

**WELCOME**

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**CRIMINOLOGY**

# Course structure

## **WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology**

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<b>Unit number</b>	<b>Unit title</b>		<b>Assessment</b>	<b>GLH</b>
1	Changing Awareness of Crime	Mandatory	Internal	90
2	Criminological Theories	Mandatory	External	90
3	Crime Scene to Courtroom	Mandatory	Internal	90
4	Crime and Punishment	Mandatory	External	90

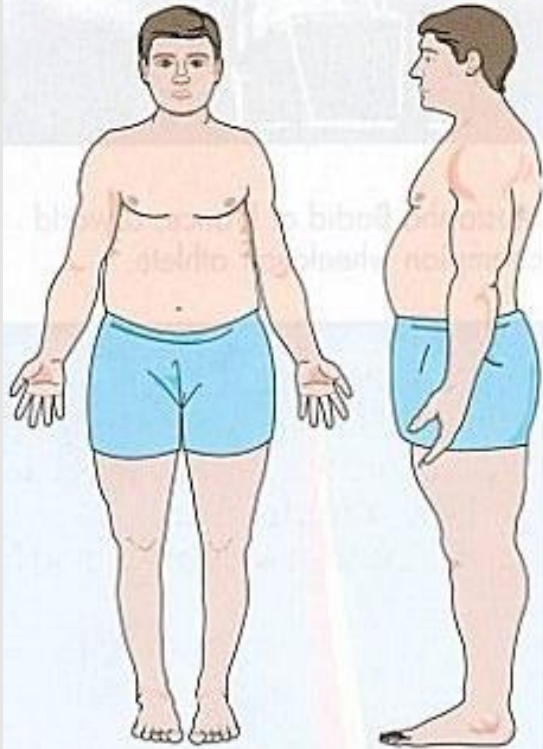
# Unit 2 – Criminological Theories

- For our taster session we are going to concentrate on **Unit 2**, criminological theories.
- We first need to acknowledge that there are many different theories that compete with each-other to explain crime in our society.
- They are grouped into biological, individualistic (psychological), and sociological theories.
- Today we are going to be introduced to one theory from each group and we are going to apply each theory to a scenario.



# Biological theory of crime: Sheldon's Somatotype's Theory

Extreme endomorph



- wide hips and narrow shoulders (pear-shaped)
- a lot of fat on the body
- a lot of fat on the upper arms and thighs
- quite slim wrists and ankles

Extreme mesomorph



- broad shoulders and narrow hips (wedge-shaped)
- a large head
- a muscular body
- strong forearms and thighs
- very little body fat

Extreme ectomorph



- narrow shoulders and hips
- a thin face and high forehead
- a thin narrow chest and abdomen
- thin legs and arms
- very little muscle or body fat



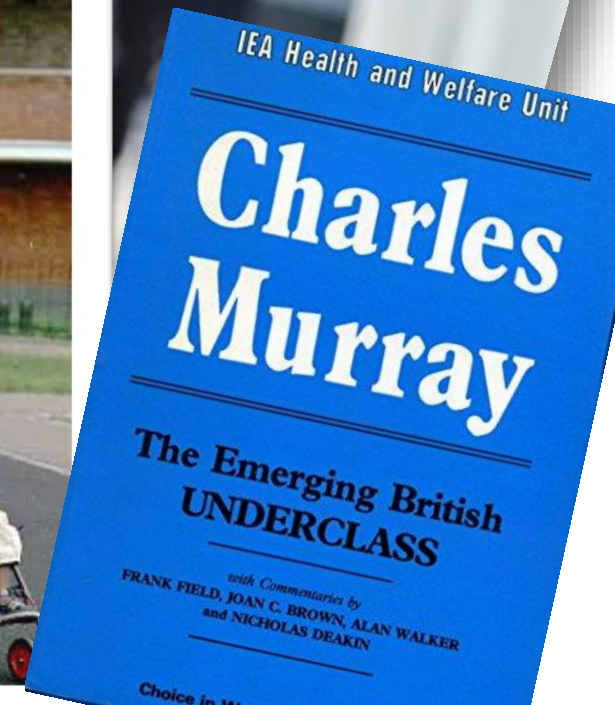


# Individualistic theory of crime: Sutherland's Differential Association Theory



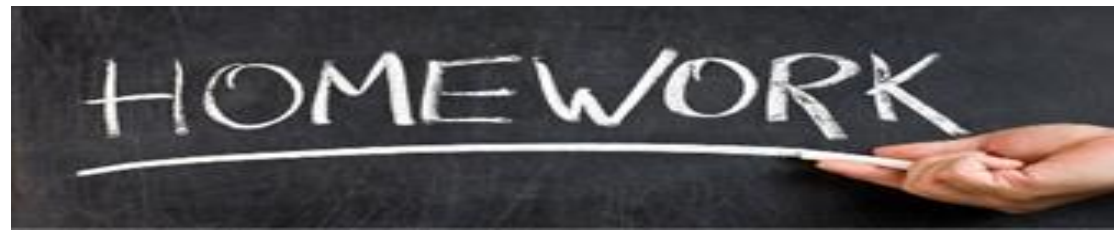


# Sociological Theory of Crime: Right Realism



Which did you find the  
most convincing  
explanation for Jordan's  
criminal behaviour at a  
young age?





- The right realists argue that the solution to crime is to; reduce welfare dependency (families relying on benefits rather than going out to work), make it more difficult for criminals to commit crime, and make punishments more severe.
- According to the right realists, these measures will all help to compel criminals to make the rational choice that crime 'doesn't pay'.
- The right realists have been very influential in the United States with the Republican Party and in the United Kingdom with the Conservative Party. The Conservative Party has been in government in the UK since 2010 and prior to that from 1979 to 1997.
- The influence of the right realists on successive Conservative governments has inevitably affected their policies in relation to crime and justice.
- For your homework, you will explore the evidence for the influence of the right realists on Conservative government's policies. Do an electronic search and summarise your findings below.
- What have they done in the following areas of policy?
  - ✓ **Welfare benefits**
  - ✓ **Making it more difficult to commit crime** (situational crime prevention, target hardening)
  - ✓ **Prison Sentencing Policy**