



# Sandwell Academy

## Applied Criminology (WJEC Level 3 Diploma)

This is an exciting course which will allow you to gain a wealth of knowledge linked to criminal justice and is a qualification that combines elements of psychology, law and sociology.

A stimulating grounding in the study of criminology can be achieved. You will have the opportunity to acquire both practical and academic skills through applied learning, and the focus of some assignments provide opportunities to learn from practitioners in the criminal justice sector.

The flexibility of the course will enable you to specialise in your individual area of interest. An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology.

It offers exciting and interesting experiences that focus learning through applied methods, i.e. through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in relation to authentic case studies. Units include the Changing Awareness of Crime, Criminological Theories, Crime Scene to Courtroom and Crime and Punishment.

Criminology students can move on to Higher Education courses and careers in the following areas:

Police officer  
Probation officer  
Prison officer  
Social worker

Social research  
Politics  
Degree courses in Criminology with  
Psychology, or Sociology or Law

### SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Grade 4 or above in GCSE English and Grade 4 or above in a Humanities subject

### COURSE DETAILS

WJEC Syllabus

You will study four units as follows:

#### Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime

##### Coursework

In Changing Awareness of Crime, learners develop an understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. Knowing about the wide range of different crimes and the reasons people have for not reporting such crimes provides an understanding of the complexity of behaviours and the social implications of such crimes and criminality.

#### Unit 2 – Criminological Theories

##### Assessment

Criminological Theories enables learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what they have learned in Unit 1. Learners explore the difference between criminal behaviour and deviance and the theories behind why people commit crime.

### **Unit 3 – Crime Scene to Courtroom**

#### **Coursework**

Crime Scene to Courtroom provides learners with an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. They develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases.

### **Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment**

#### **Assessment**

In Crime and Punishment, learners apply their understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.