

Public Services

Criminology, Communities and Criminal Justice Level 6 (Top-Up) BSc Full-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This course will start in September 2025 and run for one year.

Entry Requirements

You will have to have achieved either of the following to access the programme:

- Successful completion of a level 5 qualification, HND or Foundation Degree in relevant topic area.
- English and maths at grade 4 (C) or above, or Level 2 Functional Skills. Willingness to complete English and Maths qualifications alongside the programme will be considered.

All applicants must complete a satisfactory interview.

As your programme will involve working with vulnerable individuals (e.g. children and adults), you will be required to undertake a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

You will achieve

BSc Level 6 (Top-Up) Degree – Criminology, Communities and Criminal Justice. (Subject to validation by the University of Hull)

Course Overview

This course delves into contemporary criminological topics while developing practical skills through innovative assessments. Emphasising employability, students engage in crisis management and hostage negotiation exercises, preparing them for professional roles in the criminal justice sector.

Work-integrated learning opportunities, including industry placements, ensure graduates are industry-ready, equipped with the skills to thrive in their future careers.

Course highlights:

- Criminology, Communities and Mental Health (20 Credits)
- Prisons and Punishment (20 Credits)
- Emergency and Disaster Management (20 Credits)
- Professional Context Project (20 Credits)
- Dissertation (40 Credits)

This course is validated by The University of Hull. Read the University of Hull Collaborative Provision Guide for Students 2024/25 [https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2024/12/221124_Guide-for-CP-Students-2024_digital.pdf] .

Course Content

How will I be assessed?

There are no formal examinations and most modules are likely to be assessed via a variety of innovative methods. Coursework assessments are likely to include essays, briefing notes, presentations, E-portfolios, research and reflections and focus group interviews as well as undertaking a Dissertation which includes a Research Proposal and Ethics submission. The practical element of assessments feature a hostage negotiation exercise and developing and integrating a professional context project.

What Equipment Will I Need?

No equipment is needed.

Where will I study?

Church Street campus
Church Street
Barnsley
S70 2AN

What can I do next?

You will develop intellectual, practical and employability skills throughout the course, including (but not limited to): analytical techniques, approaches to solving problems, effective communication, dynamic risk management, subject-specific practical skills, approaches to undertaking research and business and sector awareness.

The skills developed through the course are transferable into a range of employment scenarios and you will be given support in aiding smooth progression into employment. The degree also prepares you to progress onto further and higher study at MA/MSc level or PGCE qualifications in an

appropriate area.

How much does the course cost?

Course fees: £6,995* per year for those that enrol in September 2025 (*subject to approval from the Office for Students).

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

Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) Higher Education

We offer a service to any student who has a diagnosis of anything persistent or long-term which might interfere with how they study and manage their day-to-day academic engagement. The service is flexible and shaped around the needs of each individual; it might be consistent support or intermittent support.

For further information please visit the Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/higher-education/dds-at-higher-education/>] web page for more information.

HE Student Finance

As a Higher Education student living in England you may be eligible for the non-means tested Tuition Fee Loan from the Government and a Maintenance Loan.

Students with children or dependant adults may qualify for a Childcare Grant or Adult Dependents' Grant. Students can apply for these at the same time as applying for a Maintenance Loan.

Remember: Eligible students will not have to pay tuition fees in advance and can apply for the Maintenance Loan before they start the course.

Visit the Student Finance page on the Government website [<https://www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance>] for further details and to apply.

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.

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