

The **WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology** is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements many other studies. An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology. This is an Applied General qualification, designed primarily to support learners progressing to university or into higher level apprenticeships.

The WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is equivalent to one A-level and consists of four mandatory units.

Entry requirements

The entry requirements for this course are 5 GCSEs at grades 4-9 (or BTEC equivalents).

Course Content

During the two year course students will study **four** compulsory units :

- ◆ Changing Awareness of Crime (Internally assessed)
- ◆ Criminological Theories (externally assessed)
- ◆ Crime Scene to Courtroom (internally assessed)
- ◆ Crime and Punishment (externally assessed)

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

Assessment will be through internally marked controlled assessments and external examinations. The weightings for assessment are 50% external, 50% internal.

Students can achieve grades A – E on each unit. The final grade is an aggregate of all the unit grades to give an overall grade of A* - E.

Approach to Teaching and Learning

- ◆ Individual research and study
- ◆ Group work
- ◆ Class discussion
- ◆ Case studies
- ◆ Off site visits to court rooms
- ◆ Individual Reviews with your tutor
- ◆ Talks from visiting professionals
- ◆ Web – based research



Future Prospects

Criminology links well with other subjects at Level 3 such as Applied Law, Applied Psychology, Forensic Investigation, and provides a pathway into a variety of higher education and degree courses. 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.