

**LEVEL 3  
PUBLIC SERVICES**



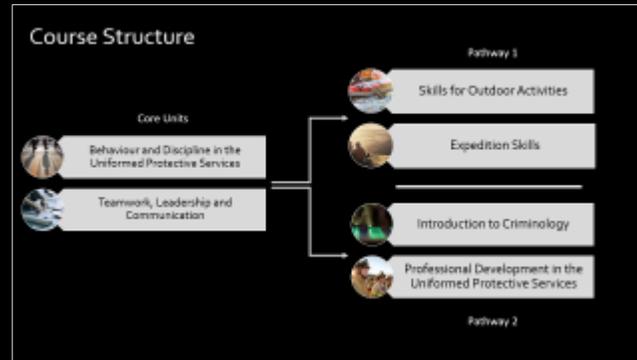
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## Why Study Level 3 Public Services?

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On this A-Level equivalent course, you'll study the public service sector, its role in society and learn about working life in a public service organization. You'll learn about the social and political influences that affect the public services and begin to understand more about human behaviour and how it will affect your daily work.

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## Unit 2: Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services

**CORE UNIT**  
WRITTEN EXAM  
1 Hour  
For Marks  
33% of Qualification

In this unit, you will examine a range of theories that underpin behaviour and how they are applied in the uniformed protective services. You will explore how authority is used to benefit both the individual and society, based on key types of authority in the public sector, making connections between theory and practice. In completing the assessment for this unit, you can draw on your learning from across the programme.

This unit will support your progression to higher-education courses that focus on behavioural dynamics, organisation and behaviour in the public sector and investigative psychology in public service, and to degree programmes specifically related to the uniformed protective services, such as policing, fire and rescue or offender management. Coupled with further study the skills and knowledge you develop in this unit will help you to progress in your career in the uniformed protective services.

## Unit 5: Teamwork, Leadership & Communication

**CORE UNIT**  
NEA  
Completed in Class  
33% of Qualification

In this unit, you will learn about leadership, investigating the different styles of leadership and how they are best used in the uniformed protective services. You will learn how to be an effective team member while developing leadership skills and will have the opportunity to apply these skills in different situations. You will gain an understanding of the different types of communication systems used by the uniformed protective services, and the importance of clear communication, together with learning how these systems have enabled the services to become more efficient. In completing the assessment tasks for this unit, you can draw on your learning from across your programme.

Completing the unit will help you to progress to degree or apprenticeship programmes that focus on work with external organisations and to employment.

## Unit 10: Skills for Outdoor Activities

**OPTIONAL UNIT**  
NEA  
Completed in Class/Outdoor  
16% of Qualification

This unit gives you the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities. You will be able to develop skills in specific activities and refine your performance against group and personal expectations. You will develop your understanding of the skills needed to participate in outdoor activities. You will focus on the concept of good practice in the outdoor sector, while recognising that it is essential to have a knowledge and understanding of the environment where the activities take place. You will study a selection of activities in depth, focusing on developing your practical skills and techniques, which are essential for safe, efficient and independent participation. This unit will allow you to develop your level of physical ability in the outdoors.

## Unit 11: Expedition Skills

**OPTIONAL UNIT**  
NEA  
Completed in Class/Outdoor  
16% of Qualification

Having the skills to undertake an expedition with friends or as an organised group will allow you to access some of the world's most challenging landscapes. In this unit, you will investigate past expeditions, exploring the history behind the most acclaimed and successful individuals and teams. You will also look at lesser-known expeditions that have changed the way in which modern expeditions are planned and undertaken. You will develop the skills needed to plan and undertake an expedition and will be given the opportunity to demonstrate these skills by planning, undertaking and reviewing your own expedition. This unit develops skills and improves the knowledge needed to lead a team on an expedition. Many of these skills are transferable to other tasks carried out in the uniformed protective services.

The skills you develop will be particularly useful if you wish to progress to the officer selection process in the armed services on completion of further training or qualifications. This unit will help you to develop the leadership and planning skills needed for participating in the practical areas of uniformed protective services sector-related employment or apprenticeships, in areas such as fire and leadership and policing.

