



## Access to HE Diploma (Sociology and Criminology) - AE304

Access to HE Sociology and Criminology is a full level 3 qualification. When you achieve this qualification you will be able to progress onto university. You will study here at Hamilton Square Campus for 2 days a week.

You will need to know which university (or College) you wish to progress to as applications are made through UCAS in September.

### COURSE DETAILS

During the course you will study two core modules:

- Sociology
- Criminology

You will also study Law.

Some of the modules you will study include:

- Offender Profiling
- Feminism and the Household
- Race in British Society
- Poverty in Contemporary Britain
- Terrorism and the State

You will need to achieve 60 credits to gain a Level 3 Access to HE Diploma. You will study a total of 19 units, with 18 units worth 3 credits each and one unit worth 6 credits. 15 units are graded Pass, Merit or Distinction, and 4 units are ungraded.

Some Higher Education courses ask for a certain number of Merits or Distinctions to gain a place on their courses.

## ENTRY GUIDELINES

This course is for students aged 19plus.

Level 2 Functional Skills English and Maths or GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade 4/C.

You will be interviewed and be able to demonstrate your understanding of the career you want to progress to.

Satisfactory interview and assessment (written/comprehension task).

If you wish to pursue a career in Social Work you will also need current and relevant experience of working/volunteering in a social care setting.

*Office use only. Non Standard 44b.*

## ASSESSMENT METHOD

You will be assessed through assignments set such as essays, academic posters, reports, research tasks, timed assessments and presentations.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You will be required to complete a written task and which you will bring with you to interview. Evidence must be presented of qualifications.

## WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

Once completed you will be able to progress to University to study subjects related to Sociology, Criminology, Social Studies etc.

Did you know you can study Higher Education at Wirral Met College?

- Our Higher Education provision has lower fees than Universities (currently £8500 for full time degree)
- Our degrees are validated by our partner universities and your degree is awarded by either University of Liverpool, Chester University or Edge Hill
- We offer a £500 bursary for each year of study to those students who have been previous students for the last 2 years or have an income below £25,750.
- We are on your doorstep, with public transport to each campus.
- We offer timetables that allow you to continue in work or meet caring commitments.

- We have smaller class sizes, meaning you will have more contact time with your tutors.
- We can support you both academically and personally to make sure you reach your full potential.

## WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

| CAMPUS                                                                                                                       | ATTENDANCE | COURSE CODE | PLANNED TIME TABLE |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|
|                                                                                                                              | Full Time  | AE304-25    |                    |
| <p><b>If you are aged 19 or over:</b></p> <p>Fee : £3022.00</p> <p><i>The fee quoted is for the academic year 25/26.</i></p> |            |             |                    |

For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our [online enquiry form](#)

This information was current on 05th November, 2025 and may be subject to change.