment criterion and has been produced under the appropriate controlled conditions for each unit.• All grades are awarded based on the number of marks attained in each assessment. Grade descriptors are provided for Grades A, C and E. <p>There are three stages of assessment that will be controlled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• task setting• task taking• task marking	<p>90-minute examination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• total of 75 marks for each unit• three questions on each paper• short and extended answer questions, based on stimulus material and applied contexts• each question will have an applied problem-solving scenario• each paper will assess all learning outcomes and assessment criteria will be sampled in each series• electronically assessed (e-assessment)• available in June of each year• learners are allowed two resit opportunities; the highest grade will contribute towards the overall grade for the qualification• WJEC will produce a mark scheme which will be used as the basis for marking the examination papers• graded: on a scale of A to E

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SUBJECT ENRICHMENT

Trip to law courts where possible.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

General entry requirement for Post-16: 5 x Grade 4+ including English and/or Maths

WHERE NEXT?

The main purpose of the WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate 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.