

Level 3 in Uniformed Public Services



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Public Services	Level 3	Full-Time	1-2 years, depending on study route	September 2026

The Course

Are you hoping to pursue a career within the uniformed public services? This course will prepare you for employment, ensuring that you have the relevant knowledge and skills to progress to degree level study should you wish. It includes work experience with a range of public services to build your experience. If you know what career path you want to take in the public services, this is the course for you. The specific modules you will study vary depending on your pathway. Please see the What You Will Study section for the full list of possible modules.

What You Will Study

Year 1

- > Carry out map reading and navigation across open country
- > Develop aspects of physical fitness
- > Equality, diversity and inclusion
- > Values and standards (Diploma only)
- > Develop leadership skills
- > Mental and physical wellbeing
- > Prepare for a career in chosen uniformed public service
- > Understand the impact of war and conflict (Diploma Only)
- > Emergency planning and response in the uniformed services

Year 2

- > Skills for land-based activities
- > Crime scene investigation
- > Volunteering in the uniformed services
- > Collaboration (Extended Diploma only)
- > Understanding discipline (Extended Diploma only)
- > Skills for water-based activities
- > UK legal systems
- > The influence of UK government, international organisations and the media
- > Security procedures (Extended Diploma only)

Entry Requirements

You will need four GCSEs at grade 4 or C or equivalent, preferably including English and Maths, or a relevant BTEC Level 2 qualification. A satisfactory reference is also needed.

Work Experience

You will be expected to find a suitable one-week placement in the public service industry. The college also runs a two-week residential at Strensall Army Barracks.

How You're Assessed

You will be assessed using a variety of methods, including presentations, written reports, role plays, voice recordings, video presentations, practical sessions, observations and posters.

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > Folder with dividers to organise your work and assignments
- > Stationery including notepad for use in class, pens and pencils
- > Sports kit for both indoor and outdoor activities in all weathers
- > College branded hooded jumper (Policing option) which will be available to try on during induction week for sizing
- > Waterproof outdoor clothing and footwear suitable for all weather conditions
- > Walking boots

Progression

Upon successful completion of this course you will be able to progress to study at degree level.

Careers

This programme will give you a unique insight into the world of working in the uniformed public services, helping you to gain the key skills and knowledge required to be successful in this subject area. Possible roles involve investigation, intelligence and operational support, to name just a few.