



# WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology (QCF)

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## Overview of the Course:

WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology contains elements of Psychology, Law and Sociology; which will complement subjects such as History and English.

This is an applied general qualification. This means it has two internal assessment points and two external exams. The course has been designed to offer exciting and interesting experiences that focus students through applied learning, i.e. through purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system.

The qualification would support students' progression from any subject studied at GCSE, particularly in Sociology, History and English.

The applied purpose will also allow students to learn in such a way that they develop:

- Skills required for independent learning and development,
- A range of generic and transferable skills,
- The ability to solve problems,
- The skills of project based research, development and presentation
- The fundamental ability to work alongside other professionals, in a professional environment,
- The ability to apply learning in vocational contexts.

## What will you study?

- Introduction to Criminological Theories
- Changing Awareness of Crime
- Crime Scene to Courtroom
- Crime and Punishment

Students must complete **ALL** units

## Assessment

1. 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 examination – total of 75 marks
- Three questions on each paper
- Short and extended answer questions, based on stimulus material and applied contexts
- Each question will have an applied problem-solving scenario

2. The other units are internally assessed:  
Controlled Assessment.

## Possible career path?

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

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

Alternatively, the qualification allows students to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within the following areas:

- The criminal justice system
- The National Probation Service
- The Courts and Tribunals Service
- the National Offender Management Service
- Social and probation work

## Entry requirements

Students require five GCSEs Grade 9-5, including English and Mathematics.