

Public Services



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Introduction to the course

The Public Service course is a three year course that offers certification after each academic year offering learners a flexible approach to progression. The course is built around four key areas:

- Skill acquisition and personal development
- Adventurous activity and expedition involvement
- Volunteering
- Personal fitness

These four areas are embedded throughout the course and allow young people to become reflective, independent participants who leave the course with self-awareness and an ability to access and apply the knowledge they have gathered.

Each year learners will take part in a minimum of two off island trips including an expedition and a 'Look at Life' programme led by the Armed Forces. Learners will take part in fundraising activities throughout the year to support the cost of these activities. Learners will also be provided with the opportunity to complete both Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Entry criteria

You will require a minimum of four GCSEs at grade D/3 or above, one of which must be English language*.

Course outline

The Public Service course is a three year programme of study. The first year enables you to develop essential key skills alongside a developing understanding of on island public services, their organisational structures and the key role they play within Guernsey. The second and third years build upon the core skills and knowledge developed in the first year to begin focussing in depth on a variety of key topics including government policies, leadership and teamwork, citizenship and diversity.

Units covered:

- Understanding discipline
- Fitness testing and training (uniformed)
- Data interpretation
- Public service delivery through ICT (non-uniformed)
- Developing team work
- Outdoor and adventurous activities
- Volunteering in the community
- International institutions and human rights
- Discipline for the public services
- Crime and its effects on society
- Response to emergency incidents
- Command and control
- Security procedures
- Behaviour in public services employment
- Planning and management of major incidents

This course is supported by local uniformed services who will be involved in delivering various aspects of this course.

** Most universities require five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English and maths, as well as a Level 3 qualification.*

Students who successfully complete all elements of their programme at College will be able to progress onto the next level, eg from Access to Level 1, Level 1 to Level 2, and from Level 2 to Level 3.

Assessment method

In year 1 you will gain a Level 2 Diploma that will focus heavily on skill acquisition and personal development in various areas relevant to the uniformed services such as team work, communication and leadership through expedition and other coursework led assignments.

In years 2 and 3, learners will complete the Level 3 Extended Diploma that will be assessed through a range of styles including written assignments, practical application of knowledge and sector relevant production of materials and presentations suitable to the assignment scenario.

Campus

Les Ozouets



Progression opportunities

This course involves a combination of units that enables the learner to develop wide ranging knowledge, understanding and skills required for direct progression into a broad range of roles within the uniformed and non-uniformed services. It also meets the needs of those who wish to progress further study at a wide range of universities or international scholarships.

Course duration

Three years, full time.
There may be the option to complete two years of Level 3 study only in extenuating circumstances. Please speak to a course tutor if you wish to discuss this option further.

Additional learning support

As part of your learning programme, if you have not yet attained a grade C/4 or equivalent in mathematics and English language, you will be required to study a Functional Skill or GCSE in these subjects.

Students may require additional support for a number of reasons. At the start of your course you will be asked to complete an initial assessment in order for us to identify any additional needs that you may have. During your course, your personal tutor will be able to guide you on how best to access support.

We can offer the following:

- Progress Coaches
- Learner Support assistance (1:1)
- Learner Support assistance (group)
- Learner Support assistance (drop-ins)
- Specialist ESOL teaching
- Study lab sessions
- In-class support
- Special arrangements for exams

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NB: Course information correct at time of print.

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