

Access to University

Access to Criminology and Criminal Justice

The Access to HE Diploma (Criminology) provides students with a comprehensive understanding of criminology and related fields.

What are the entry requirements?

You will need a GCSE in English Grade 9-4 (A*-C) or Functional Skills English Level 2. GCSE maths Grade 9-4 (A*-C) or Functional Skills Level 2, would be an advantage but not required to gain entry. 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 research skill, reading writing skills and an ability to meet tight deadlines.

Need more information?

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

Course description

This course prepares students for Higher Education and careers in areas such as law enforcement, criminal justice, and social research. Students will acquire essential knowledge, specific skills, and transferable skills necessary for success in these fields.

What can this course lead to?

Access to HE Diplomas are intended to provide preparation for study in UK higher education (University), but the award of a Diploma does not provide guaranteed entry to UK higher education (University).

BA (Hons) Criminology
BA (Hons) Law
BA (Hons) Psychology
BA (Hons) Social Science

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

15 Sept 2025 to 15 April 2026

Course fees and funding support

FREE*

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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