

Public Services

Access to Higher Education: Criminal Justice and Policing Studies Level 3 Full-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This course will start in September 2025. You will study two days per week. All details will be provided to you before you start. The course will take one year to complete.

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 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?

Honeywell Sports campus
Honeywell Lane
Barnsley
S75 1BP

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.

See what careers are available in the Public Services [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2023/10/Public-Services-careers-2023-24.pdf>] sector. Use our online careers tool, Career Coach [<https://barnsley.lightcastcc.com/?radius=®ion=Barnsley>] , to find out what your next steps could be.

How much does the course cost?

This course costs £3,020. If you are aged 19-23 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**