

You've probably been wondering how studying at college will compare to your previous studies so we have put together a quick guide and some activities to help you get ready for starting in September.

### In order to be prepared for lessons

1. A high and consistent level of attendance is required as there are constant theories and specialist vocabulary for you to interpret, analyse, discuss and debate
2. Please bring a black pen, highlighters and lined paper or notebook. You will need a ring binder or leaver arch file to store all your criminology resources. You will also be provided with interactive work booklets, resources and activities which will be used in every lesson.

### Learning to Learn



Watch this clip from YouTube and jot down four things that tell you what Criminology is. (CriminologyWeb)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdaqqIFQdTE>

Throughout the course you will be developing such skills as the ability to effectively research and interpret theories about criminal data and the cause and effect of these. Assessment is via an internal controlled assessment (50%) and an external examination (50%) each year. Students completing the first year successfully are awarded the WJEC Applied Certificate in Criminology and permitted to progress to the second year. Students completing the second year successfully are awarded the WJEC Applied Diploma in Criminology.

With this in mind, to assist your learning and enable you to perform to your potential, we would expect you to:

- Review and revise your notes by making flash-cards, mind maps or other methods to assist your learning of the material.
- Complete all homework and internal progress assessments to the best of your ability to support your development.
- Start your revision with plenty of time before the end of year examination in May, as this volume of work cannot be learnt in a few days.

- Use the college-based 'Canvas' VLE system to access extensive subject resources to develop the required criminology skills, such as relevant topic YouTube videos and topic quizzes to widen your understanding of the subject

### Why Study Criminology?

Criminology is a challenging but rewarding subject, giving you the opportunity to gain a detailed insight into the causes of crime and deviant behaviour and their effects on the individual and society. It involves studying elements and theories borrowed from psychology and sociology, and aspects of law which compliments studies in humanities.

### What is the purpose of studying Criminology?

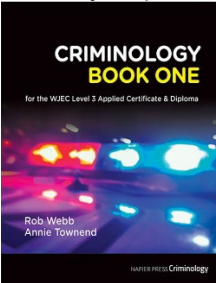
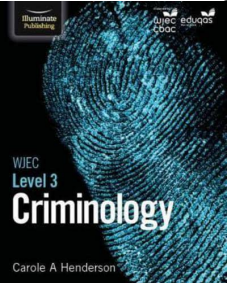
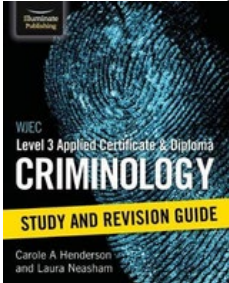
The main purpose of the WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology is mainly to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses, such as:

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

### Course structure

- From September to December you will develop your independent research skills by working towards a controlled assessment that focuses upon such areas as the different types of crimes committed alongside the opportunity to design a campaign to reduce an under reported crime
- From January to April you will be working towards an exam that tests your understanding and evaluation of such areas as the biological, psychological ,and sociological theories of crime

### Recommended Textbooks

<p>by Rob Webb published by Napier Press</p>  <p>(Copies available to use in class)</p>	<p>Published by Illuminate Publishing</p> 	<p>Published by Illuminate Publishing</p> 
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### Recommended Websites

Some useful websites are:

WJEC website: [https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3/#tab\\_overview](https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3/#tab_overview)

The British Society of Criminology: <https://www.britsoccrim.org/>

Police.UK (Check crime in your area): <https://www.police.uk/your-area/>

### Recommended Reading and Watching

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zdwwt39/revision/1>

Provides a range of arguments on the causes and theories of crime, including sociological theories.

<https://quizlet.com/99091485/introduction-to-criminology-flash-cards/>

This will enhance your understanding of the key elements of criminology



### YouTube videos

YouTube can provide overviews of some of the elements of the course in a way that can aid memory. However, caution must be taken when watching videos online as the information can be inaccurate. Here are some videos we recommend using for their detail, accuracy and visual interest.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r61ks18Bd7I>

(Title of you tube video: 'Mods, Rockers and Moral panics')

Focus on how the media can exaggerate the reporting of the level and type of crime to create panic among society

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsaBtZ977Uk>

Criminology: A Very Short Introduction | Tim Newburn | Talks at Google

Tim Newburn is the Professor of Criminology and Social Policy at the London School of Economics and author of Criminology: A Very Short Introduction. In this talk, he gives an overview of his book and an introduction to the study of criminology.