

Exam Board: WJEC

Qualification: Level 3 Diploma
Assessment Information: X4 Units, x2 exams 90 minutes each, and x2 8 hour controlled assessments

[Link to official specification](#)

Department Information:

Three experienced members of staff make up the Criminology team at FPSS.
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You will study crime, deviance and the criminal justice system across this two-year vocational course that is delivered as part of our Applied Pathway at KS5 (Sixth Form)

The department aims to encourage and enthuse students studying Criminology creating interest in the subject and its applications to life and the criminal justice system. Independent study skills are developed, and students are expected to keep up-to-date following the demands of the curriculum and revising content ready for their exams and controlled assessments.

ACHIEVE in the curriculum:

In Criminology we aim for our students to be 'Ambitious,' often pursuing careers using the skills, knowledge and understanding obtained in the course.

We encourage them to work together in a 'Collaborative' way.

We aim for our team to be 'Happy' in their approach and to have 'Integrity' as they move through life.

Our academic approach encourages students to show 'Endurance' at times and to approach their studies with 'Versatility.'

All of which lead to 'Excellence' in terms of their effort and attainment.

Curriculum Aims & Intent:

Each unit within the qualification has an applied purpose which acts as a focus for the learning in the unit. 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

Resources:

Key text book to purchase:

[WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate & Diploma Criminology: Revised Edition Paperback – 23 Mar. 2021 by Carole A Henderson](#)

Other supportive text books:

[Criminology Book One for the WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate & Diploma Paperback – 1 April 2021 by Rob Webb \(Author\), Annie Townend \(Author\)](#)

[Criminology Book Two for the WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma Paperback – 1 April 2021 by Rob Webb \(Author\), Annie Townend \(Author\)](#)

Free online revision guide:

- 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

Alternatively, the qualification 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.

Cross-Curricular links:

Sociology, Law, Psychology, Biology, Mathematics, Citizenship, History and Humanities.

Qualification structure:

WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate in Criminology				
Unit Number	Unit Title		Assessment	GLH
1	Changing Awareness of Crime	Mandatory	Internal	90
2	Criminological Theories	Mandatory	External	90

Unit weighting	Maximum Raw Mark	Maximum UMS Mark	A	B	C	D	E
Unit 1 (Internally Assessed) 25% or 50% of Certificate	100	100	80	70	60	50	40
Unit 2 (Externally Assessed) 25% or 50% of Certificate	75	100	80	70	60	50	40

To achieve an A, B, C, D or E grade, learners must obtain:

- the minimum UMS mark for the qualification grade (see **Table:** UMS and qualification grade); **and**
- a minimum of a pass grade in **all units**.

	Maximum Uniform Marks	A	B	C	D
Level 3 Applied Certificate	200	160	140	120	100

https://www.illuminatepublishing.com/wp-content/uploads/samples/WJEC_Level_3_Applied_Certificate_and_Diploma_Criminology_Study_and_Revision_Guide/

Videos to support the learning:

'I think therefore I teach' You Tube channel offers some good materials to reinforce revision. Subscribe to obtain full access:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf3Ve0LB9Z_CM5jMq7LIQmq/join

Careers:

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology. WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in humanities. This is an Applied General qualification. This means it is designed primarily to support learners progressing to university. It has been designed to offer exciting and interesting experiences that focus learning for 16-19 year-old learners and adult learners through applied learning, i.e. through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system.

The main purpose of the WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate in Criminology is mostly 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

How we keep parents informed:

Year 12 - Progress reports are published 4 times per year, in October, January, March and July, with a face-to-face parents' evening in November.

How parents can help their child:

Please purchase your child a textbook:

“WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate & Diploma Criminology: Revised Edition” Paperback – 23 March 2021 by Carole A Henderson (Author)

Please provide a device for typing coursework and homework and at home a desk for their homework completion and revision.

What we study and when:

Term	Unit, Topic Or Summary Of Work Covered	Knowledge, Understanding & Skills Developed	How The Work Is Assessed
Term 1 and 2 Sept-Dec	Unit 1 – Changing awareness of crime Unit 2 – Criminological Theories	<p><u>Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime</u> Learning Outcome 1: understand how crime reporting affects the public perception of criminality AC1.1 Analyse different types of crime AC1.2 Explain the reasons that certain crimes are unreported AC1.3 Explain the consequences of the unreported crime AC1.4 Describe media representation of crime AC1.5 Explain the impact of the media representations on the public perception of crime AC 1.6 Evaluate the methods of collecting statistics about crime</p> <p>Unit 2 - Learning outcome1: To understand social constructions of criminality <u>Unit 2 – Criminological Theories</u> Learning Outcome 1: Understand social constructions of criminality AC1.1 Compare criminal behaviour and deviance AC1.2 Explain the social construction of criminality</p> <p>Learning Outcome 2: Know theories of criminality AC2.1 Describe biological theories of criminality AC2.2 Describe individualistic theories of criminality AC2.3 Describe sociological theories of criminality</p>	<p>Comprehensive note taking and checking for evaluative points, coverage and case studies.</p> <p>Regular exam practice essay and short answer exam practice writing for each AC.</p>
Term 3 and 4 Jan-April	Unit 1 – Changing awareness of crime	<p><u>Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime (Continued)</u> Learning outcome 2: Understand how campaigns are used to elicit change AC2.1: Compare campaigns for change AC2.2: Evaluate the effectiveness of media used in campaigns for change</p> <p>Learning outcome 3: Plan campaigns for change relating to crime</p>	<p>PPE Unit 1 January/February Actual exam March</p>

