Get ready for the BSc(Hons) Professional Policing Degree Programme

I hope that you are enjoying your summer and are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto the Professional Policing Degree Programme. The programme offers an insight into the world of policing both as a key law enforcement agency in the criminal justice system, but also in terms of the operational principles, requirements, and professional attributes necessary to become an operational Police Constable.

The programme is therefore a dynamic blend of desk-based study alongside practical and simulated learning opportunities designed to challenge and develop your practical skills and critical thinking to support a professional career within the police.

Term starts with an induction period which will include programme-specific material as well as support for studying at UWE.

I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us. Please contact me if you have any questions on my email.

I look forward to meeting you!

Christian Butler
Programme Leader

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 14 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website with more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the 'Understanding your teaching timetable' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about registration, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our Preparing and Arrival webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Registration for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Registration website.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to MYUWE. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our student card guidance.

Engage with your programme

Start your learning

I would recommend you do the following before you start at UWE:

- Write a paragraph about what you want from the course and the topics you would like to cover during your study
- Make a note of local areas of interest to Policing such as Crime Hotspots and Community issues which might make a good field-trip visit during term time.

Read around your subject

Here are some of our recommended titles for you to read:

- Enhancing Diversity in Policing (Report)
- Police Culture, Ethics and Entitlement Theory (Article)
- Understanding the reconstruction of police professionalism in the UK (Article)

Connect with others

The academic team is very happy to answer your questions. In addition, all students have an academic personal tutor (APT) and can go to that staff member with academic questions and concerns.

Get in touch with others who share your interests in the UWE Bristol Criminology Society

Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our Disability web pages so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the Student Money Service team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on choosing your IT equipment including recommended specifications.

The core software used in your course includes UWE's core digital education systems (Blackboard, Collaborate, Panopto, Microsoft 365 (formerly Office 365), PebblePad).

These packages will run on Windows and usually Mac devices [but not on tablets or Chromebooks]. We recommend that you have access to a Windows based system with the **Core Specifications** as a minimum.

Specific equipment for your course

- Comfortable shoes to walk with
- Day backpack to pack food and water for a day

International students

The Global Student Support Team offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact the Programme leader:

Christian Butler via email at christian.butler@uwe.ac.uk

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.