

**CRIMINOLOGY****AWARDING BODY WJEC****Course Specification link:**[https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3/#tab\\_keydocuments](https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3/#tab_keydocuments)**Brief outline of course**

The Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is a diverse course, covering elements of psychology, law and sociology, that complements studies in humanities. It is relevant to a wide range of job roles within the criminal justice section, social and probation work, and sociology and psychology.

**Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime**

The purpose of this unit is for learners to plan campaigns for change relating to crime. We will explore crime within society and look at a range of different crimes and public attitudes to those.

Internal Assessment: 8 hour controlled assessment, where students apply their practical skills to a scenario. 25% of total qualification.

**Unit 2: Criminological Theories**

In this unit, learners will apply their understanding of the public perceptions of crime and campaigns for change, as studied in Unit 1, together with criminological theories to examine how policy is set.

External Assessment: 90 minute examination, three questions on each paper, short and extended answer questions, based on stimulus material and applied context, including a problem-solving scenario. 25% of total qualification.

**Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom**

Through this unit, learners will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases. We will look at the different roles personnel take in investigating a crime and how that crime is taken through to prosecution.

Internal Assessment: 8 hour controlled assessment, where students apply their practical skills to a scenario. 25% of total qualification.

**Unit 4: Crime and Punishment**

For this final unit, students will develop their skills in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the process of social control in delivering policy in practice. We examine the role of law and order within society and consider the operation of the criminal justice system.

External Assessment: 90 minute examination, three questions on each paper, short and extended answer questions, based on stimulus material and applied context, including a problem-solving scenario. 25% of total qualification.

**Are you interested in:**

- Crime and justice
- Psychology and Sociology
- Exploring society and how rule of law operates
- Combining theoretical and practical ideas

**Leading to a career in:**

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| • Law                     | • Social Work |
| • Police                  | • Psychology  |
| • Criminal Justice System |               |

**Subject Entry Criteria**

GCSE English Language or English Literature Grade 5

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