

Subject: Key Stage 5 Sciences.

Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology:

The exam board is WJEC.

This is a two year course made up of four unit.

- Units 1 and 3 are externally assessed.
- Units 2 and 4 are internally assessed.

Year 12	Year 13
UNIT 1 Changing Awareness of Crime, Internally assessed.	UNIT 3 Crime Scene to Courtroom, Internally assessed.
UNIT 2 Criminological Theories, Externally assessed.	UNIT 4 Crime and Punishment, Externally assessed.

Learners must complete ALL units.

The overall grades for the Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology will be recorded on a scale A* to E.

The first unit will enable the learner to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported.

The second unit will allow learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what they have learned in Unit 1.

The third mandatory unit will provide an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. Learners will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases.

In the final unit, learners will apply their understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

The applied purpose demands learning related to authentic case studies. It also requires learners to consider how the use and application of their learning impacts on themselves, other individuals, employers, society and the environment. The applied purpose will also allow learners 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

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

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