

# What topics will I study?

WJEC Applied Diploma

- Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime
- Unit 2: Criminological Theories
- Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom
- Unit 4: Crime and Punishment

In September we will jump right in with Unit 1 which will be examined by a Controlled Assessment in which you will be able to access your notes and folders. The following tasks may be completed before the start of the course to give yourself a head start in September.

1. Define a crime / criminal activity
2. Define deviance
3. Make a list of at least 10 different crimes and an explanation of the crime
4. Read at least 3 articles on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cldy2dmy748t> and make a note of the type of crime being discussed, the victims, how the activities are being presented or what it tells you about crime in the UK.
5. Think of three different ways society has changed in reference to crime and deviance over the last 100 years. Try to be specific about the change e.g. homosexuality is no longer illegal due to 'decriminalisation' and explain this point.
6. Watch the news and social media and look out for criminal activity, how it is reported and the crimes themselves – compare the two.

# What are the entry requirements?

Minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 9 to 4.

# Where does the course lead?

Many students progress to University to study in Criminology, Political Science, Sociology, Law or other subjects.

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, Law or Police (eg. the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service).

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# Criminology

## Applied Diploma

(equivalent to 1 A Level)



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## The course

This course has been designed to provide you with the underpinning knowledge of the types of crime that take place in our society; why people may commit crime and how we control and punish criminality.

It combines elements of psychology, sociology and law. This knowledge is then applied to case studies giving you the opportunity to develop essential critical thinking, analytical and communication skills.

WJEC is the awarding exam board and student are strongly urged to look at the specification for more detail about the course and topics. You can find this at: [https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3/#tab\\_overview](https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3/#tab_overview)

## How is the course assessed?

Assessment is through a combination of two written examinations and two centre-marked assignments.

## Independent Learning

You will be set home learning every week to be completed. This will include practice assessment tasks, research, note taking and online quizzes.

You will also be expected to add to your class notes in your folders and to keep them organised.

Home learning will be recorded on Teams and it is your responsibility to keep up to date.

Additional PLCs will be used to track your work and will be kept on Teams and OneNote.

If you need more support outside of class, it will be your responsibility to arrange a time with your teacher(s).

## Resources

You will be given a copy of the textbook to borrow for the length of the course, you will need to look after it and bring along to every lesson.

There will be revision and support materials available via Teams and the attached OneNote which you will gain access to in September.

You will be given a Blue Folder for all of your class notes. This folder is very important as you will be able to take it into your Controlled Assessment and it will contain all of your notes and preparation to apply to the tasks. It will need to be submitted for checking before the assessment begins.

You will need to bring the following with you:

- Lined paper, revision cards and Post-it Notes.
- Stationery including coloured highlighters and pens.

