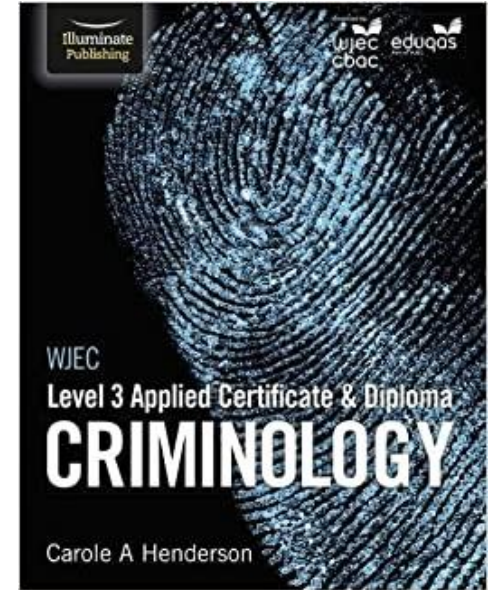


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CRIMINOLOGY – LEVEL 3 APPLIED DIPLOMA WJEC Pre-course reading and guidance





Criminology

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE CRIMINOLOGY?

- › Criminology is a course that combines a variety of subjects including Psychology, Law, Politics, Sociology and Forensic science. This is a growing subject nationally and one of the first Criminology courses offered at Level 3. It covers an exciting range of topics – Changing an Awareness of Crime, Criminological Theories, Crime Scene to Courtroom and Crime and Punishment. You will explore the causes of criminal behaviour, attitudes to crime, criminal investigations and the wider social and psychological aspects of crime.

WHAT IS THE COURSE STRUCTURE LIKE?

- › The course is a **two year** course. It consists of **two exams** and **two pieces of controlled assessment**. The exams are worth 50% and the controlled assessment is worth 50%. There is an exam in year one and an exam in year two.



Criminology

2019 – Grades

100% A* - C rate
53% achieved an A*
64% achieved A* - A

A*	21
A	4
B	9
C	5



Year 12 – Controlled assessment topics

Unit 1 – Changing an Awareness of Crime Topics:

- › Analyse different types of crime
- › Explain the reasons that certain crimes are unreported
- › Explain the consequences of unreported crime
- › Describe media representation of crime
- › Explain the impact of media representations on the public perception of crime
- › Evaluate methods of collecting statistics about crime
- › Compare campaigns for change
- › Evaluate the effectiveness of media used in campaigns for change
- › Plan a campaign for change relating to crime





Year 12 – Controlled assessment topics

Unit 2 – Criminological Theories

- › Compare criminal behaviour and deviance
- › Describe theories of crime and deviance
- › Evaluate the effectiveness of criminological theories to explain causes of criminality
- › Assess the use of criminological theories in informing policy development
- › Explain how social changes affect policy development
- › Discuss how campaigns affect policy making





Year 12 – Controlled assessment topics

Unit 3 – Crime Scene to Courtroom

- › Evaluate the effectiveness of the roles of personnel involved in criminal investigations
- › Assess the usefulness of investigative techniques in criminal investigations
- › Explain how evidence is Processed
- › Examine the rights of individuals in criminal Investigations
- › Describe trial processes
- › Assess key influences affecting the outcomes of criminal Cases
- › Discuss the use of lay people in criminal cases





Year 13 – Exam

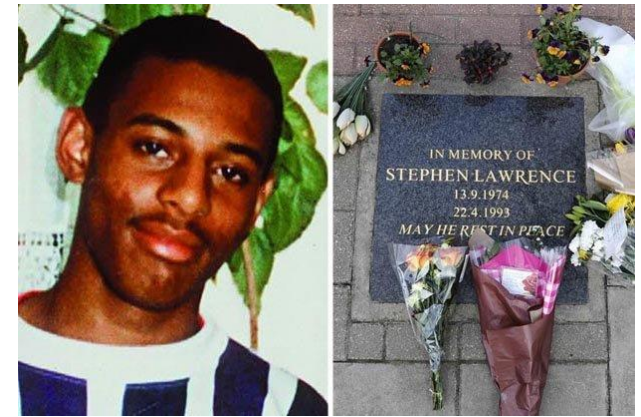
Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment

- › Describe processes used for law making
- › Describe the organisation of the criminal justice system in England and Wales
- › Describe models of criminal justice
- › Explain forms of social control
- › Discuss the aims of punishment
- › Assess how forms of punishment meet the aims of Punishment
- › Explain the role of agencies in social control
- › Describe the contribution of agencies to achieving social control





Cases



Stephen Lawrence – Institutional racism in the police

- › Stephen Lawrence was stabbed in 1993 as he was waiting for a bus. Five white supremacists shouted after Stephen, ran after him and stabbed him.
- › Stephen was wearing a thick jumper and red puffer jacket that evening – the first officer on the scene put him in the recovery position.
- › Other police officers arrived, saw Stephen in the recovery position and that he was alive so did not act or call an ambulance. The blood from the stab wound had gathered in the puffer jacket and none was on the floor. Therefore, Stephen died whilst police officers were stood around him.
- › Before the police arrived on scene, from the intel they had been given they assumed this was an act of black gang knife crime and did not gather evidence to suggest otherwise. Therefore, they had stereotyped this crime from the beginning.



