

Welcome to Applied Level 3 Diploma in Criminology!

It is fantastic that you are considering studying a Diploma in Criminology.

You have chosen a subject that combines elements of psychology, law and sociology and that complements studies in humanities. Each unit has an applied purpose, which demands that learning is related to authentic case studies – this is the interesting bit! It will certainly ‘keep you on your toes’ and make you think in ways you couldn’t imagine.

The transition materials will provide you an insight of the content that you visit within the first two weeks and how well you can tackle the sorts of questions we will be exploring in this course.

Overview of the course:

This is a two-year course. Units 1 and 2 completed in the first year comprise an 8-hour Controlled Assessment plus a formal examination. This is replicated in Year 2 with Units 3 and 4. You must **complete and pass ALL units** to gain the Diploma. The overall grades will be recorded on a scale A*-E.

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime (Controlled Assessment)

Unit 2: Criminological Theories (Exam)

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom (Controlled Assessment)

Unit 4: Crime and Punishment (Exam)

Look at the specification for more detail about these topics. You can find this at: <https://www.wjec.co.uk/media/21xjkr24/applied-diploma-in-criminology-specification-from-2015.pdf>

You will be expected to **know and understand** the information covered, to be able to **apply** that knowledge and understanding and to be able to **analyse and evaluate** that knowledge and understanding.

Describing, discussing and analysing case studies as evidence in support of theories and principles is a key part of the criminology course. You can use these in assessments to show that you understand how to apply concepts to real-life situations. As a result, it’s very important that you make detailed, clear notes about crime case studies for every topic throughout the course.

Task:

- You must research a specific crime event from the last ten years.
- You must create a **poster/collage/display summarising** the crime.
- You must cover all of the **criteria** given in the case study instructions; must be (at least) **A3-size** and **colourful**/attractive to look at.

When constructing a case study in your notes, you need to record each of the following details:

- **Date** – when did this happen?
- **Place** – where did it happen?
- **Details** – what happened exactly?
- **Offender** – who committed the crime? What was their:
 - **Means** – How they did it...
 - **Motive** – Why they did it...
 - **Opportunity** – Why they picked the particular time/target...
- **Victim** – who were they and why did they become a victim?
- **Punishment** – what punishment, if any, was given to the offender?
- **Impact** – what was the impact on the individuals/groups involved and society as a whole? Has it lead to any changes in the law?
- **Illustration** – what ideas/concepts that you have studied does this case study demonstrate?
- **Media** – how did the local/national/international/social media report on the case?
- **Pictures** – can you find any pictures of the crime scene or people/places involved?
- **Source** – where did you find this information, and is the course credible?
- **YOU'RE CONCLUSION** – A brief conclusion of how you would provide your verdict, along with your reasoning for your chosen judgement.

The work can be completed by hand or on a computer.

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