



# INSTITUTE OF POLICING

**SUBJECT GUIDE**

# WELCOME TO INSTITUTE OF POLICING



As one of the world's most valued professions, a career with the police is like no other. Staffordshire University is supporting talented individuals to begin their policing careers. Could you be next?

The nature of crime is changing and much of police work is now about prevention and intervening early to make a long-term difference to peoples' lives.

For Police Officers, no two days are the same and your actions and decisions will help to ensure that our communities are safer places to live.

Staffordshire University harnesses the most up-to-date skills, methods and practices to help our force partners deliver first-class policing across our region.

You will benefit from a combination of operational experience and academic expertise from our teaching staff and receive a comprehensive professional education, in line with the demands of modern policing as you complete your qualification.

You will also have access to various educational and professional support networks that will give you the best start in your career.



## OUR COURSES

### POLICE CONSTABLE DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

#### BSc (Hons) PROFESSIONAL POLICING PRACTICE

A three-year work-based learning programme which entails study alongside PC operational duties. Applications are made to your chosen police force.

Entry requirements: Level 2 Qualification in Maths and English (Grade 4/C and above; e.g. GCSE, Functional Skills) and a Level 3 qualification equal to 64 UCAS points.

### POLICE CONSTABLE DEGREE HOLDER ENTRY PROGRAMME

#### GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL POLICING PRACTICE

A two-year programme available for degree holders\*, to transfer their existing graduate skills into a Policing context. This course entails study alongside police constable operational duties. Applications are made to your chosen police force.

Entry requirements: An undergraduate degree.

### PRE-JOIN DEGREE

#### BSc (Hons) PROFESSIONAL POLICING

UCAS code: I766

A three-year university-based programme that is completed prior to applying to your chosen police force. Applications are made directly to Staffordshire University or via UCAS.

Entry requirements: 112 UCAS points.

### DETECTIVE CONSTABLE DEGREE HOLDER ENTRY PROGRAMME

#### GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL POLICING PRACTICE

A two-year programme available for degree holders\*, to transfer their existing graduate skills into a Policing context. This course entails study alongside detective constable operational duties. Applications are made to your chosen police force.

Entry requirements: An undergraduate degree.

\*Our partner forces will advise on the most suitable route based on your application.

## CASE STUDY

"I'D ALWAYS WANTED TO JOIN THE POLICE BUT, AS A MUM-OF-THREE AND WIFE OF A POLICE OFFICER, I HADN'T FOUND THE RIGHT TIME. WHEN THE PCDA WAS ANNOUNCED, I REALISED I COULD ACHIEVE TWO OF MY DREAMS, PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY AND COMPLETING A DEGREE."



### GAIL TOLLEY

POLICE CONSTABLE AND STUDENT OFFICER AT STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

## KEY FACTS

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Staffordshire University is partnered with Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Mercia and West Midlands police forces.

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Our blended-learning approach is designed to give you real-world experience, which is vital for developing the skills needed to deal with the situations police officers respond to.

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Study alongside full-time work within your chosen police force. Upon completion, you will have the opportunity to specialise in an area such as intelligence or community policing.

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## KEY FACTS

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Our forward-thinking regional forces were among the first in the country to recruit student officers and our courses are delivered under licence by the College of Policing.



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We're proud to be at the forefront of digital teaching and learning. Our online resources ensure that you have a world of information at your fingertips.



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While studying the Professional Policing Practice Degree Apprenticeship or one of the the Graduate Diplomas in Professional Policing Practice, your salary could start from £21,500 and you could be earning up to £39,000 in just five years.



## CASE STUDY

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**“IT’S A GREAT WAY TO ENTER POLICING AND ACHIEVE QUALIFICATIONS ALONG THE WAY. MY TUTOR HAS BEEN BRILLIANT IN SUPPORTING ME TO GET STUCK IN, RIGHT FROM THE START. BEFORE LONG I WAS IN RESPONSE AND MADE MY FIRST ARREST.”**



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POLICE CONSTABLE AND STUDENT  
OFFICER AT WEST MIDLANDS POLICE



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# RATED GOLD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)

# SHORTLISTED FOR UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR

Times Higher Education Awards 2020

# TOP 15 FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

The Times and The Sunday Times  
Good University Guide 2021

# TOP 15 FOR TEACHING QUALITY

The Times and The Sunday Times  
Good University Guide 2021

# TOP 250 YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Times Higher Education Young  
University Rankings 2020

# MIDLANDS UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR

Midlands Business Awards 2020

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