

Entry Requirement:

Grade 5 in English Language

Awarding body: WJEC (UCAS points awarded ranging from 24 (A) – 8 (E))

About the subject: Criminology is the scientific study of the nature, extent, management, causes, control, consequences, and prevention of criminal behaviour, both on individual and social levels. Criminology draws heavily upon the research of various social sciences theory as well as scholars of law and incorporates various other disciplines such as psychology, history, sociology, anthropology, psychiatry and has sub-categories including victimology (studying victims), penology (reviewing prisons), psychological analysis (profiling of crime scenes and perpetrators)

Areas of study include:

- Unit 1 - Changing Awareness of Crime (internal controlled assessment, graded A - E)
 - The types of crime people commit
 - Why certain crimes go unreported and the consequences of this
 - Media representation of crime and the impact on public perception
- Unit 2 - Criminological Theories (90 minute external examination, graded A - E)
 - Comparing criminal behaviour and deviance
 - Biological – looking at how genetics and physiology can be involved in crime
 - Individualistic – learnt behaviours, early experiences and personality types
 - Sociological – influences, social interaction and political influences

Where does it lead?

The study of Criminology will support access to higher education degree courses, such as:

- BSc Criminology
- BA Criminology and Criminal Justice
- BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology
- LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology, amongst others

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.