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Specification: WJEC Level 3 National Diploma

# CRIMINOLOGY

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## What will I study?

Criminology is the scientific study of criminal behaviour, on individual, social and natural levels, and how it can be managed, controlled and prevented. This course will enable students to use theories of criminality to analyse criminal situations and make recommendations for policy. Students also develop the knowledge and skills to research policy in practice, assess campaigns for changes in awareness and examine information to review verdicts in criminal cases.

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

## How will I be assessed?

- Unit 1 - Changing Awareness of Crime  
Candidates follow the content of the specification and complete an 8 hour controlled assessment that tests their ability to apply their knowledge and understanding to a previously unseen crime scenario. Candidates are allowed to take their class notes in to the assessment to support them.
- Unit 2 - Criminological Theories  
Clear and transparent examination and marking structures are provided for this 90 minute examination.
- Unit 3 - Crime Scene to Courtroom  
Candidates follow the content of the specification and complete an 8 hour controlled assessment that tests their ability to apply their knowledge and understanding to a crime scenario. Candidates are allowed to take their class notes in to the assessment to support them.

- Unit 4 - Crime and Punishment  
Clear and transparent examination and marking structures are provided for this 90 minute examination.

## How will I learn?

Our learning depends on a variety of lesson techniques including:

- Reading and note-taking
- Individual research
- Debate and discussion
- Presentations
- Application to real world examples

## What skills will I need?

The study of Criminology will equip you with a wide range of transferable skills:

- the ability to complete project-based research, and to present it
- the ability to collect, analyse and interpret data effectively
- the ability to construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence
- the ability to learn independently
- the ability to work alongside other colleagues in a professional environment
- the ability to apply your learning in vocational contexts.

## Careers & Progression

Criminology can open the door to an array of career paths that require understanding of the criminal justice sector. These may include careers in the police force or in police support roles, the field of forensic psychology, social and probation work or the prison services.