

Level 3 Diploma in Criminology

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	A Levels
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	AFQ-AL3C-1101

Course Overview

The Level 3 Criminology course is designed to be studied alongside two A Level subjects, offering a comprehensive understanding of criminology with elements of psychology, law, and sociology. This qualification is an excellent complement to studies in the humanities, particularly for students interested in the social sciences.

The course includes examined units on Criminological Theories and Crime and Punishment, along with internally assessed units focusing on Changing Awareness of Crime and Crime Science to Courtroom.

This program is particularly suitable for students considering A Levels in subjects such as Sociology, Psychology, and Law, and will provide valuable insights for those looking to pursue further study or careers in these fields.

Course Requirements

PLEASE NOTE - YOU MUST APPLY FOR 3 A LEVELS

Standard A Level entry requirements: 5 x GCSE grade 5's or above (must include Maths and English Language).

What You Will Learn

On the Level 3 Criminology course, you will explore all aspects of crime from a social perspective. You will examine the causes of crime, its impact on society, and investigate the individuals committing these acts. Criminologists study crime to gain a deeper understanding of what motivates criminals to behave in certain ways, exploring the psychological, social, and legal factors that contribute to criminal behaviour. This course provides an insightful look into the world of crime, offering the knowledge and tools to critically assess and analyse criminological issues.

Assessment

Assessment will be 50% coursework and 50% exam based.

Progression

The main purpose of the Level 3 Diploma in Applied Criminology is to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses. These will include combinations of criminology, law, psychology and sociology.

Career Options

You can progress onto degree courses at many universities such as Criminology, Law, Sociology and Policing and Criminal Justice.

Long term, the qualification develops your understanding and skills so that you are able to consider employment in the criminal justice sector, such as in Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service and the Police Service.

Mandatory Units

Applied Certificate - Year 1

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime - Internally assessed (Coursework)

Unit 2: Criminological Theories - Externally assessed (Exam)

Applied Diploma - Year 2

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Court Room - Internally assessed (Coursework)

Unit 4: Crime and Punishment - Externally assessed (Exam)

Contact Details

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