

## Type of course – A Level

### Course Overview

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology. WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, Law and Sociology that complements studies in humanities.

### Course Content

The first mandatory unit will enable the students to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. The second mandatory unit will allow students to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what they have learned in unit 1. The third mandatory unit will provide an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. Students will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases. In the final Mandatory unit, students will apply their understanding of awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

### Assessment

**External assessment:** The following units will be externally assessed

**Unit 2:** Criminological Theories

**Unit 4:** Crime and Punishment

Details of the external assessment are as follows:

- 90 minute exam
- 75 marks
- Three questions on each paper
- Short and extended answer questions, based on stimulus material and applied contexts.

**Internal assessment:** The following units are internally assessed (controlled assessment):

**Unit 1:** Changing Awareness of Crime

**Unit 2:** Crime Scene to Courtroom For Internal Assessment.

### Careers and Opportunities for Further Study

Mainly to support access to higher education degree courses such as:

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

Potential careers include:

- National offender management service
- Courts and tribunals
- National probation service
- Prison officer

### Entry Requirements

English Language grade 5, Maths grade 5