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 Applied Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in humanities.

This is an Applied General qualification designed primarily to support learners progressing to university. It offers exciting and interesting experiences for learners through applied learning, i.e. through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system.

The qualification would support learners' progression from any study at Level 2, particularly GCSEs in Sociology, Law, Psychology, Citizenship, History and Humanities.

Diploma 56 UCAS points available

Student Profile

A successful student will need: Grade 4 in GCSE English, History or Sociology.

An interest in all aspects of crime, the society you live in and current affairs.

An ability to work independently and evaluate the work of others.

A willingness to commit regular time to independent study and research.

To be able to listen and act upon regular constructive advice.



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Course Content (WJEC/EDUCAS)

Year 12

Unit 1: (Internally Assessed) 25% of Diploma - Changing Awareness of Crime

Unit 2: (Externally Assessed) 25% of Diploma - Criminological Theories

Year 13

Unit 3: (Internally Assessed) 25% of Diploma - Crime Scene to Courtroom

Unit 4: (Externally Assessed) 25% of Diploma - Crime and Punishment

Trips / Cultural Experiences

Swindon Crown & County Court

Swindon Magistrates Court

Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London

The Future - What Next?

The main purpose of the WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is mainly to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses, such as: 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 and BSc Criminology with Law.

Alternatively, the qualification allows learners to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within some aspects of the criminal justice system, e.g. the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service.



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