

CRIMINOLOGY

POINT OF CONTACT

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TYPE OF QUALIFICATION

WJEC Applied Diploma

EXAM BOARD

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SPECIFICATION

<http://bit.ly/WJECcriminology>

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Preferred: GCSE English and Maths grade 6

Essential: GCSE English and Maths grade 5



AIMS OF THE COURSE

The Criminology course is designed to introduce you to theories of crime and the criminal justice system. The Diploma includes elements of psychology, law and sociology, and it fits well with other humanities and social science subjects.

It has the same UCAS points as an A-level subject.

COURSE OUTLINE & ASSESSMENT

Students study four units:

1. Changing Awareness of Crime - will enable the learner to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported.

2. Criminological Theories - will allow learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crime.

3. Crime Scene to Courtroom - will provide an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. Learners will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases.

4. Crime and Punishment - the focus of the course is on students developing their skills and applying their learning in vocational contexts. Learners will apply their understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

Units 1 and 3 are internally assessed via controlled assessments. Units 2 and 4 are assessed by external exam

CAREER PROSPECTS

Criminology complements many other subjects including Psychology. The qualification supports access to higher education degree courses and 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.

SUBJECT ENRICHMENT



Something to think about...

What different types of crime take place in our society? What kinds of crime exist about which we know very little, or which are simply not reported to the police? How do we explain why people commit crime? What makes someone a serial killer?



Something to listen to...

BBC Sounds have several podcasts that explore real-life crimes. Search for True Crime.



Something to read...

Whether it's learning more about how criminal evidence is collected or finding out how the legal system uses the information, this is a great place to start exploring forensics and how crimes are solved:

www.exploreforensics.co.uk

