

CRIMINOLOGY

Level 3 WJEC Subject Guide
Exam Board: WJEC

COURSE OVERVIEW

This qualification looks at the type of crime that takes place within our society.

- How do we decide which behaviour is criminal?
- How we explain why some people commit crime
- How can we use different theories of criminality to explain the behaviour?

You will study real life cases to gain an understanding of the criminal justice system from the crime scene all the way to the courtroom. You will investigate into how social control is achieved within our society. The criminology course is a mixture of both vocational and academic. It provides an opportunity to learn from practical activities and the expertise of professionals currently working in Criminology.

What skills will I develop?

- Independent learning.
- Self-discipline to complete project-based research and to present it.
- Collect, analyse and interpret data effectively.
- Construct well informed and reasoned arguments.
- Work alongside others and engage with outside professional agencies.
- Apply learning in a vocational and academic context.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- No previous study of Criminology is needed.
- 5 Grade 4 across GCSE's, with English and Maths.

EXAMINATIONS

- Year 1 – Two Units – Unit 1 is Controlled Assessment (internally assessed)
- Unit 2 Exam (Externally Assessed)
- Year 2 – Two Units – Unit 3 – Controlled Assessment (internally assessed)
- Unit 4 – Exam (externally assessed).

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COURSE OUTLINE – What do we study?

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Unit number	Unit title		Assessment	GLH
1	Changing Awareness of Crime	Mandatory	Internal	90
2	Criminological Theories	Mandatory	External	90
3	Crime Scene to Courtroom	Mandatory	Internal	90
4	Crime and Punishment	Mandatory	External	90

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Year 1 - Two Units

Unit 1 – Controlled assessment (internally assessed)

You will investigate the different types of crime and public perception of crime. You will gain an understanding of why some crimes go unreported to the police and the media.

Unit 2 – Exam (externally assessed)

A study into a series of criminological theories, gaining an understanding of why people commit crime.

Year 2 – Two Units

Unit 3 – Controlled assessment (internally assessed)

Deeper understanding of the criminal justice system. Examine criminal cases and review verdicts. Research into the roles of personnel and processes involved from the moment a crime takes place to the verdict itself is passed.

Unit 4 - Exam (externally assessed)

Apply knowledge of criminological theories to understand how and why we use punishment within criminal justice system to achieve social control. You will learn how to evaluate the effectiveness of social control agencies, such as the Police and the Prison Service, in achieving their aims.

Where can Criminology take you?

Careers

POLICE FORCE
POLICE SUPPORT ROLES
FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY
SOCIAL WORK
PROBATION WORK
PRISON SERVICES



University

BSC CRIMINOLOGY
BA CRIMINOLOGY
BA CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
BSC (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY
LLB (HONS) LAW WITH CRIMINOLOGY
BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY
BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY
BSC (HONS) PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY
BSC CRIMINOLOGY WITH LAW



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