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# SPRINGBOARD



## Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

### OUR COURSE DETAILS

Studying Criminology will provide you with an in-depth knowledge of the psychology, law and sociology within Criminology. This will enable and encourage you to reflect on, identify how and explore where Criminology can be applied to real life.

This will allow you to consider how Criminology impacts on yourself, other individuals, employers, society and the environment. The course is taught in a way that allows you to draw on your real-world experience, learning topics such as; understanding different types of crime, looking at how crimes and criminals are viewed by society and exploring why some crimes are unreported to the police.

Criminology will help you develop your independent learning, research, team based and organisation skills. Studying Criminology allows you to explore individual, societal and global issues with crime and criminal behaviour. Criminology also teaches you to respect difference and understand that 'there is always a reason' for criminal behaviour.



### PREPARING FOR STUDY

Top tips: WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in humanities, particularly GCSEs in Sociology, Law, Psychology, Citizenship, History and Humanities.

Think back to your GCSE's and how you were able to explain, analyse and evaluate sources (History/ Geography), compare and contrast explanations (Sociology) and apply your knowledge and understanding to different scenarios (Psychology). Criminology will allow you to continue to improve the skills you have learnt in GCSE, but in a brand new subject.



### EMPLOYABILITY

**Jobs related to Criminology:** Civil service administrator, Community development worker, Crime scene investigator, Detective, Police officer, Prison officer, Probation officer, Social worker, Youth worker, Adult guidance worker, Border Force officer, Charity officer, Counsellor, Housing manager/officer, Local government officer, Paralegal, Political risk analyst, Social researcher, Solicitor.

[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)



### FILMS

- 12 Angry Men
- The Stanford Prison Experiment
- Amanda Knox documentary (Netflix)
- Bowling for Columbine

## UNIVERSITY COURSES

### Degrees related to Level 3 Criminology

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.

Best Universities for Criminology degrees

[www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)



## OUR TOP READS

- Just Mercy: a story of justice and redemption by Brian Stevenson
- The Psychopath Inside: A Neuroscientist's Personal Journey Into the Dark Side of the Brain by James Fallon (Author)#
- Mindhunter: Inside the FBI's Elite Serial Crime Unit by John E Douglas
- My Life with Murderers by David Wilson

## USEFUL ONLINE LINKS

- [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com)
- <http://www.crimesurvey.co.uk>
- Britain's CSI School - Hair and Fibre - The One Show - 4 mins 27 [www.crimesurvey.co.uk](http://www.crimesurvey.co.uk)
- Britain's CSI School - Footprints -The One Show - 5mins 01 [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

## LINKS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

[www.wjec.co.uk](http://www.wjec.co.uk)

## PEOPLE TO RESEARCH

James Fallon: (@jameshfallon) is a professor of psychiatry and human behavior at the University of California, Irvine and author of *The Psychopath Inside: A Neuroscientist's Personal Journey into the Dark Side of the Brain*.

Robert Hare CM: a Canadian psychologist, known for his research in the field of criminal psychology. Hare developed the Hare

Psychopathy Checklist (PCL-Revised), used to assess cases of psychopathy. He advises the FBI's Child Abduction and Serial Murder Investigative Resources Center (CASMIRC) and consults for various British and North American prison services.

David Wilson: a Scottish professor of criminology at Birmingham City University. A former prison governor, he is known for his work as a criminologist specialising in serial killers through his work with various British police forces, academic publications, books, and media appearances.

William Julius: American sociologist whose views on race and urban poverty helped shape U.S. public policy and academic discourse. Julius provides criminology the opportunity to discuss the intersection of race, poverty, and crime.