

Public Services

Public Services: Military Preparation Course Level 2 Full-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This course starts in September 2024 and runs for one year. Alternatively we also offer an intense six month course suitable for individuals already working through their application process.

Entry Requirements

You will require the following:

- Academic entry requirements will be subject to chosen career preferences and good level of self-discipline.
- You will also be required to complete a favourable interview.
- In addition, you should have a good general standard of health which meets the requirements for your chosen Armed Forces. If you are unsure about the health requirements, please contact your nearest Armed Forces Careers Office or check their websites.

If you don't currently meet these entry requirements, you maybe able to study a [Level 1 Foundation Learning course](#).

You will achieve

Level 2 Preparation to Uniformed Armed Forces (Barnsley College Qualification).

Course Overview

Barnsley College have developed their very own Military Preparation Course for those seeking a career within the Ministry of Defence or have already started their application for one of the armed forces (British Army, Royal Air Forces, Royal Navy and Royal Marine Commandos). Working

closely with Armed Forces Careers Office and former military personnel, we have specifically designed our course to build the skills, experience, values and standards needed to be successful in gaining entry to the armed forces.

You will learn and be assessed both practically and academically in areas such as map reading and navigation, leadership and teamwork, developing physical fitness, learning about contemporary issues such as global terrorism and war and conflict. For the duration of the course you will receive information, advice and guidance regarding armed forces recruitment and selection processes to give you an advantage and be successful in your chosen career.

Course Content

The programme consists of a combination of lectures, practical activities, oral presentations, tutorials, individual research and group work. Speakers from other relevant organisations will also visit classes. As part of the course you will be expected to undertake a range of outdoor activities, including visits to various public services, e.g. Army, RAF, Magistrates Court. You will also take part in expeditions which may involve overnight stays.

The course themes are:

- War and Conflict/Global Terrorism
- Teamwork and Leadership
- Careers and Skills Development
- Developing Physical Fitness
- Map Reading and Navigation
- Self Defence and Adventure Training

In addition to general class work, you will be expected to use a range of textbooks for research purposes, as well as the IT facilities in the Learning Resource Centre. You will also have the opportunity to obtain additional qualifications and take part in sport enrichment activities.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment will occur continually throughout the programme. You will have unit assignments to complete and will be assessed on your group and individual work. You will also have time-constrained assignments, as well as oral presentations. Each individual unit and the full award are graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction level. Assessments will reflect those used in the Public Services.

What Equipment Will I Need?

All Public Services students will be expected to wear a Barnsley Sports Academy (BSA) hooded top* and polo shirt*, along with dark tracksuit bottoms and sports trainers. During practical sessions, kit will consist of a Barnsley Sports Academy t-shirt*, dark shorts and sports trainers. Non-regulation clothing/footwear is not permitted. Students will also require ring-binders, writing materials, paper/stationery and core textbooks.

Public Services students will also require outdoor activity clothing, such as walking boots and waterproof clothing.

Where will I study?

Honeywell Sports campus
Honeywell Lane
Barnsley
S75 1BP

What can I do next?

This qualification is designed to offer you the opportunity to develop your skills, knowledge and understanding that will prepare, once you have successfully completed the course, to progress onto a career in the armed forces or further develop your skillset by progressing on to another one of our public service opportunities.

See what careers are available in the Public Services [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2023/10/Public-Services-careers-2023-24.pdf>] sector. Use our online careers tool, Career Coach [<https://barnsley.lightcastcc.com/?radius=®ion=Barnsley>] , to find out what your next steps could be.

How much does the course cost?

16 – 18 year olds

Full-time Barnsley College students aged 16-18 years old do not have to pay tuition fees.

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on +44 (0)1226 216 267.

Extra information

Contact the Information Unit

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>]

Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and the Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/our-departments/sport/sports-academy/>] .

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

English and Maths

Having good English and Maths qualifications are important for most careers and we want to give you the help you need to succeed.

If you are aged 16 – 19 and don't already have a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths they will automatically be included in your study programme. If you want to work towards higher grades in English and Maths we can help you do that too.

Need a higher level Maths qualification? We offer a [Level 3 Mathematical Studies \(Core Maths\)](#).

This can be added to your study programme.

If you need any further information, please contact our friendly [Information Team](#).

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Call us on **01226 216 123**