Qualification type / Exam Board

Applied Diploma / WJEC

What will I learn about?

This is an Applied General qualification exploring Criminology and includes vocational aspects relating to real life situations. You will study 4 Units.

- 1. Changing Awareness of Crime: The first mandatory unit will enable the learner to demonstrate an understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported.
- 2. Criminological Theories: The second mandatory unit will allow learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what they have learned in Unit 1.
- 3. Crime Scene to Courtroom: 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.
- 4. Crime and Punishment: In the final mandatory 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.

How is my work assessed?

1 Changing Awareness of Crime (Internally assessed 90 GLH) – Controlled Assessment.
2 Criminological Theories (Externally Assessed 90 GLH) - Exam
3 Crime Scene to Courtroom (Internally assessed 90 GLH) – Controlled Assessment.
4 Crime and Punishment (Externally Assessed 90 GLH) – Exam.
All units of work need to be completed and passed to gain a qualification.

What should I consider before starting this subject?

This course is equivalent to one A Level and is for students who are interested in learning about the Criminal Justice System. You will need to be prepared to research and work independently. Students are required to have strong English language skills especially for the Controlled Assessment element.

Why is this course useful and what might it lead to?

L3 Criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology. It particularly supports a career in policing. The course is specifically designed to support the transition to studying Criminology at university.

Entry requirements

Grade 4 + in English Language.

Where can I find more information?

Miss.Regan or Mrs.Cooke

Additionally, you can find out more information here.