

Link to exam board specification:

[Level 3 Criminology \(wjec.co.uk\)](http://wjec.co.uk)

Course overview:

This specification is designed to encourage candidates to:

- Demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime, and why some crimes are unreported.
- Gain an understanding of why people commit crime.
- Gain an understanding of the criminal justice system.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

Areas of Study:

Students will learn about:

- Criminal behaviour and deviance, the social construction of criminality, theories of criminality, and criminal policy development
- Processes used for law-making, models of criminal justice, forms of social control, and the forms and aims of punishment.
- The complexity of behaviours and the social implications of such crimes and criminality.
- The criminal justice system, from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict.

Course requirements:

Grade 4 in English Language.

Where can this course take me?

The main purpose of the WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses such as: criminology, criminology and criminal justice, criminology and psychology, law with criminology, criminology and sociology, psychology, and sociology.

The qualification also 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.

Year 12:

- Changing Awareness of Crime.
- Criminological Theories.

Year 13:

- From Crime Scene to Court Room.
- The Criminal Justice System in England and Wales.