Maelor Sixth



Criminology BTEC Level 3

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Introduction

The WJEC Level 3 Criminology qualification is split into two parts, an applied certificate achieved at the end of Year 12 and an Applied Diploma achieved at the end of Year 13. The course introduces criminal justice and links well with A Level Psychology.

The Course

Year One: Applied Certificate in Criminology

Unit 1 - Changing Awareness of Crime

- Different types of crime
- Influences on perceptions of crime & why crimes are unreported.

Unit 2 - Criminological Theories

- Why people commit crime, drawing on what they have learned in Unit 1

Year Two: Applied Diploma in Criminology

Unit 3 - Crime Scene to Courtroom Mandatory

- Understanding of the criminal justice system from the committal of a crime to the verdict

Unit 4 - Crime and Punishment

- Students will apply their understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories, and the process of bringing an accused to court to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

Assessment

Year 1 Alone - Applied Certificate

Unit 1: Coursework based assessment worth 25% of the diploma or 50% of the certificate

Unit 2: Written examination in the summer worth 25% of the diploma or 50% of the certificate

Year 1 + 2 - Applied Diploma

Unit 3: Coursework based assessment worth 25% of the diploma

Unit 4: Written examination in the summer worth 25% of the diploma

Entry Requirements

- GCSE grade B/6 above in English
- GCSE grade C/4 in Maths due to the numerical content.
- GCSE grade C/4 or above in Biology is preferable



Further Information

The Level 3 Diploma would support access to:
BA Criminology / Criminal Justice, Criminology and Sociology
BSc (Hons) Criminology / Psychology / Sociology and Criminology with Law & LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology



Links to Future Careers

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work, sociology, and psychology.

The qualification allows learners to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within aspects of the criminal justice system:

- National Probation Service
- Courts and Tribunals Service
- National Offender Management Service

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