

**Exam Board:**

*WJEC*

**Qualification:**

**Level 3 Diploma**

**Assessment Information:**

*Overall Criminology: X4 Units, x2 exams 90 minutes each, and x2 8 hour-controlled assessment.*

*Year 13*

**Unit 3** (8 hour Controlled Assessment)  
– Mrs Wright - Lead teacher

**Unit 4** (90 min exam) –  
Mr Marris – Lead teacher

[Link to official specification](#)

**Department Information:**

*Three experienced members of staff make up the Criminology team at FPSS.*

*Head of Faculty: Mrs Wright [jayne.wright@furzeplatt.net](mailto:jayne.wright@furzeplatt.net) (Unit 1 and 3) Mr Marris (Unit 4) [christopher.marris@furzeplatt.net](mailto:christopher.marris@furzeplatt.net)*

*Topics covered include: crime, deviance and the criminal justice system. This is taught across this two-year vocational course and 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*

**Resources:**

<https://resources.wjec.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs.aspx?subId=93&lvlId=11>

*Blooket – individual quiz for each AC.*

[www.criminology.uk.net](http://www.criminology.uk.net)

- *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*

*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.*

*Checklist – to cover each AC linked to an exam question.*

*Unit 2 – exam question papers (full paper)*

*Power Points on FP Cloud Criminology*

*General resources*

- [www.dca.gov.uk](http://www.dca.gov.uk) - *The department of constitutional affairs web site*
- [www.open.gov.uk](http://www.open.gov.uk) – *A site devoted to government issues*
- [www.courtservice.gov.uk](http://www.courtservice.gov.uk) – *The Court service*
- [www.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk) – *Website of the Home Office*
- [www.criminal-justice-system.gov.uk](http://www.criminal-justice-system.gov.uk) – *website for the criminal justice system*
- [www.cps.gov.uk](http://www.cps.gov.uk) – *The Crown Prosecution Service*
- [www.crcc.gov.uk](http://www.crcc.gov.uk) – *Criminal Cases Review Commission*

***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 mainly to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses, such as:*

- *BSc Criminology*
- *BA Criminology*

For **Unit 4: Crime and Punishment**, the AC will be covered within the mark allocation as follows:

### Assessment Grid

Learning outcomes	Assessment criteria	Marks	%
LO1	AC1.1 Describe processes used for law making	19-26	25-35%
	AC1.2 Describe the organisation of the criminal justice system in England and Wales		
	AC1.3 Describe models of criminal justice		
LO2	AC2.1 Explain forms of social control	23-30	30-40%
	AC2.2 Discuss the aims of punishment		
	AC2.3 Assess how forms of punishment meet the aims of punishment		
LO3	AC3.1 Explain the role of agencies in social control	26-34	35-45%
	AC3.2 Describe the contribution of agencies to achieving social control		
	AC3.3 Examine the limitations of agencies in achieving social control		
	AC3.4 Evaluate the effectiveness of agencies in achieving social control		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>75</b>	<b>100%</b>

### WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

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Unit number	Unit title		Assessment
1	Changing Awareness of Crime	Mandatory	Internal
2	Criminological Theories	Mandatory	External
3	Crime Scene to Courtroom	Mandatory	Internal
4	Crime and Punishment	Mandatory	External

#### Cross-Curricular links:

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

- 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

Uniform marks correspond to unit grades as follows:

Unit weighting	Maximum Raw Mark	Maximum UMS Mark	A	B	C	D	E	N
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	30
Unit 3 (Internally Assessed) 25%	100	100	80	70	60	50	40	
Unit 4 (Externally Assessed) 25%	75	100	80	70	60	50	40	30



