

Joining Instructions

Uniformed Public Services 26-27

Welcome to Wiltshire College & University Centre.

Please find below details of course related costs and items you may need to purchase ready for the start of term.

Resource Fee

You will also need to pay your £25 non-refundable Resource Fee before coming to enrol. This can be paid via the [WCUC Online Shop](#). You will need to bring a copy of your receipt to enrolment as proof of purchase. If you cannot pay online, please pay by card on enrolment day.

Stationery

Students are required to provide their own personal stationery to include note pads, pens and pencils, poly-pockets and folders ready for the start of term. Students studying GCSE Maths as part of their study programme will also need a scientific calculator.

Students are welcome to use their own laptop/tablet during lessons.

Uniform

The wearing of uniform will be mandatory including your college lanyard.

Your uniform will consist of:

- 1 T-shirt
- 1 x ¾ zip jumper

Public Services uniform should be purchased externally via our supplier [VX3 - Club Shop](#). The uniform will be available to purchase from mid-August.

We recommend that if your place is conditional in achieving exam results that you do not purchase items until your place is confirmed at your enrolment appointment.

Equipment

Sport kit will be required – **short or gym leggings /t-shirt/trainers**

Whilst out on outdoor adventurous activities and expeditions each student will need their own:

- **Waterproof jacket and trousers**
- **Appropriate full ankle supportive walking boots**

- **Sleeping bag**
- **65 litre rucksack**

For college and day visits a normal day sack will suffice; these items are all available from any outdoor supplier such as BCH, Blacks or Cotswold Outdoor where student discount is available

Work Experience

Work Experience is a **mandatory** part of your course. The mandatory requirements are as follows:

- Level 1 – **35** hours
- Level 2 – **35** hours
- Level 3 First Year – **70** hours
- Level 3 Second Year – **35** hours + (Unit 23 – **30** hours Volunteering)

All levels are expected to find an external placement. Some hours will be added towards work experience with external agencies attending the college or Public Services related trips.

We encourage Level 3 second year students to begin looking for work experience as early as possible which are linked to the 2nd year units or Public Services.

Trips

There will be an opportunity for students to attend residential trips and out of classroom activities throughout the year and we would highly recommend the learners attend as part of their course. **Please note there are slight variations between levels and campuses, and all students attending are required to pay £200 towards these.**

Examples of activities and trips include: Rock Climbing, Ski / Snowboarding, Harry's Island, Kayaking, London Houses of Parliament overnight visit, indoor climbing, orienteering, residential expeditions at Dartmoor, Brecon Beacons and Snowdonia to include mountain walking, gorge walking, coasteering and rock climbing.

Course Fees

You will need to pay **£200** to cover all trips, visits and uniform. Please pay this via the [WCUC Online Shop](https://wiltshire.ac.uk/online-shop/).

Though preferably paid in full at the start of term, this fee can be also paid in instalments (see instalment plan below).

Instalment plan:

- 9 September 2026: £50
- 30 September 2026: £100
- 30 October 2026: £50

Financial Support

We understand that we are in a financially challenging time, and the costs of attending college can put pressure on a lot of families. Bursary funding is designed to help students overcome the financial barriers to attend and participate on their chosen course. Information about the criteria for applying bursary funds can be found on our website – [Bursaries - Wiltshire College & University Centre](#).

Bursary payments for anything other than meals and bus passes will be paid after 6 weeks of continued attendance, therefore please be mindful of this if you choose to purchase items yourself then.