## Unit 13: Introduction to Criminology

**OPTIONAL UNIT**  
NEA  
Completed in Class  
16% of Qualification

Criminology is the study of crime and criminal behaviour, drawing on psychology, sociology, law and other disciplines, to explain the causes and prevention of crime. There are many different approaches to defining and explaining the extent of crime in England and Wales. In this unit, you will study the theories of the causes of criminal behaviour and any other contributory factors that may lead to criminality and antisocial behaviour. You will also explore the various methods of crime prevention in England and Wales. You will investigate the various sets of crime statistics that explain the extent of crime in England and Wales, and you will look at the impact of crime on society, exploring concepts such as 'fear of crime' and how this may manifest itself in both individuals and communities. You will determine why, according to criminological theories, that certain groups are more likely to commit crimes than others. You will look at the theories underlying the various methods of crime prevention and the different punishment methods used for those convicted of crime. Finally, you will explore how those who have been victims of crime or who have witnessed crime, and those who may be at risk of threats and intimidation, can be supported by the uniformed protective services, other public services and other related bodies.

## Unit 19: Professional Development in the Protective Uniformed Services

**OPTIONAL UNIT**  
NEA  
Completed in Class  
16% of Qualification

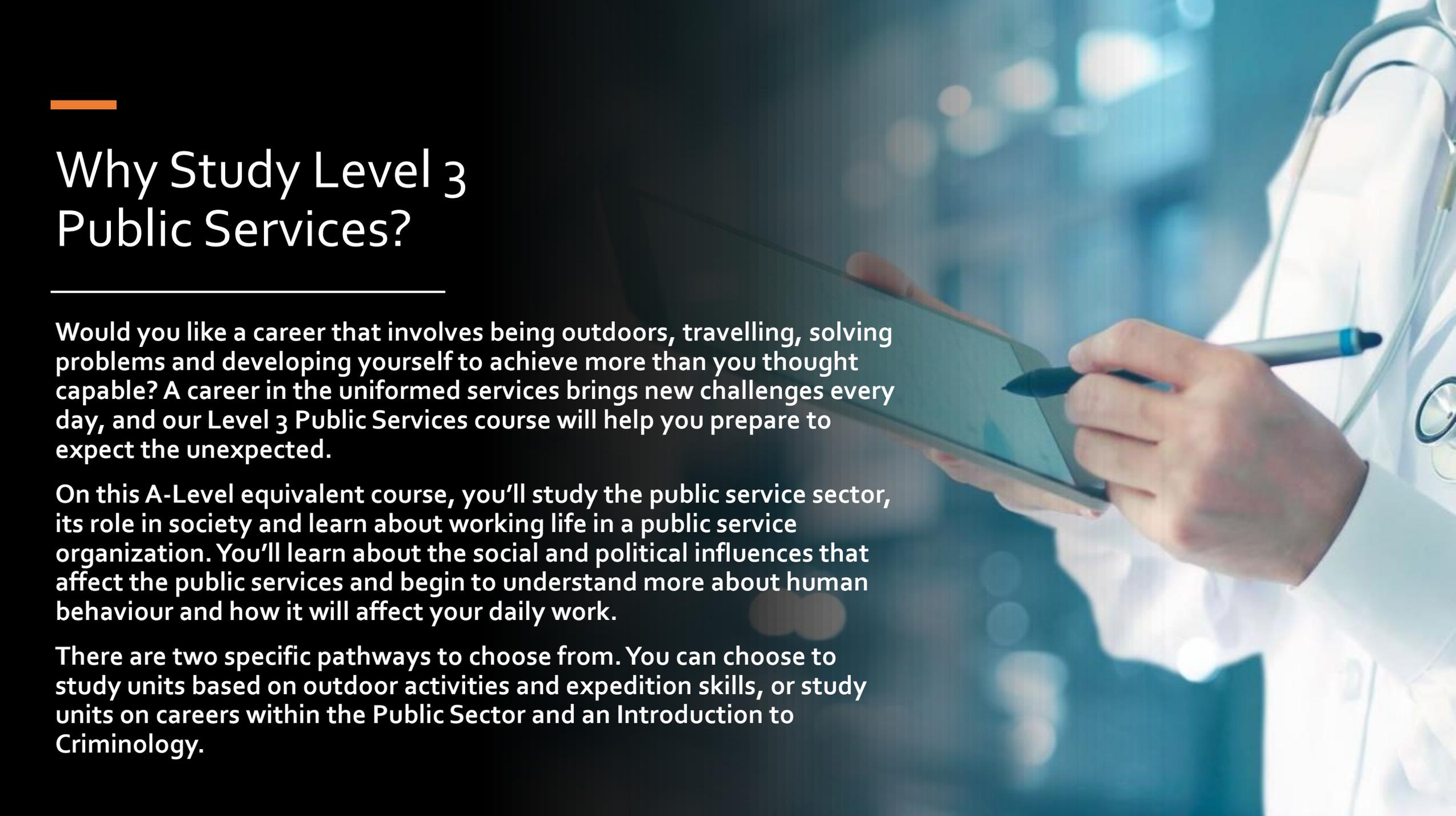
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- You can complete this course alongside the Duke of Edinburgh Award (Pathway A). You will develop transferable skills related to the expedition.
- Alternatively, you do not have to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award to study this course (Pathway B).

