



Criminology A-Level

Awarding Body: WJEC

Course Length: 2 years

Entry Requirements: 36 – 48 Points



This course will cover:

- Why individuals commit crime. By understanding why crimes are committed we can put measures in place to prevent crime and rehabilitate offenders.
- Understanding different theories into why individuals commit crime, analysing criminal situations and suggesting ways to reduce and prevent crime.
- Researching policy in practice, assessing campaigns for changes in awareness and examining information to review verdicts in criminal cases.

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, and go on to learn about the prosecution of suspects and be able to review criminal cases.

Unit 4 - Crime and Punishment

You will study all aspects of the criminal justice system and the types/purposes of punishment in England and Wales.

What our students say:

“Criminology has motivated me into finding my future career and I have developed a passion for this subject. The course has given me the knowledge and confidence to join the Police Force in 2025.”

Assessment Method:

The course is divided into 4 units and therefore it is a modular structure. You will be assessed at the end of every unit. There are opportunities for assessment in December and May of each academic year.

Units 1 & 3 are internally assessed by your teachers in examination conditions on computers. Units 2 & 4 are examined through a 90 minute external written paper.

Units 1 & 2 lead to an Applied Level 3 Certificate in Criminology, worth 50% of the final Applied Level 3 Diploma. Successful completion of the 4 units, over the 2 years, leads to the Applied Level 3 Diploma, which is equivalent to an A-Level, graded A * to U like an A-Level and carries the same UCAS points.

Examining board: WJEC (EDUQAS)

This course is ideally suited to...

...those questioning: why does crime happen? Are some people biologically predisposed to commit crime or is it learned behaviour? How do we decide what is classed as criminal behaviour? What are the different roles that people play when a crime is detected? Then perhaps a course in Criminology is for you.

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