

CRIMINOLOGY

‘Every society has the criminals it deserves.’
In Criminology we ask the key questions as to whether society creates criminals, or are certain individuals genetically predisposed to crime

COURSE DETAILS

WJEC – Level 3 Applied Diploma

WJEC – 601\6248\X

GCSE English Grade 4 or higher

‘Criminology is aimed at anyone who is interested in why people commit crime, how they commit it and how authorities try to tackle and investigate crime.’

Studying Criminology over two years will include the following content and assessments:

Year 1

Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime

In this unit you will explore a number of crimes which are often unreported such as hate crime, domestic abuse, white collar crime and technological crime. You will examine the reasons why people do not report these crimes such as fear of further abuse or mistrust of the police.

(Assessment type- Controlled assessment)

Unit 2 – Criminological Theories

In this unit you will gain a strong understanding of the theories used to explain different types of crime which will give you an insight into the thinking used by experts and politicians to explain crime and criminality.

(Assessment type- Exam)

Year 2

Unit 3 – Crime Scene to Courtroom

In this unit you will follow the process of a criminal investigation step by step from it happening until the case reaches court. We begin by looking at who is involved in an investigation, and evaluate the techniques which are available such as forensics and surveillance.

(Assessment type- Controlled assessment)

Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment

In this unit you will explore the complex system of organisations and processes that society has created to ensure people do not break the law. (Assessment type- Exam)

Students who study criminology will have a lot of option in regards to the degree and type of degree they can study at university including:

- ¹ BSc Criminology
- ¹ BA Criminology
- ¹ BA Criminology and Criminal Justice
- ¹ BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology
- ¹ LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
- ¹ BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology
- ¹ BA (Hons) Criminology
- ¹ BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology
- ¹ BSc Criminology with Law

Alternatively, a student can expect to enjoy a career in law enforcement, the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service.

Upon completion of one of the above courses at a higher educational institution a student would be a perfect candidate for a multitude of areas in the Criminal Justice System from enforcement to processes.

