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- Criminology (from Latin *crīmen*, "accusation"; and Greek -λογία, -logia) 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.

The specification:

- attracts UCAS points
- is graded A* - E
- comprises four units in total, two **internally** assessed units and two **externally** assessed units
- is available as a Certificate and Diploma, but Welling School does the Diploma.

Structure of Assessment

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

Unit Number	Entry Code	Unit Title		Assessment	GLH
1		Changing Awareness of Crime	Mandatory	Internal	90
2		Criminological Theories	Mandatory	External	90
3		Crime Scene to Courtroom	Mandatory	Internal	90
4		Crime and Punishment	Mandatory	External	90

Learners must complete **ALL** units.

The qualification carries UCAS points for university applications.

UCAS points for WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

<i>A*</i>	56
<i>A</i>	48
<i>B</i>	40
<i>C</i>	32
<i>D</i>	24
<i>E</i>	16

Year 1

Unit 1 - Changing Awareness of Crime

This is assessed by an 8 hour controlled assessment that tests your ability to apply 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.

Year 2

Unit 3 - Crime Scene to Courtroom

This is assessed by an 8 hour controlled assessment that tests your ability to apply 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.

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime

Internal/Controlled assessment: 8 hours

- The purpose of the unit is to **plan a campaign for change** relating to crime...
- The focus of the unit is on unreported crime and the consequences of such crimes. The unit will also introduce media representation of crime and how campaigns for change can raise awareness of unreported crimes in society. Candidates will apply their knowledge and understanding of the specification to the scenario presented by the unseen assignment brief when the controlled assessment begins.

Unit 2: Criminological Theories

External examination: 1 hour 30 minutes

- This unit focuses on why people commit crime and includes a study of a range of theories of criminality
- Candidates may also draw on what is learnt in Unit 1 to support their answers.

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom

Internal/Controlled assessment: 8 hours

- The focus of Unit 3 is the Criminal Justice System from the identification of the crime through to the verdict. This unit will allow candidates to gain the understanding and skills to be able to examine the validity of verdicts given in criminal cases.

Unit 4: Crime and Punishment

External examination: 1 hour 30 minutes

- Apply understanding of theories and processes of bringing the accused to court
- Evaluate the effectiveness of social control
- Candidates may draw on information learnt in Units 1, 2 and 3 to support their answers.

Resources to support learning:

- Two textbooks are currently available for learners
- http://www.illuminatepublishing.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=157
- <https://criminology.uk.net/>

