

Access to University

Access to Criminology and Criminal Justice

This course is for those of you who might not have the usual qualifications for University but are excited to learn about why crime happens and how the criminal justice system functions.

When does this start and end?	What are the entry requirements?	Need more information?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17 September 2025 - 24 April 2026	<p>You will need a GCSE in English Grade 9-4 (A*-C) or Functional Skills English Level 2. Previous experience in the subject, through work or education, is desirable. To secure a place on this course you will be required to attend an interview and demonstrate sufficient reading and writing skills.</p>	<p>You can find out more about Northern College and the courses on offer by calling us on 01226 776000 or emailing us courses@northern.ac.uk</p>

Course description

This course is designed to help you get ready for university by teaching you important subjects and study skills. It also lets you explore interesting topics like why crime happens and how the criminal justice system works.

What can this course lead to?

- BA (Hons) Professional Policing: a degree course designed to prepare you for a career in the fast-paced world of policing
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice: a degree course for those interested in a career in criminal justice or related organisations
- BSc (Hons) Psychology and Criminology: a degree course for those considering in working in health related or supporting services linked to the criminal justice system.

Potential future careers include; Law, Police, Probation Services, Criminology Tutor, Solicitor, Court Clerk and Prison Officer.

Want to learn more?

You can find out more about Northern College and the courses on offer at one of our Open Events [<https://www.northern.ac.uk/open-events/>]

Location

On-site

Course fees and funding support

This course is free to all eligible students aged 19 to 23 who have not previously gained a full Level 3 qualification. If you already possess a Level 3 qualification or are over the age of 24 you may consider covering the cost by applying for an Advanced Learner Loan (ALL) or arrange a payment plan with the College.

Did you know you don't need to repay your loan back if you complete a university degree afterwards or until you are earning a certain amount. For full details and ALL eligibility visit <https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan/overview> [<https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan/overview>]

Course session dates

Session dates for 17 September 2025 - 24 April 2026

- Monday 15 Sep 2025 to Wednesday 17 Sep 2025
- Monday 22 Sep 2025 to Wednesday 24 Sep 2025
- Monday 29 Sep 2025 to Wednesday 01 Oct 2025
- Monday 06 Oct 2025 to Wednesday 08 Oct 2025
- Monday 13 Oct 2025 to Wednesday 15 Oct 2025
- Monday 20 Oct 2025 to Wednesday 22 Oct 2025
- Monday 03 Nov 2025 to Wednesday 05 Nov 2025

- Monday 10 Nov 2025 to Wednesday 12 Nov 2025
- Monday 17 Nov 2025 to Wednesday 19 Nov 2025
- Monday 24 Nov 2025 to Wednesday 26 Nov 2025
- Monday 01 Dec 2025 to Wednesday 03 Dec 2025
- Monday 08 Dec 2025 to Wednesday 10 Dec 2025
- Monday 05 Jan 2026 to Wednesday 07 Jan 2026
- Monday 12 Jan 2026 to Wednesday 14 Jan 2026
- Monday 19 Jan 2026 to Wednesday 21 Jan 2026
- Monday 26 Jan 2026 to Wednesday 28 Jan 2026
- Monday 02 Feb 2026 to Wednesday 04 Feb 2026
- Monday 09 Feb 2026 to Wednesday 11 Feb 2026
- Monday 23 Feb 2026 to Wednesday 25 Feb 2026
- Monday 02 Mar 2026 to Wednesday 04 Mar 2026
- Monday 09 Mar 2026 to Wednesday 11 Mar 2026
- Monday 16 Mar 2026 to Wednesday 18 Mar 2026
- Monday 23 Mar 2026 to Wednesday 25 Mar 2026
- Monday 20 Apr 2026 to Wednesday 22 Apr 2026

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If you are not eligible, the cost of the course is £3,384.00. There is no option to pay to stay residentially if you do not meet the criteria for residential funding. The vast majority of students are eligible to study and stay residentially for free and we will confirm as part of the application process.

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