

Level 3 Diploma in Criminology

Course Overview

WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of Psychology, Law and Sociology. The qualification would support learners' progression from any study at Level 2, particularly GCSEs in Sociology or Psychology. The course offers a great opportunity to go beyond traditional academic study with visits to courtrooms, prisons and guest speakers from agencies involved in services/practice that the Criminology course material covers.

How is the course assessed?

Assessment is by a combination of controlled assessments and examination. In each year one module is graded by controlled assessment and the other module is externally examined. The grades awarded for the diploma will range from A*-E. This course is equivalent to one A Level.

Year 1

Module 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime

Students will assess how the public, based on media portrayal, measurement by the state and social values, perceives crime. Study of these areas will culminate in the creation of a campaign to raise awareness or change the perception of a specific criminal offence.

Module 2 – Criminological Theories

Students are required to learn and evaluate a wide range of socio-psychological theoretical explanations for criminal behaviour.

Year 2

Module 3 – Crime Scene to Court Room

This unit 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.

Module 4 – Crime and Punishment

Learners will apply their understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing the accused to court, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

Any questions, please ask Mrs Brown (T26)