# Course Description

# Criminology

## Year 1

### Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime

Analysing different types of crime e.g. white-collar crime, hate crime and human rights crimes. Learning about the reasons that certain crimes are unreported and the consequences for this. Analysing the impact of media representations of crime and its impact on the public perception of crime.

Comparing campaigns for change e.g. change in attitudes, funding, law and policies. Planning a campaign for change relating to crime and designing materials for use in campaigning for change e.g. leaflets, advertisement and blogs.

**Assessment:** 8-hour Controlled Assessment, 100 marks; 25% assessment weighting for the Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

### Unit 2: Criminological Theories

Comparing criminal behaviour and deviance and evaluating a range of criminological theories of criminality e.g. sociological, biological and psychological theories e.g. individualistic theories.

Analysing various situations of criminality and assessing the use of criminological theories in informing policy development and learning how campaigns affect policy making.

**Assessment:** 1 hour 30 written exam, 75 marks; 25% assessment weighting for the Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

## Year 2

### Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom

Evaluating the effectiveness of the role of personnel involved in criminal investigations e.g. forensic specialists, police officers and CPS. Assessment of the usefulness of investigative techniques and how evidence is processed in criminal investigations e.g. profiling, forensics, DNA and surveillance techniques.

Learning about the trial processes and the rules in relation to the use of evidence in criminal cases and how evidence is processed. Examination of the rights of individuals in criminal investigations.

**Assessment:** 8-hour Controlled Assessment, 100 marks; 25% assessment weighting for the Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

### Unit 4: Crime and Punishment

Learning about the processes and models used for law making and understanding the organisation of the criminal justice system in England and Wales.

Examination of forms of social control and assessing how forms of punishment meet the aims of punishment.

Evaluating the effectiveness of the role of agencies in achieving social control.

**Assessment:** 1 hour 30 written exam, 75 marks; 25% assessment weighting for the Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

### Entry Criteria

GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language or English Literature.

Exam Board: WJEC
Specification link: https://www.wjec.co.uk/media/21xjkr24/wjec-applied-diploma-in-criminology-spec-e-22-06-22-1.pdf

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