

# Level 3 Certificate/Diploma in Criminology

This course is to be studied alongside two A Levels.

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## Course Overview

Criminology is an increasingly popular subject for students who are interested in a career in criminal justice or studying criminology at university. The subject explores why people commit crime, drawing on explanations from psychology and sociology, along with how society tackles crime through the law, policing and punishment. Students learn about different types of crime, how people's perceptions of crime are shaped and how crimes are investigated.

A range of teaching methods are used, including independent study, flipped learning, lectures, group activities and tasks, peer learning.

Please note: Whilst this course sits within our A Level provision and can be taken alongside other A Levels, the qualification you will gain at the end of the programme is a WJEC Level 3 Diploma, rather than an A Level.

## What You Will Study

- Changing awareness of crime: types of crime, perceptions of crime and unreported crime.
- Media representations of crime and of official data on crime.
- Crime campaigns and their effectiveness.
- Criminological theories: Why do people commit crime? Theories of criminality from biology, psychology and sociology.
- Crime scene to Courtroom: the criminal justice system from investigation to verdict – personnel and techniques involved in criminal investigations and courtroom procedures.
- Crime and Punishment: law making, criminal justice, forms and functions of punishment.

## How You Will Be Assessed

This course contains 50% external assessment and 50% controlled assessment.

During the course you will complete two units.

Unit one will be assessed with an hour and a half examination (external assessment).

Unit two will be assessed via an internal controlled assessment.

The internal assessment will be 8 hours long and will require students to produce a

### START DATE

September

### LEVEL

Level 3

### STUDY MODE

Full-time

### DURATION

1-2 years

### AWARDING BODY

WJEC

### LOCATION

Wakefield College



For further information about this course, including Entry Requirements, Assessments and Further Study, scan the QR code.

## Need More Information?

For additional course information please contact the Course Information Team on **01924 789111** or email [courseinfo@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk](mailto:courseinfo@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk).

To learn more about Wakefield College, our facilities and how we can support you please visit our website [www.heartofyorkshire.ac.uk](http://www.heartofyorkshire.ac.uk).

## Quick Links



**How to  
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**Student  
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**Virtual  
Tours**

written report that is linked to a scenario of crime.

## Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English Language and Maths.

## Further Study

On successful completion of the Certificate in Criminology, it is possible to undertake a further year and complete a Diploma in Criminology.

This would include the study of the following:

- Crime scene to Courtroom: the criminal justice system from investigation to verdict – personnel and techniques involved in criminal investigations and courtroom procedures.
- Crime and Punishment: law making, criminal justice, forms and functions of punishment.