Bachelor of Criminology

Criminology is the study of crime and social control. How we define it, how we understand its causes and the ways we respond to it provide a window into society’s challenges, values and aspirations.

Career outcomes
Globally, there is a growing demand for people who understand how complex crime is, who can find solutions to preventing crime and who can deal with the consequences of crime.

Our graduates will be able to work in in different organisations including:
- International criminal justice organisations
- Anti-corruption organisations
- Human rights organisations
- The police service
- The courts system
- Department of Justice
- Attorney-General’s Department
- Community legal centres
- Department of Defence
- Corrections Intelligence

Job titles might include:
- Policy manager
- Intelligence officer
- Researcher
- Academic
- Analyst
- Consultant
- Police officer
- Magistrates’ court registrar
- Corrections officer
- Family violence case worker

Our Bachelor of Criminology is a world-leading program delivered by a team of outstanding teachers and researchers. They will equip you with the understanding and knowledge that’s needed to address global issues in crime.
What will you study in the course?

You will investigate crime and justice from a local, national and global perspective. Additionally, you will explore victimisation and perpetration, inequality and its impacts, and approaches to understanding crime and difference. Throughout the course you will develop your capabilities via three themes:

Expert knowledge
You will be able to specialise and develop expert knowledge in areas such as sexual violence, gendered violence, punishment, criminal justice processes, marginalisation, drugs, cybercrimes, risk and surveillance, victimisation and perpetration, youth crime, crime prevention and transnational justice practices. Using your "criminological imagination" you will develop a deep understanding of the complexity of crime, its causes and its consequences.

Global reach and focus
Learn about the ways crime plays out in different jurisdictions and how societies define, govern and respond to it. There are exclusive international study tours giving you access to learning experiences that are unique to our course. You will compare justice systems and meet criminal justice experts across Asia, Europe and the Americas.

Collaboration and innovation
Through internships and the professional project units you will work closely with industry partners. Bringing together your knowledge and skills, you will apply them to real life scenarios and case studies, opening up new pathways and opportunities for your career.

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Exceptional Global Experiences

The Bachelor of Criminology provides exclusive opportunities to travel internationally and meet criminal justice experts across Asia, Europe and the Americas.

There are three study tours to choose from, and it’s possible to include up to two in your course.

They are a unique, immersive learning experience that will complement what you learn in class and give you a genuine understanding of the human realities behind the study of criminology.

Each experience gives you the rare opportunity to engage with experienced professional practitioners on location. You will visit a variety of sites including prisons, courts, agencies, police departments and engage with police, crime investigation agents, prosecutors, judges, the FBI, prison staff and NGO workers.

Comparative criminology
USA
Learn about crime and social control across different cultural contexts. Examples of topics you will explore are: prisons and punishment, policing, social inequality and crime, immigration and race, organised crime, gangs, and juvenile justice.

Crime and criminal justice in Asia
Learn about the cultural and socio-economic development of Asian countries and its relevance to crime and justice issues. Analyse issues affecting our region and consider how Western ideas of crime and justice may not apply to Asia.

Human rights in the criminal justice sphere - Europe
Investigate human rights in the sphere of criminal justice and criminology. The unit will trace the impact of human rights throughout criminal justice systems. It contrasts national and international definitions of human rights in understanding responses to crime: including policing, court processes, prosecution and punishment.
“On this study tour there were no exams, there were just real-life, practical assignments that we could actually use in the workplace. The best example of that was that I had to write a parliamentary submission, and I was asked to create one at work a few months later. No other course would be teaching me that at an undergraduate level.”

Jackson Heilberg
Criminology graduate 2017
Comparative Criminology USA trip
About the core units

The core units are designed to give you the ability to think critically about crime, punishment and their place in society.

### Controlling crime, controlling society
Learn about policing and crime prevention, two approaches to social control. Explore the advantages and shortcomings of criminal justice institutions in reducing crime.

### Crime, justice and the public
Learn the politics and process of criminal justice policies. You will develop, write and implement crime and justice policies in government agencies and non-governmental organisations using contemporary case studies.

### Crime, risk and security
What are the challenges facing contemporary criminology nationally and internationally in addressing crime, risk and surveillance? Learn about local and global security/insecurity and the impact this has on criminal justice policy and the rights and liberties of individuals.

### Indigenous justice
Critically engage with issues of Indigenous justice and injustice in Australia. This unit focuses on understanding the relationship between colonialism in Australia, Indigenous Law, and systems of justice and contemporary concerns of injustice in the criminal justice system.

### Punishment, courts and corrections
Get to know the administrative functions of these systems. Consider punishments against themes of human difference, exclusion, human rights and social justice.

### The complexity of crime
Defining crime in an ever-changing world is challenging. Learn the key theoretical frameworks that have been developed to explain crime and deviance, and critique their value in contemporary society.

### The global crime problem
We are increasingly faced with problems that extend beyond our borders to become global - terrorism, drugs, cybercrime and organised crime are just a few. Learn about the latest challenges and responses to global crime.

### Victims, justice and the law
Explore the potentials and limitations of the legal system by looking at restorative justice, therapeutic jurisprudence, public policy, the media, criminal justice procedures, human rights and social change.

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**We're informed by the experts**

We engage with industry to give you the best experience possible.

With its own advisory board, the Bachelor of Criminology is in a unique position to draw on the advice and dynamic perspectives of industry experts, and our students benefit.

The board consists of professionals from a diverse range of backgrounds with direct links to business, government and the social sector. They make sure the course delivers the best outcomes for our students.

By providing vital guidance, advice and feedback, our board helps make sure you’ll graduate at the forefront of industry developments.

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“Ultimately, sitting there, it’s very different. You can’t understand the impact that the research papers you are reading, and even those you are writing, can have if you don’t have that practical experience to see the people that they are affecting, whether it be the victims or the perpetrators themselves.”

**Anne Marie Ionescu**
Criminology student
How the course is structured

The course is designed to allow flexibility and choice. There are twenty-four units in total, divided up as follows:

**Eight core units over three years**
These units give you a solid grounding and understanding of the fundamentals of criminology.

**Two professional project units in your final year**
These units equip you with key skills to understand criminology research methodology. You will learn how to develop and carry out research projects. Students will engage with various criminal justice organisations and be able to critically evaluate criminal justice research and policies.

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### BACHELOR OF CRIMINOLOGY COURSE STRUCTURE

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^ The scores provided are to be used as a guide only, and are either the lowest selection rank to which an offer was made in 2019 or an Estimate (E). Course codes and CRICOS codes for double degrees are available at monash.edu/study

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**Internships**

There are many opportunities within the degree to take an internship where you can apply your knowledge to a professional work environment and gain valuable experience and a real insight into careers in the field.

Internships are available with a wide range of organisations and count as credit towards your degree.

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