

Criminology

Level 3 Applied Diploma

Exam Board: WJEC

Subject Specific Criteria:

- Grade 4 in English and Maths

Units Studied:

- Changing Awareness of Crime
- Criminological Theories
- Crime Scene to Courtroom
- Crime and Punishment

Course Information:

Are you are fascinated by crime? If so, then this is the course for you!

This diploma will help you to develop an understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. Knowing about the wide range of different crimes and the reasons people have for not reporting such crimes provides an understanding of the complexity of behaviours and the social implications of such crimes and criminality. You will also explore the difference between criminal behaviour and deviance, and the theories behind why people commit crime. Alongside this you will learn about the workings of the entire criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified, right up to the verdict. The course will help you to develop the skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases.

Assessment:

The WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology is assessed through a combination of two written examinations, set and marked by WJEC, and two centre-marked assignments.

Skills Required:

- Independent learning
- Problem solving
- Good level of written English
- An interest in the world around you
- Analytical/critical thinking

Futures:

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, including police officers, probation and prison officers, and social workers. With their critical thinking, analytical and communication skills, criminology graduates are also attractive to employers outside the criminal justice sector in areas such as social research and politics. This award is equivalent to a full A-level and opens the door to a wide range of University and College courses, Degree Level Apprenticeships and Employment.

Subject Enrichment:

Participation in the Annual Criminology Conference at the University of Manchester. A visit to Court to observe the day's cases.

