

# Applied Diploma in Criminology Transition Pack



# WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

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### **Welcome!**

Welcome to the Social Sciences Department and the Applied Diploma in Criminology course. The challenges of A Level are a significant step up from GCSE and this can seem daunting at first. This is nothing to worry about and you will receive plenty of support from September. In the meantime, it is recommended that you use the next few months to prepare for this new course.

The pack includes an overview of what you will study during the first year of the course, should you join it, together with a series of introductory tasks for you to work through. The tasks are designed to help you get to grips with some of the key terms you will need to know, as well as concepts you will learn about as a student of criminology.

To access the Applied Diploma in Criminology course in September, you will need to complete the tasks set out in this pack and also meet the course entry requirements, which can be found in the sixth form course listing document.

## Applied Diploma in Criminology

In order to excel in criminology, and assist your development in preparation for your next steps after sixth form, you must actively engage in independent study in addition to your timetabled lessons. The ability to conduct independent research is a skill that will undoubtedly support your university applications and/or future job applications. As a criminology student, it is essential that you follow the news regularly to keep up to date on recent issues which affect the law, and particular groups within society, in order to engage in the discussions we will be having in our lessons.

### Specification

At Forge you are studying WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology, the full specification for which can be found here:

<https://www.educas.co.uk/media/yzqlsmq4/wjec-applied-diploma-in-criminology-spec-e-22-06-22-2.pdf>

It is recommended that you refer to this specification regularly as your independent study should involve you reading ahead of topics we have not yet covered in lessons. Your criminology teachers will provide you with specific guidance of what you could focus on whilst completing your own research.

### Revision techniques

You should avoid merely reading over your notes continuously. Instead, you should summarise your 'core notes' to make them more concise and organised. Your criminology teachers will provide specific guidance on this but the most common successful revision strategies involve:

- Creating a revision timetable which focuses on specific skills for a topic.
- Producing your own revision cards and/or mind maps for the topic.
- Designing your own fact sheet or memory board for the topic.
- Creating sample answers to exam questions.
- Answering scenario-based questions.

### MOOCs

MOOCs – Massive Open Online Courses- are online courses that provide videos, reading lists and activities. You often don't need to formally complete the course and many are free. There are a number of criminology related ones available at the sites listed on the next page. Whilst these are not directly linked to your Applied Diploma course, delving into them will certainly develop your knowledge and understanding of criminology.

- FutureLearn – [www.futurelearn.com](http://www.futurelearn.com)
- Oxplore – <https://oxplore.org/> - Follow them on Twitter @letsoxplore
- Coursera – [www.coursera.org](http://www.coursera.org)

## The Media

As mentioned earlier in this document, one of the best things you can do as a criminology student is to explore the media for law/sociology related articles and stories. You can use these articles to help develop scenario based exam questions which will help you apply your knowledge of criminology. It's recommended that you regularly refer to the BBC website and reputable newspaper websites such as The Guardian.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk>

## Reading list

A detailed overview of the units we deliver –

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Level-Applied-Certificate-Diploma-Criminology/dp/1912820986/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?keywords=wjec+criminology&qid=1687507196&srefix=WJEC+Crim%2Caps%2C89&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Level-Applied-Certificate-Diploma-Criminology/dp/1912820986/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=wjec+criminology&qid=1687507196&srefix=WJEC+Crim%2Caps%2C89&sr=8-1)

A detailed overview of the Year One content –

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Criminology-Level-Applied-Certificate-Diploma/dp/1838271503/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?keywords=wjec+criminology&qid=1687507297&srefix=WJEC+Crim%2Caps%2C89&sr=8-5](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Criminology-Level-Applied-Certificate-Diploma/dp/1838271503/ref=sr_1_5?keywords=wjec+criminology&qid=1687507297&srefix=WJEC+Crim%2Caps%2C89&sr=8-5)

A detailed overview of the Year Two content –

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Criminology-Book-Level-Applied-Diploma/dp/1838271511/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?keywords=wjec+criminology&qid=1687507297&srefix=WJEC+Crim%2Caps%2C89&sr=8-4](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Criminology-Book-Level-Applied-Diploma/dp/1838271511/ref=sr_1_4?keywords=wjec+criminology&qid=1687507297&srefix=WJEC+Crim%2Caps%2C89&sr=8-4)

If you would like to expand your knowledge further, we recommend you speak to the Social Sciences Department about relevant law, psychology and sociology textbooks.

## Applied Diploma in Criminology: Preparatory Tasks

**Please complete each of the tasks set out in the rest of this transition pack and bring your answers and/or findings with you to the first lesson in September 2023 if you join the course.**

Submission: should be a comprehensive written or typed set of answers. If you use other websites to get answers please do not copy from them create a list of all websites used and hand this in with your work. If you complete your work on goggle docs please share with [ricky.dhatt@oatfroge.co.uk](mailto:ricky.dhatt@oatfroge.co.uk) - with editing rights so that work can be marked.

In criminology, we will look at a wide range of topics including changing awareness of crime, criminological theories, the process which takes place from a crime scene to the courtroom and crime and punishment. In preparation for the next academic year, conduct research to answer the following questions:

1. What is the difference between a white-collar crime and a hate crime?
2. Why are cases surrounding domestic abuse often not reported?
3. How does the portrayal of certain crimes within the media lead to a 'moral panic'? Try to provide an example of a moral panic.
4. What is Marxism? Include a definition of capitalism.
5. What do Marxists believe about the causes of crime?
6. What is the role of a forensic scientist?
7. What is the role of the Criminal Prosecution Service (CPS)?