

BA (HONS) POLICING & INVESTIGATIONS PRACTICE (TOP UP)

A DEGREE FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATORS

Start: September 2025

Location: Hybrid model (see below) and Bedford Campus, Polhill Avenue

Duration: 1 year full time or 2 years part time

Requirements: PIP2 accreditation or, passed the Sergeants' exam or 5 years' experience in a policing/investigations-based role or are able to demonstrate other relevant experience including the National Investigators' Exam or a relevant HND in policing.

As retired police officers, the Policing team at the University of Bedfordshire recognises your existing experience and understands the challenges you face. So this exciting new course has been specially designed to support you in developing your career in policing and investigation; changing career direction; or undertaking further study after you've retired. The course's flexible design also makes it easier for you to fit study around your other commitments: it is taught mainly online, with full-time or part-time study options.

HOW YOU WILL STUDY

The course starts with a comprehensive induction at our Bedford campus. This will allow you to meet fellow students and teaching staff, and provide you with study skills and support as you embark on your degree. Two Saturday sessions per semester will be delivered in-person to help with networking and assignment support.

All units will be delivered online in a weekly evening session through our virtual learning environment and are recorded for those unable to attend. There will be activities and materials to work through in your own time. Assessments are varied and planned in advance to develop a wide range of skillsets and to promote wider learning.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY

The units have been designed to let you use and develop your own practice, an approach that allows you to reflect on your career and experiences.

Units covered

- » Evidence-based policing
- » Reflective account of practice
- » Threats of the digital age
- » Coaching and leadership in the partnership framework
- » Policing practice independent project

CAREER RELEVANCE

This course has been designed with career development in mind whether that be internal promotion, specialisation or moving to another degree-level career. We find recently retired officers want to study further to develop skills and knowledge obtained throughout their careers and gain a recognised qualification.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- » Your existing skills, experience and work-based learning is mapped against Policing QAA benchmarking statements.
- » Taught by experienced academics including retired police officers with expertise in policing across community, front line, major crime investigations, family liaison and safeguarding.
- » We have robust associations with criminal justice stakeholders, local councils, companies, voluntary sector and practitioners. This could open up opportunities for volunteering and work placements in the community or in practice. We continue to have engagement with Bedfordshire Police, Thames Valley Police and British Transport Police, amongst others.
- » State-of-the-art facilities include a mock-custody suite, police interview room, scene-of-crime 'flat' and a simulation floor that gives you hands-on experience of a range of scenarios.



GET IN TOUCH

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