

Course Overview

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

Course Content

Unit 1 enables students to demonstrate an understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. Unit 2 allows students to gain an understanding of why people commit crime. Unit 3 provides an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict in court. Students will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases. In Unit 4, students will look at crime and punishment and evaluate the effectiveness of social control methods.

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 sections on each paper
- Short and extended answer questions, based on stimulus material and applied contexts.

Internal assessment:

The following units are internally assessed (8 hour 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 /BA Criminology
- BA Justice Studies
- BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology
- LLB (Hons) Law and Criminology
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology
- BSc(Hons) Psychology and Sociology
- BSc Criminology with Law

Potential careers include:

- Court and tribunals officials
- National probation service
- Prison service
- Police service

Entry Requirements

English Language grade 5, Maths grade 5