

FdSc Public Services

Full time // Truro College

With 5.3million (17% of the working population)* people working in the public sector across the UK, career opportunities are diverse and endless. With a growing, diverse culture and a wide range of needs public services are a pivotal part of the economy.

Why choose this course?

Public services cover a variety of careers, from Prison Service Officer through to Border Control and Coastguards.

Whether you are interested in uniformed or un-uniformed positions, harbour ambitions of shaping government policy or wish to make a difference to your local community, get ready to embark on a rewarding and fulfilling career.

**Office of National Statistics March 2016 report*

What will I learn?

Study a broad spectrum of issues relating to a variety of public and private sectors. The course develops skills and attributes that are fundamental in any career within the public, private or voluntary service industry.

First Year

*Criminology and Crime Problems
Physical Preparation, Health and Lifestyle
Police Studies and the Public Sector
Security, War and Conflict
Political Ideologies and Social Controversies
International Human Rights*

Second Year

*Managing Teams and Individuals
Professional Practice
Cyber Threats and Resolutions
Homicide, Violence and Contemporary Society
Ethics, Penology and Public Affairs
Psychology, Organisations and Human Behaviour*

Methods of Study

Studying a degree in a college has so many benefits, as do Foundation Degrees which are tailored to work place learning. This route ensures you are equipped with the relevant skills, knowledge and understanding to excel in your chosen career.

A balanced programme encompassing academic, vocational and practical learning.

Dynamic team of experienced lecturers to deliver the course

A dedicated university centre

A stunning outdoor environment with beaches, moorland and a small city just 15 minutes away. The combination of rural and urban life promotes an opportunity for an eclectic lifestyle, suitable for all

Make useful potential employer links through networking

Strong student support available

Where will it take me?

Upon completion of this course students could progress onto top-up courses to gain a full Bachelor's degree such as our BSc in Applied Social Sciences at Truro College. This course is the pathway to many careers, such as:

Local Government
Border Agency
Teaching
Fire Service
HM Coastguards
Armed Forces
Prison Service
Youth Offending
Probation Service

Employability

Joining the Police Service was a passion for Brett Robinson. His journey started with the BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts at Truro & Penwith College where he achieved fantastic results which led him onto the FdSc Public Services course.

To complement his studies and further enhance his employment prospects, Brett accumulated voluntary hours for Devon and Cornwall Police. He was already part of the team at HM Coastguard Search and Rescue which required him to wear a pager in order to respond to emergencies.

Of the course, Brett said "[It] was great and has set me up perfectly to pursue a career in the Police. I particularly enjoyed the project on the Ethics of Tasers as it was relevant to my career. I'm currently deciding whether to specialise in armed response or traffic."

What will I need?

GCSE Level: Normally English and Maths at Grade C or above

Together with one of the following:

A minimum of 24 tariff points at A Level or equivalent Level 3 qualification

Access to Higher Education: Considered on an individual basis

National and Advanced Diplomas in a relevant subject

Applications from mature students without academic credentials will be considered on an individual basis but most prove they are capable of Higher Education study

Level 3 qualifications achieved in the workplace will be taken into consideration.

Additional Information

Awarding body

Plymouth University

Duration

Two years full time, part time route available

How to Apply

UCAS Institution: Truro and Penwith College

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