

Criminology - Level 3 Diploma (WJEC)

Criminology is the study of why crime occurs. In this A Level equivalent, you will study a range of theories of why individuals commit crimes, as well as how society manages crime. Criminology is an interdisciplinary subject which means that it draws on psychological, sociological, and biological theories as well as looking at how crime is dealt with by law and by governments.

This course is available for international students, if you are applying as an international student please click [here](#).

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Topics covered can include:

- Changing Awareness of Crime
- Criminological Theories
- Crime Scene to Court Room
- Crime and Punishment

WHAT WILL I NEED?

You will need:

- Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language
- Grade 5 or above in one other written subject, such as History, Geography, Humanities, English Literature, Business, Media Studies, Religious Studies, Drama and Film Studies
- Three further GCSEs at grade 4 or above

If you wish to study 4 A Levels, you will need 7 GCSEs at grade 7 or above, including two at grade 8.

All applicants must have an interview to confirm that an A Level programme is suitable for them.

When applying for an A Level programme at City and Islington, please refer to the general entry requirements on our [A Level Courses](#) page as well as the subject-specific details listed above.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Start Date: 1 September 2025

Duration: 2 Years

Attendance: Full Time

Center: Angel Sixth Form College

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The course is assessed via a mix of controlled assessment and traditional exam questions. The first and third units are assessed through 8-hour-controlled assessments, where you have access to your notes to complete an unseen brief. The second and fourth units are assessed through 1.5-hour exams, which will take place in May/June.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

AGED 16-18

If you will be aged 16, 17 or 18 on 31st August prior to the start date of your course and you have the legal right to remain in the UK for the duration of your programme then your study with us will be free. Please see [here](#) for the documents you will need to show us.

Some courses will have other associated costs, such as for specialist materials and trips. Many of our students are eligible for financial support, see [here](#) for details.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

This A Level equivalent can provide a background for further study in Criminology, Psychology, Sociology and Law, as well as synoptic links with subjects such as Media Studies, Biology and Government and Politics. An A Level programme is widely regarded as the standard entry qualification for top universities in the UK, and the rest of the world. Many of our students go on to study for a degree at the university of their choice, with some choosing to progress into apprenticeships or other employment.

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