

## WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology



Criminologists are interested in why people commit crimes and the influence on behaviour of a range of factors from genetics to social influence. We question the reasons for crime, why some crimes go unreported alongside the effectiveness of criminal justice and social control

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

[https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/qualification-resources.html?subject=Criminology&level=level3from2015](https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/qualifications/qualification-resources.html?subject=Criminology&level=level3from2015)

### COURSE CONTENT:

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime. Understanding of types of crime, perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported.

Unit 2: Criminological Theories. Understanding of why people commit crimes by developing an understanding of a range of theories from psychology and sociology.

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Court Room. Understanding of the process from crime scene investigation through to court room prosecution including knowledge of the skills required in different roles.

Unit 4: Crime and Punishment. Understanding and application of knowledge of criminality, theories etc. in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the criminal justice system in relation to social control.

### WHY STUDY CRIMINOLOGY AT A LEVEL?

As an applied qualification the Diploma will equip students with the skills to move onto work in social work, probation services and other careers within the criminal justice system. It will also provide a platform if studied alongside two other A Levels for university progression in psychology, Law, Criminology and Sociology.

**DEPARTMENT:**  
SOCIAL SCIENCES

**LEVEL:** ADVANCED

**AWARDING BODY:**  
WJEC

**DURATION:**  
TWO YEARS

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**  
MATHS: 4  
ENGLISH: 5

**ASSESSMENT AND UNITS:**

4 units two of which are assessed via coursework and 2 via examination.