

## Options with a degree in Professional Policing

### What skills will you develop?

Policing graduates are able to:

- gather, investigate and assess material, generating and evaluating evidence
- think critically, problem solve and make reasoned arguments and ethical judgments
- analyse and interpret data
- write reports
- act in a professional manner and work effectively within a multi-disciplinary team
- deal with difficult situations and show empathy and understanding
- communicate with people from all walks of life
- manage time and workloads effectively; be self-reliant and work with initiative
- use information technology to store, retrieve and produce material for course work
- present ideas and arguments verbally and in writing; and either formally or informally

**These are just a sample of jobs where a Policing degree would be a useful background or relevant first step prior to further training or study.**

- Community development worker
- Detective
- Paralegal
- Police officer
- Prison officer
- Probation officer
- Social researcher
- Social worker
- Solicitor
- Youth worker

## What have recent Policing graduates gone on to do?

- Case Manager, Land Registry
- Communications Operator, Cumbria Police
- Custody Office Assistant, West Midlands Police
- Police Community Support Officer, Durham Constabulary
- Police Officer, Cumbria Constabulary
- Police Officer, Police Service of Scotland
- Police Staff Investigator, Hampshire Constabulary
- Prison Officer, National Offender Management Service
- Project Worker, Langley House Trust Relief
- Residential Service Worker, National Probation Service
- Widening Participation Access Intern, University of Cumbria
- Youth Offending Service Worker, Cumbria Youth Offending Service

## What other career options are there?

Many employers seek graduates with a good degree (usually a 2.2 or higher), and over 80% of employers don't have a preference for the subject studied. These are some of the areas you could also consider. Some of these will involve further study or training:

- Accountancy
- Advertising
- Banking
- Charity and voluntary work
- Civil Service
- Events management
- Finance
- Hospitality
- HR
- Insurance
- Law
- Local government
- Marketing
- Politics
- Public Relations
- Recruitment
- Sales and retail
- Tourism

**For more information about different sectors and job roles, including career-planning tools, the following websites are helpful:**

[Prospects](#)

[Targetjobs](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

[Allaboutcareers](#)

### **What help is available from the University of Cumbria?**

The Careers and Employability Service can support you with your career planning throughout your time at university, and for up to three years after you graduate. During this time, you can access our career hub [My Career Enriched](#), which enables you to:

- search for graduate jobs, part-time work, work experience, placements and paid internships
- book one-to-one advice and guidance appointments
- book a practice interview
- book onto employability events
- access the CV/application review service

We also offer practical workshops on a range of employability topics, as well as advice and information about further study.

Students with a disability or health condition can request information and advice on finding disability confident employers, how to declare a disability, applying for work, and requesting adjustments in the recruitment process.

Access our range of careers information and resources on [my.cumbria.ac.uk](http://my.cumbria.ac.uk)

### **Other useful sources of advice**

There are many places to look for information and advice about careers, job opportunities, postgraduate study and further training. There are just a few that you may find useful:

[College of Policing](#)

[UNISON](#)

[Targetpostgrad](#)

[FindAMasters](#)

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