

Level 3 Applied Certificate/Diploma in

CRIMINOLOGY

QUALIFICATION GUIDE



ABOUT THIS QUALIFICATION

The Eduqas Level 3 Applied General Qualification in Criminology allows learners to explore types of crime, the awareness of crime, the causes of criminality, and the criminal justice system.

This unique applied qualification allows learners to examine real-world case studies and analyse crime statistics, fostering critical thinking and research skills.

Eduqas' Level 3 in Criminology aims to equip learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills for progression to Higher Education, and in turn, the pursuit of graduate careers in the criminal justice sector, social and probation work, as well as sociology and psychology.

It is primarily aimed at 16-19 year-old and adult learners, and is often studied alongside AS/A Level qualifications and/or other Level 3 qualifications.



WHY OFFER CRIMINOLOGY WITH EDUQAS?

Criminology is an increasingly popular field of study, with around 150 universities across the UK offering Undergraduate courses in the subject.

Eduqas' unique Level 3 Criminology qualification is well suited to prepare learners for further study and careers in this field, and offers a valuable alternative/complement to A Levels such as Law, Psychology or Sociology.

A UNIQUE ACADEMIC ALTERNATIVE

Eduqas is the only provider offering a Level 3 qualification in Criminology.

It can be studied as a 2-unit Certificate worth up to 24 UCAS points, or a 4-unit Diploma, worth up to 56 UCAS points.

This fully Ofqual approved qualification is accepted by most universities alongside A Levels or other L3 qualifications, subject to individual entry requirements.

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT PACKAGE

Eduqas offers [free online teaching resources](#), a companion textbook, and [expert-led training opportunities](#).

You'll also benefit from easy access to both subject experts and our [Regional Support Team](#), who can provide online and in-person support.

QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE

Learners will develop their knowledge and understanding of crime, it's causes and the criminal justice system, touching upon elements of psychology, law and sociology.

The Level 3 Applied Certificate in Criminology consists of Unit 1 and Unit 2, while the Applied Diploma in Criminology requires all 4 units to be completed.

Each unit represents 90 guided learning hours (GLH):

UNIT 1: CHANGING AWARENESS OF CRIME

Internally Assessed

UNIT 2: CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORIES

Externally Assessed Examination

UNIT 3: CRIME SCENE TO COURTROOM

Internally Assessed

UNIT 4: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Externally Assessed Examination

GETTING STARTED WITH EDUQAS

Getting started with Eduqas for Vocational and Applied qualifications is a straightforward, three-step process:

1

Register your interest in teaching with Eduqas

Visit eduqas.co.uk/vocational and complete the Register Your Interest form. This helps us better support you through the process of getting started with Eduqas.

2

Ask your Exams Officer if your centre is registered with Eduqas

If not, they will need to contact us at centres@wjec.co.uk to register. Once your centre is registered, your Exams Officer can provide you with access to our Portal, which you will need to complete key processes and access exclusive resources.

3

Visit your qualification page for everything you need to get started

You can find this by going to eduqas.co.uk/qualifications and searching for your subject. Here you'll find links to everything you need to start teaching with Eduqas:

- Your specification
- Guidance for teaching
- Contact details for your Subject Officer
- Free digital teaching resources
- Training opportunities
- Key dates for your qualification
- Past Papers and Mark Schemes

Now you're ready to start teaching with Eduqas – but if you need more guidance, contact our Support Team on hereforyou@eduqas.co.uk, or discover training opportunities at eduqas.co.uk/professionallearning

FREE ONLINE RESOURCES



BLENDED LEARNING MODULES

Each of our interactive online Blended Learning Modules covers a key topic, providing clear lesson objectives for learners before setting a range of tasks such as questions to answer on-screen, prompts for written work and downloadable practice exam questions.

Teachers can use our Blended Learning resources alongside traditional teaching methods in the classroom, or set them as online self-study exercises for learners to tackle at home.

EXAM WALKTHROUGHS

Exam Walkthroughs offer learners the opportunity to explore mock assessment papers through a narrated presentation full of helpful tips.

This resource is designed to help learners develop their exam technique and familiarise themselves with the structure and style of our exam papers.



FREE ONLINE RESOURCES



KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

Our Knowledge Organisers collect all the key information on a topic of study into an easy-to-digest format.

They're an ideal self-study or revision tool for learners, but they can also be useful for teachers in the classroom as the basis of quizzes or discussions.

Explore our full range of resources:
www.eduqas.co.uk/resources



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Eduqas offers a comprehensive range of professional learning opportunities to help you teach with confidence.

Our expert-led training programme provides all the support you need to enhance your teaching and successfully deliver our qualifications.

ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK PACKAGE

Our Assessment Feedback Package is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how assessments are marked or moderated.

This integrated suite of resources and training includes:

- Free access to Principal Examiner reports
- Free Online Assessment Feedback sessions
- Paid face-to-face training events
- Free access to scripts

Learn more: eduqas.co.uk/professionallearning



WHAT TEACHERS AND LEARNERS SAY ABOUT CRIMINOLOGY



“The Eduqas Criminology course is not just a rehash or overlap with Law, Sociology or Psychology - it is a unique qualification which looks at a very topical area from a different perspective and develops both the academic knowledge and practical skills that prepare our learners for higher education and employment in law, criminal justice and other related careers as well as developing wider and flexible skills with wide application.”

Dr Matt Lamb

Principal

Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form



“I feel that completing the level 3 Criminology has shaped my career path in many ways. It provided me with a good foundation to build upon throughout my degree, something that a lot of my fellow students did not have.

I now work for a charity supporting victims of domestic abuse (DA), a career which I am not sure I would have entered had I not completed the criminology course.”

Jessica Ramsdell


Former Eduqas L3 Criminology Student

ACCESSING SUPPORT

Our **Regional Support Team** operates across the UK, and is available to help you teach Eduqas qualifications with confidence.

As an Eduqas teacher, you can access their support for free online or in-person at a time and place that suits you.

Each member of the team is an experienced former teacher who understands the challenges of the classroom.



They can provide you with all the support you need to help your learners succeed, including:

- help getting started with Eduqas
- expert insight into your specification
- answers to your questions on assessment
- guidance on accessing our free digital resources, and more.

Contact the team:
hereforyou@eduqas.co.uk

MEET YOUR EDUQAS REPRESENTATIVE



ANT FLEMING

Ant Fleming has extensive experience in education, having been a Geography teacher for 18 years, with roles like Head of Year and Head of Geography.

He's also taught Physical Education and vocational qualifications. Since 2002, Ant has been an Eduqas examiner, enhancing his teaching and current role.

"The role of Regional Representative lets me support teachers in delivering Eduqas qualifications confidently. I respond to emails, host online meetings, meet with Exam Officers, and represent Eduqas at conferences.

I believe supporting teachers is crucial to success. It's important for teachers to have someone to consult, benefiting students and schools alike.

Each day is different, but my focus is always on helping teachers. The most rewarding part is when teachers feel more confident after our meetings."

Want to learn more? Contact at hereforyou@eduqas.co.uk, or [request an informal online chat through our booking page](#).

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