

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

The Access to Higher Education (HE) Diploma prepares students for degree-level study. Ideal for those without traditional qualifications, this course suits individuals aiming for careers in criminal justice, policing, or the forces. Distance learning lets you study remotely at your convenience. Engage in course activities and assignments with tutor support, and connect with peers via email, forums, phone, and virtual conferencing.

Course highlights:

- Criminal law
- Offences against the person
- Drugs offences
- The powers of the police
- Public order offences
- Crime scene management
- Police interviewing
- Sexual offences
- Offences against children
- Traffic offences
- Human rights
- Criminology – offender profiling
- HE study skills
- 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.

19+ Students

Aged 19 or over and thinking about Further Education? You may be eligible for free or reduced course fees . Please refer to our page '[paying for your course.](#)'

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on 01226 216 267.

Extra information

Advanced Learner Loans

This course may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan.

For eligibility information and details about how to apply, visit the Advanced Learner Loan page. Or contact our Information Team by calling 01226 216 123 or emailing: info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>]

Advanced Learner Loans: Access to Higher Education (HE) courses

If you're undertaking an Access to Higher Education (HE) course and then go on to complete an HE qualification, the outstanding balance of your Advanced Learner Loan will be written off, once you have fully completed both courses.

Contact the Information Unit

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>]

Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and Honeywell Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/barnsley-sports-academy/>] .

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Call 01226 216 769 for further information.

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Call us on **01226 216 123**