

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

(B.SOCIAL SCIENCE OR ELECTIVE STREAM)

Career Opportunities

Graduates frequently find employment in areas such as:

- Violence Prevention
- International Law Enforcement and Intelligence Agencies
- Corrective Services
- Community Agencies
- Child Protection
- Federal Police, NSW Police Service, and Other Investigative Agencies
- Policy Advice and Research
- Probation and Parole

This Criminology and Criminal Justice major offers students the opportunity to study crime and criminal justice in a critical way that particularly stresses social and cultural definitions of criminality and the reactions to it. Areas of focus include criminal justice institutions and practices, the development of criminology as a discipline and its various strands, forms and patterns of victimisation, crime prevention strategies and debates, aspects of juvenile justice, the evolution of prisons and different forms of punishment, law enforcement and surveillance, violence, gender and crime, cultural depictions of crime and contemporary debates in criminology.

Recommended Study Pattern

The Bachelor of Social Science degree is made up of eight core units of study, with an eight unit major and eight electives, which can be used to give a second major to broaden your individual career aspirations.

Social Science Units

- 101553 Organisations, Communities and Communication
- 101551 Understanding Society
- 101556 Geographies of Social Difference
- 101557 The Individual and Society
- 101555 Ethics in the Social Sciences
- 40337 Social Research Methods
- 101552 Applied Social Research
- 101554 Contemporary Debates in Social Science

Criminology Unit Pool

- 101560 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- 101559 Introduction to Criminology
- 101564 Victimisation and Crime Prevention
- 101558 Prisons and Punishment
- 400684 Juvenile Crime and Justice
- 101554 Contemporary Perspectives in Criminology
- 101562 Culture and Crime
- 101561 Gender and Violence

Course Details

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The Bachelor of Social Science degree is a broadly based, inter-disciplinary three year program offering flexibility and choice within a range of offerings in the social sciences. The degree seeks to equip all students with the interdisciplinary and specialist skills and knowledge that a new graduate would need on entering the workforce or on proceeding to advanced study. Students are encouraged to choose from more than one of the social sciences, to allow for personal and occupational interests, and prepare themselves to extend their studies at the major and sub-major levels. The majors and sub-majors include Child and Community, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Geography and Urban Studies, Peace and Development Studies, Sociology and Heritage and Tourism. In addition to this, students are able to select eight elective units from across UWS subject to availability and UWS rules. The Bachelor of Social Science aims to expand understanding of the social world in three ways: through social theory, social research and the applications of these ideas and knowledge to practice through social engagement. It provides a wide base for understanding issues in the complex, culturally diverse and ever-changing social environment of the 21st century. It also allows for a fourth year honours program for high achieving students who meet entry requirements.