



Level 3 Certificate and Diploma in Criminology

Location	Marple College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	A Levels
Start Date	Monday 1st September 2025
Course Code	MFQ-ML3C-1100

Course Overview

The Level 3 Applied Certificate and Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of Psychology, Law and Sociology that complements studies in humanities but will be attractive and useful to a range of students.

The Certificate is equivalent in size to half an A Level and the diploma is equivalent in size to one A level. This subject is taken alongside 2 A level subjects. The purpose of the Level 3 Certificate/Diploma in Criminology is to provide learners with an introduction to criminal justice, to give a context for humanities learning and to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses.

Course Requirements

4 GCSE's at Grade 4 or above (including maths and/or English Language).

This course must be studied alongside other subjects such as A levels, which may have additional entry criteria.

PLEASE NOTE - YOU MUST APPLY FOR 3 A LEVELS.

What You Will Learn

This is an Applied General qualification. This means it is designed primarily to support learners progressing to university, however, will also equip learners with transferrable skills for entry to higher level apprenticeships or employment.

It has been designed to offer exciting and interesting experiences that focus learning for 16-19-year-old learners and adult learners through applied learning, i.e. through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system.

The applied purpose will also allow learners to learn in such a way that they develop:

- skills required for independent learning and development
- a range of generic and transferable skills
- the ability to solve problems
- the skills of project-based research, development and presentation
- the fundamental ability to work alongside other professionals, in a professional environment
- the ability to apply learning in vocational contexts

Assessment

50% of the units are internally assessed through controlled assessments

50% of the units are assessed through external exams

You will take one controlled assessment and one exam in Year 12 (50% of the course) and one controlled assessment and one exam in Year 13 (50% of the course).

Progression

You can progress to higher education, doing degrees such as law, criminology, criminal justice and sociology.

Career Options

Can open up jobs in Social Services, Criminal Justice, Government, Education, Welfare Services, Counselling etc.

Mandatory Units

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime

Unit 2: Criminological Theories

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Court Room

Unit 4: Crime and Punishment

Contact Details

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