

Joining Instructions

Criminology

Welcome to Wiltshire College and 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.

Books

The purchase of course related textbooks is not essential as the college has a fully stocked Learning Resource Centre; however, some students prefer to purchase their own as they find it useful when completing assignments. Suggested books will be outlined during the induction phase.

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.

Work Experience

Work Experience is a **mandatory** part of your course. The mandatory requirement and will be confirmed in September as to the number of hours required.

We encourage students to begin looking for work experience related your chosen career path as early as possible.

Trips

All trips and out of classroom activities throughout the year are highly recommended for students to achieve the best possible grades. **All students are required to pay £100 towards these.**

Examples of activities and trips include: London Parliament trip, Magistrates and Crown Court and Shepton Mallet Prison.

It is requested that the first **£50 is paid by 9 September 2026** via the [WCUC Online Shop](#). Payments can be in instalments over the first term by arrangement with the course lecturer.

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.