

PUBLIC SERVICE

EXTENDED DIPLOMA LEVEL 3

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This vocational course, equivalent to three A Levels, is excellent preparation for students wishing to pursue a career in the public sector. It will provide you with a wide range of transferrable skills and enhance your communication and leadership abilities.

In the first year, you will study for the 90-Credit Diploma in Public Service and in the second year you will add to this qualification to achieve the full Extended Diploma. There is a range of core and optional units which include human behaviour, citizenship and contemporary issues, teamwork and leadership. You will also examine major incidents, how they are dealt with and what causes disasters. In year two, areas of study include criminology, law and the legal system, international perspectives and the democratic process. These units will build and extend your learning from year one. You will also have the opportunity to carry out your own research on the local area and to address issues such as equal opportunities and cultural awareness.

This practical, work-related course is demanding in terms of the coursework required from you. Good organisational skills and the ability to meet deadlines are vitally important to be successful. You will be assessed continuously through projects and assignments; there are no exams. Assessments are varied and include presentations, group work, role plays and some written reports.

WHAT NEXT?

This course is an accepted qualification for entry into university, with students going on to study subjects including police studies, law, sociology, criminology and psychology at universities such as Brunel, Kent, Leicester, Manchester, Plymouth, Reading and Southampton.

Alternatively, students may consider direct entry into other employment; for example in the public sector, or further training.

ASSESSMENT

Coursework (100%)

DURATION

2 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements.

EXAM BOARD

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COSTS

£20 for textbooks plus £380 (approximately) for a residential field trip.