

Public Services

Access to Higher Education: Criminal Justice and Policing Studies Level 3 Online

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This course will start in September 2025. You will study this course online via a suitable platform. All details will be provided to you before you start. The online classes will be on a Wednesday and Thursday evening, 17:30 - 20:30. This course can be studied part-time (one day per week for two years) or full-time (two days per week for one year).

Entry Requirements

- You will be aged 19+ at the start of the course
- A keen interest and willingness to be involved in the criminal justice or policing industry
- GCSE English and Maths at grade 4/C or above. Equivalent qualifications will be accepted
- You will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Services check

You will achieve

- Access to Higher Education Criminal Justice and Policing Studies Level 3, awarded by [CAVA](#).
- Recognised Governing Body Coaching Awards.

Course Overview

This course prepares students for degree-level study. Tailored for those pursuing careers in criminal justice, policing, or the forces, this course equips you with the skills and knowledge needed for higher education and professional advancement in these dynamic fields.

Course highlights:

- Criminal law
- A range of offences
- The powers of the police
- Crime scene management
- Police interviewing
- Human rights
- Criminology – offender profiling
- Criminal justice system
- Criminology – theories of crime

Course Content

How will I be assessed?

Assessment will occur continually throughout the programme. You will have unit assignments to complete and will be assessed on your practical ability. You will also have time-constrained assignments, as well as oral presentations. Each individual unit and the full award are graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction.

What Equipment Will I Need?

Students will require ring-binders, writing materials, paper/stationery and core textbooks.

Where will I study?

All details will be provided. There will be opportunities to study and develop with a variety of partners.

What can I do next?

On completion of this programme, you could apply for training in a career such as BA/BSc (Hons) or foundation degree within the Public Service sector. Students wishing to apply to university are advised to contact the relevant admissions tutor to access help for their application. Likewise students should check that the course is acceptable as an entry qualification for the degree programme they wish to enter.

How much does the course cost?

This course costs £3,020. If you are aged 19-23 and live in South Yorkshire or West Yorkshire there may be funding available. This course can also be paid for with an Advanced Learner Loan.

Extra information

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