

- **Overview**

This unique online Postgraduate Certificate in Policing and Criminal Investigation introduces many key topics relating to policing, psychology and criminal investigations.

You'll discover the varied techniques used to investigate major crimes, such as homicide and sexual assault, while also critically reviewing effective police leadership and partnerships. The programme also has a strong focus on the role of psychology in supporting criminal investigations.

Using programme content created by tutors with considerable academic and professional senior policing and investigative experience, you'll develop an in-depth knowledge of contemporary policing, criminological and psychological theory and social policy. After completing the programme you'll also be able to demonstrate an advanced understanding of the changing nature of policing with a particular focus on leadership, social and government policy, and partnership working. You'll also acquire a range of critical and analytical skills that can be used in a variety of different professional contexts.

This short, 100% online course is a great alternative to full-time, campus-based study and is perfect if you are interested in discovering how policing and criminal investigation works, or if you are attracted to a career in the field of policing or investigation. If you are already working in policing or investigation, then this programme is valid (Continuing Professional Development) CPD and will enhance your knowledge and career prospects.

Upon completion of your Postgraduate Certificate, we offer the opportunity for you to progress on to study for a Postgraduate Diploma in Criminology and Criminal Psychology (awarded after 120 credits) and a full Masters in Criminology and Criminal Psychology (awarded after 180 credits).

- **Course structure**

The Postgraduate Certificate Policing and Criminal Investigation is made up of the following modules and, upon completion, is equal to a total of 60 credits at Level 7.

- **Level 7 modules:**

Complex Criminal investigations (20 credits) *
Practical Psychology for Policing (20 credits) *
Policing: Leadership, Policy and Partnerships (20 credits) *

*These modules are core and must be passed in order to achieve the award.

- **Course Duration:** 8 Months
- **Mode:** Online

Entry requirements

We have flexible entry requirements that look at both your academic and work-based experience as well as your motivation to do the course. There are two entry routes onto our PG Cert Policing and Criminal Investigation

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1. Academic Entry Route

In order to satisfy the Academic Entry Route requirements for our PG Cert Policing and Criminal Investigation you must have the following qualifications as a minimum:

- An undergraduate degree from an approved institution equivalent to a UK Honours degree or a relevant professional qualification.

If English is not your first language, your English ability should be equivalent to IELTS (Academic) 6.5. If you do not hold an IELTS or equivalent qualification, we require students to pass a free online English test.

You don't need to prove your knowledge of English if you're a national of, or if you have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in, any of these countries.

2. Work Experience Entry Route

We recognise that you can gain skills in a wide variety of ways and that prior academic performance is not the only indicator of an applicant's ability. Therefore, if you do not meet the minimum academic standards above, you may still be eligible to enrol via our Work Experience Entry Route.

In order to satisfy the Work Experience Entry Route requirements for our PG Cert Policing and Criminal Investigation course you must meet the following criteria as a minimum:

- At least 5 years' senior level work experience.
- If English is not your first language, your English ability should be equivalent to IELTS (Academic) 6.5.

You don't need to prove your knowledge of English if you're a national of, or if you have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in, any of these countries.

Your application will be considered on an individual basis taking into account your motivation for doing the course, prior work experience and other relevant qualifications that demonstrate your ability to successfully complete the programme

- Assessment

We adopt an assignment-based approach to assessment instead of exams. Assessment for the Postgraduate Policing and Criminal Investigation will be based on a combination of written coursework.

You will always be aware of your current provisional grade right from the start of the programme, allowing you to evaluate the success of your current study methods and clearly identify areas to improve. We believe that this transparency gives you the information you need to make the most of your postgraduate course.

We achieve this by:

- showing your marks clearly in your gradebook, which can be viewed whenever you log onto the learning platform;
- the rapid turnaround of work assessed to ensure that your gradebook is always up to date;
- assessing your work throughout the module rather than waiting for end of year exams;
- ensuring you have regular contact with your Student Adviser; and
- the simplicity and transparency in the design of our assessment criteria.

We also have a policy of ensuring that work submitted by students is authentic. As well as the fact that all work is frequently assessed, we use a well-established electronic monitoring system to check for plagiarism.