

Applied Diploma in Criminology

This is an applied general qualification. This means it is designed primarily to support learners progressing to university. It has been designed to offer exciting and interesting experiences that focus learning for 16-19 year old learners through applied learning, i.e. through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system. The qualification would support learners' progression from any study at level 2, particularly GCSEs in sociology, law, psychology, citizenship, history and humanities.

Each unit within the qualification has an applied purpose which acts as a focus for the learning in the unit. The applied purpose demands learning related to authentic case studies. It also requires learners to consider how the use and application of their learning impacts on themselves, other individuals, employers, society and the environment.

Programme of Study

Year 12		Year 13	
Unit	Assessment Method	Unit	Assessment Method
Changing Awareness of Crime	Internal	Crime Scene to Courtroom	Internal
Criminological Theories	External	Crime and Punishment	External

Pathways

The main purpose of this course is to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses, such as: criminology, sociology and psychology and law. Alternatively, the qualification allows learners to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within some aspects of the criminal justice system, e.g. the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service.

This was a new course at the academy from 2024. It offers an alternative to the traditional A level pathway combining both external examinations and internal coursework units.