

FORENSIC & CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Course Mode	Full-time
Location	Milnthorpe Road Campus (MRC)
Duration	2 Years
Level	3



Course Overview

This is a course ideally suited to anyone aiming to pursue a career with forensic psychology, criminology, policing, forensic science or criminal investigation.

Study areas include criminology, forensic and criminal psychology, policing, fire investigation, road traffic investigation, forensic anthropology and scientific techniques.

You will develop the analytical, evaluative, practical and interpretation skills to progress to university or work within forensic and criminal investigative fields. Potential university degrees include Criminology, Forensic Psychology, Fire Investigation, Policing, Criminal Investigation, Forensic Anthropology, Offender Profiling and many more.

This course usually takes place over 3 days per week for two years. You complete the 90-credit Diploma in the first year and the Extended Diploma in the second year. The two-year course is equivalent to 3 A-Levels and is worth up to 168 UCAS points (Triple Distinction*) or 144 UCAS points (Triple Distinction). UCAS have recently changed the UCAS Tariff from September 2017 so they could include more qualifications. The new Tariff points are lower than the original Tariff points but the value remains the same, as universities will just use lower Tariff numbers in their entry requirements than in previous years.

All of our learners will be given support with their English and Maths skills where relevant to their main course. Those students who have not yet achieved a Grade 4 (or C) at GCSE in these subjects will continue to work towards these important qualifications at a level suited to them. However, students will still have to achieve the stated Entry Requirements before they start the course.

The course is aiming to prepare learners for careers within criminal investigation and forensic science so learners must be prepared to study to a high level and conduct practical forensic investigation.

There will be emphasis on analysing and interpreting data in the context of criminal investigations where the focus will be on objectivity. Learners will develop their observational skills and develop fundamental study skills relating to the industry, including crime scene, policing, criminological and psychological skills.

Finally, learners will develop their literacy and numeracy skills through analysis and report writing to prepare them for work in the legal field.

There are a variety of assessment methods including: coursework, practical experiemnts, essays, scientific reports, presentations, externally assessed work and exams. Learners will be supported to prepare for all exams and externally assessed work.

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs Grade 4 or above (old grade C) with English, Maths and Science.

Discuss your individual grades or predictions with our dedicated staff at one of our Open Evenings or at interview.

NB: Enrolment on this course is dependent on meeting the Entry Requirements stated above.

After your course

Many of our Forensic and Criminal Investigation learners progress to university or Higher Level study and undertake an Honours degree within Criminology, Policing, Forensic Psychology, Criminal Investigation (with CSI) or Forensic Anthropology, amongst many others.

Following university or higher study, learners could progress to careers working with offenders, probation, the police force, special task forces, criminology, major crime, bones or forensic science.

Former learners are working as a Fraud Investigator, Sergeant in the police force, working with serious offenders, criminal profiling and much more.

Fees

Course fees are per year. The current fee information is related to the 2019/20 academic year and is subject to change before the start of the course. Fees for 2020/21 will be updated in the Spring Term. There may also be additional costs associated with the course.

This course is funded by the government and may be free if you are:

- Aged 16-18 on 31/08/19
- Aged 19-23 on an Entry Level or Level 1 course with intent to progress to a Level 2 course
- Aged 19-23 on your first full Level 2 or Level 3 course

- Aged 19-23 on your first Level 4 course (if you haven't already got a Level 3 qualification)
- Aged 19+ on Functions Skills or GCSE English or Maths
- Unemployed and in receipt of JSA/ESA(WRAG)/Universal Credit or another eligible state benefit on an Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 course
- Member of a low income household & in financial hardship on an Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 course