

The BTEC National in Forensic Investigation is intended as an Applied General qualification for post-16 learners who want to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in forensic laboratories or in planning forensic investigations.

The course can be combined with other Level 3 BTEC courses, such as Applied Law or Health and Social Care. The qualification is intended to carry UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers. The optional units are relevant to the forensic investigation sector, for example forensic fire investigation.

The National Foundation Diploma is equivalent to 1.5 A Levels

Entry requirements

To study this course you will need 5 GCSEs at grades 4-9 including a minimum of two grade 4s in Core AND Additional Science, or two BTEC Level 2 qualifications in Science.

Course Content

During the two year course students will study **four** compulsory units :

- ◆ Principles and Applications of Science
- ◆ Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques
- ◆ Science Investigation Skills
- ◆ Forensic Investigation Procedures in Practice

They will also study **two** optional units such as:

Physiology of Human Body Systems, Environmental Forensics, Forensic Fire Investigation, Forensic Traffic Collision Investigation, Forensic Photography, Forensic Genetics

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Assessment

Assessment will be through internally marked assignments and practical activities as well as external examinations. 41% of the course has external assessment.

Students can achieve Pass, Merit or Distinction grading on each unit. The final grade is an aggregate of all the unit grades to give an overall grade of Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*.

Approach to Teaching and Learning

- ◆ Lectures
- ◆ Group and pair work
- ◆ Class discussion
- ◆ Individual Reviews
- ◆ Practical tasks
- ◆ Individual research
- ◆ Work based visits



Future Prospects

Students will be able to progress onto many university degree courses leading to careers in forensic laboratories, environmental forensics, nursing and health care courses, There are also many careers linked to the police force and public services sectors