List of cases to research

- › Joseph Fritzl
- › London Riots
- › Shannon Matthews
- › Rhys Jones
- › Colin Stagg
- › James Bulger
- › Ronald Cotton
- › Colette Aram
- › John Duffy
- › Amanda Knox
- › Sally Clark
- › Christopher Alder
- › Damiliola Taylor
- › Hillsborough disaster
- › Barry George
- › Billie-Jo Jenkins
- › Timothy Evans
- › Ann Ming



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Theories

Eysenck

Eysenck believed certain personality types are more likely to commit crime because they crave excitement but are slow to learn that crime has consequences. Results were based on analysis of responses to Eysenck Personality Questionnaire; the sample consisted of 700 soldiers who were being treated for neurotic disorders. He believed that the answers suggested there were a number of personality traits. Initially identified two 'dimensions' of personality: Extroversion/Introversion: concerned with the amount of stimulation a person needs. An extrovert is sociable but can become bored quickly, if there is a lack of stimulation. Whereas introverts are reliable and in control of their emotions. Neuroticism/stability: concerns the level of emotional stability of a person. Neurotics are very anxious and often irrational. Whereas a stable personality is calm and emotionally in control. Eysenck later added a third dimension of psychoticism, a cold, uncaring and aggressive personality. This indicated a tendency towards criminality as they are typically aggressive and hostile towards people. Theory predicts that people who have extrovert, neurotic and psychotic personalities are more likely to offend because it is difficult for them to learn to control their immature impulses.

Take the criminal personality test:

<http://similarminds.com/eysenck.html>



List of theories we study

Biological	Individualistic	Sociological
Lombroso Sheldon Jacobs XYY Mednick twin and adoption studies	Freud Bandura Eysenck	Marxism Feminism Labelling Left and right realism

Which one do you think explains criminal behaviour?

Briefly research the theories above, which one do you think best explains the behaviour of one of the cases you have looked at?



Documentaries



Documentaries are a great source of information for Criminology.
See below a list of recommendations for:

Unit 1 links

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p04xwqh7/teenage-knife-wars>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0006xkq/bbc-wales-investigates-knife-crime-behind-the-violence>
- <https://www.channel5.com/show/shannon-matthews-the-mothers-story/>
- <https://www.channel5.com/show/shannon-matthews-what-happened-next/>
- <https://www.channel5.com/show/the-clues-that-caught-the-killer-rhys-jones/>



Documentaries



Unit 2

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b03ytvjz/life-and-death-row-series-1-1-execution>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0009dz2/catching-britains-killers-the-crimes-that-changed-us-series-1-2-double-jeopardy>
- <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/what-makes-a-murderer>
- <https://www.channel5.com/show/april-jones-the-interrogation-tapes/>
- <https://www.channel5.com/show/james-bulger-the-new-revelations/>
- <https://www.channel5.com/show/the-murder-of-april-jones-5-years-on/>



Documentaries

Unit 3



- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00095q5/catching-britains-killers-the-crimes-that-changed-us-series-1-1-dna>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0009mg4/catching-britains-killers-the-crimes-that-changed-us-series-1-3-interrogation>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000frh7/murder-247-series-1-episode-1>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0003w40/the-murder-of-jill-dando>
- Netflix – Amanda Knox
- Netflix – Mindhunter
- Netflix – Investigation (A very British crime story)



Documentaries



Unit 4

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000dv36/crime-are-we-tough-enough-series-1-5-the-trial>
- <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/prison>

Generic

- <https://www.itv.com/hub/serial-killer-with-piers-morgan/2a5160>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0003m05/sign/the-yorkshire-ripper-files-a-very-british-crime-story-series-1-episode-1>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0003wdk/jack-the-ripper-the-case-reopened>
- <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/catching-a-killer>
- <https://www.channel5.com/show/becky-watts-killed-for-kicks/>
- <https://www.channel5.com/show/the-clues-that-caught-the-killer-fred-rose-west/>
- <https://www.channel5.com/show/the-murder-of-tia-sharp-my-daughter/>
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Any further questions?

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