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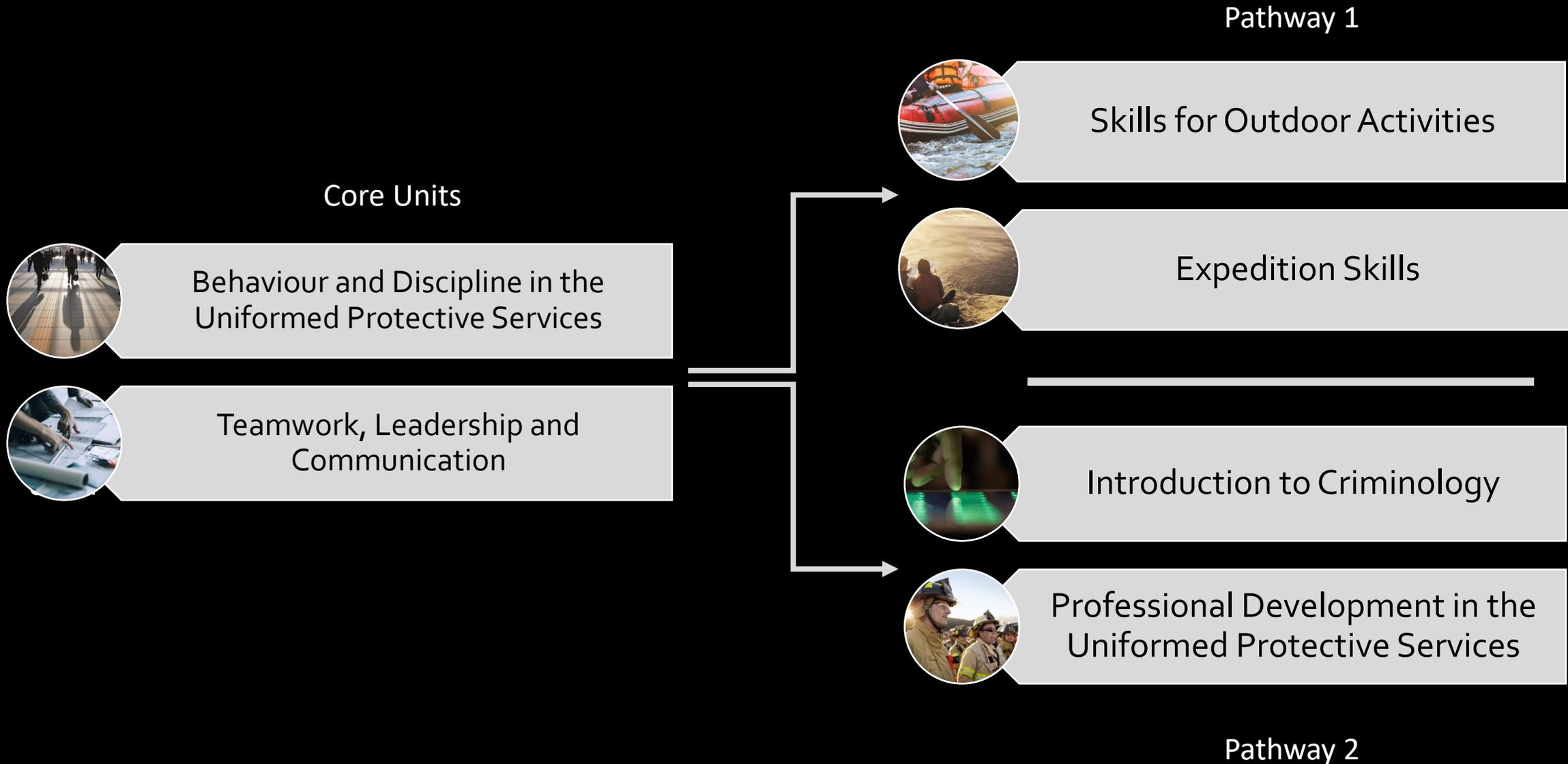
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# Course Structure





## Unit 2: Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services

### CORE UNIT

WRITTEN EXAM

2 Hours

80 Marks

**33% of Qualification**

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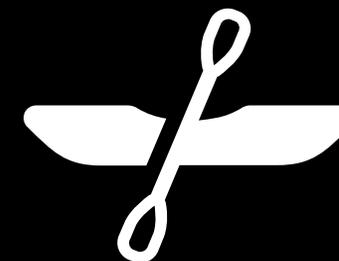
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