

Faculty of

**CULTURE AND THE
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



BA (HONS) PUBLIC SERVICES (TOP-UP)

UCAS: L491

“UCLAN IS NOT JUST AN INSTITUTION, IT IS A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE WHO ALL SHARE A COMMON INTEREST IN THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR STUDENTS. THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT OFFERED BY LECTURERS AND SUPPORT STAFF IS INVALUABLE. FOR ME, UCLAN HAS BECOME A PART OF MY IDENTITY, EACH BIT OF KNOWLEDGE I HAVE TAKEN WHILST BEING HERE WILL BECOME VITAL FOR SUCCESS IN MY CHOSEN CAREER AS A TEACHER.”

STUART WADE - PUBLIC SERVICES GRADUATE

Our degree offers students who looking for practical and applied skills for future employment in public services the chance to engage academically with current contemporary issues and the main challenges facing central and local government. Students will be able to develop their own views about a range of social sciences including politics, education, criminology and public services, and take advantage of volunteer based learning with the chance to go on field trips as part of their student experience.

Public services impact on our everyday lives in many and various ways and the role of the public service provider is constantly evolving. There is a demand, therefore, for public service employees to be imaginative, resourceful, critical and to have the ability to work collaboratively with other professionals. Studying for the Public Services degree helps students meet this demand and provides personal enrichment, intellectual training, breadth of vision and the knowledge and skills necessary for employment in delivering, managing and evaluating public services. This innovative programme of study will ensure they engage academically with current contemporary issues and the main challenges facing central and local government within today's society.

Approachable, friendly staff create an informal learning environment which is highly valued by our students. The Public Services student body is just the right size – big enough to provide a stimulating learning environment and small enough for us to know our students individually. Strong links with the public services has been developed over time and excellent connections exist between Public Services at UCLan and the wider public sector organisations. This impressive level of employer engagement has been fostered by the use of guest speakers, visits to both the public service area and various community projects.

COURSE CONTENT

Compulsory Modules

Policy Interpretations in The UK Dilemmas and Controversies – Putting Policy Into Practice Within Multidisciplinary Environments

Investigating Public Administration: Central and Local Government: Public Services Policy and Front Line Delivery

Public Services Dissertation

Optional Modules

Controversial Issues in Prisons

Understanding Policing

Understanding Interpersonal Violence

Diversity & Inclusive Practice

Volunteering in the EU

Understanding Security and Policing in the twenty-first Century

The Sociology of Childhood

Human Trafficking and 'Modern Day' Slavery

Crime and New Technologies

Understanding State Crime and Genocide

Sex, Violence and Strategies

FACILITIES

Course facilities include well equipped classrooms and extensive Blackboard (Virtual Learning Environment) resources. Teaching is supplemented with guest speakers and students are encouraged to participate fully in group and project work. The UCLan Library provides comfortable, flexible study spaces and offers a wealth of excellent learning resources, extensive collections of information sources and expert help and support from Library staff.

Sophie Beck - Public Services Graduate

"I chose to study this course because I believed it would help me to develop myself both professionally and academically to determine my career path. I worked as a Special Constable in the Lancashire Constabulary whilst completing my degree and after graduation I then enrolled on an MSc course in Counter Terrorism."

EMPLOYABILITY

The course will enable students to work in areas such as international organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), criminal justice, police service, armed services, youth justice, education environments and the National Health Service. There is also the option of going on to complete a master's degree in a relevant subject area.

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