

# Criminology

## WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma

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### Course Outline:

Criminology is a gripping film-noir of a subject, a procedural police thriller of new knowledge and adventure. We will do our best to ensure it lives up to your CSI expectations. One thing is certain: this A-Level will open your eyes to a range of thrilling job opportunities within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work, as well as sociology and psychology.

Here's a sneak peek at what you'll discover:

#### Changing Awareness of Crime

Unravel the mysteries surrounding different types of crime and discover the factors that influence our perceptions. Challenge your preconceptions and broaden your understanding of the complex world of criminal activity.

#### Criminological Theories

Ever wondered why people commit crimes? Peer into the minds of criminals and unleash your inner detective as you explore various theories behind criminal behaviour.

#### Crime Scene to Courtroom

Step into the shoes of a crime scene investigator and follow the trail from the crime scene to the court-room verdict. Examine crucial evidence and discover the intricate workings of the criminal justice system.

#### Crime and Punishment

Gain a deep understanding of criminality awareness, criminological theories, and the process of bringing an accused individual to court. Evaluate the effectiveness of social control in delivering criminal justice policy and become a champion of fairness and equality.

The WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Criminology is an Applied General Qualification. The main purpose of the qualification is to support access to higher education degree courses, such as: Criminology, Psychology, Sociology and Law. While not an A-Level, universities widely accept and value students with a Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology.



### Progression Post-18

The main purpose of the WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses, such as:

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

Alternatively, 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.