

## Level 3 Applied Criminology

### What will I learn?

Not all types of crime are alike. Are you interested in the different types of crime that take place in our society? Are criminals born, or made? How do we decide what behaviour is criminal? What are the different roles of everyone involved when a crime is detected? When perhaps you are interested to know more about the new exciting course in Criminology?

Criminology is the study of the reasons why individuals commit crime. By understanding why a person commits a crime, we can develop ways to control crime or rehabilitate the criminal. This course will enable you to use theories of criminality to analyse criminal situations and suggest ways of reducing crime. You will also develop the knowledge and skills to research policy in practice, assess campaigns for changes in awareness and examine information to review verdicts in criminal cases.

### What can I do next?

This course is ideal for anyone who wishes to pursue a career in Criminology. This course can provide a route into Higher Education to study at degree level in a variety of areas such as Criminology, Criminal Justice, Psychology and Forensic Science. The course would also provide an excellent basis to anyone wishing to pursue a career within Social Work, Mental Health, the Police Force, Customs and Immigration, Prison Services, Court Services, Security Services, the NHS, Education and Youth and Community Services.

### Further course content

#### Year 12

##### Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime

You will explore how crime reporting affects the public perception of crime and criminals. You will then go on to study how campaigns are used to bring about change and plan a campaign of your own.

##### Unit 2 – Criminological Theories

You will discover and assess all the theories that have been put forward to explain why crime occurs.

#### Year 13

##### Unit 3 – Crime Scene to Courtroom

You will gain an understanding of the process of criminal investigations. You will then go on to learn about the prosecution of suspects and be able to review criminal cases.

### Summary

**Level:** BTEC Level 3

**Duration:** 1-2 years

**Qualification:**  
WJEC (EDUQAS) Level  
3 Applied Certificate/  
Diploma in Criminology

**Entry Requirements:**  
GCSE Level 5 in English,  
Maths and Science

## Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment

You will study every aspect of the criminal justice system and the types and purposes of punishment in England & Wales.

## Assessment

This course is divided into four units over two years with a modular structure. You will be assessed at the end of every unit. There are opportunities for assessment in January and June of each year.

Units 1 and 3 are internally assessed by your teachers in examination conditions on computers.

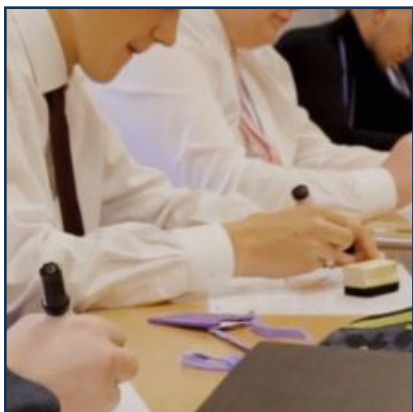
Units 2 and 4 are examined through a 90 minute external written paper.

Units 1 and 2 lead to a Level 3 Certificate in Criminology, worth 50% of the final Level 3 Diploma.

Successful completion of the 4 units, over the 2 years, leads to the Level 3 Diploma, which is equivalent to an A Level and carries the same UCAS points.

Examining Board – WJEC (EDUQAS).

The possible overall grades for this qualification are A\*- E



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