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AREA OF STUDY GUIDE 2012

POLICING AND CRIMINOLOGY



The University of Western Sydney (UWS) provides a welcoming environment for all students, and our campuses, spread across Greater Western Sydney, offer purpose-built facilities designed to give you room to think and learn.

With ground-breaking research, recognised nationally and internationally, our academics are challenging the boundaries of knowledge and laying the pathway to success through teaching and learning excellence.

At UWS you are encouraged to aspire to achieve great things in your career and community.

POLICING AND CRIMINOLOGY COURSE GUIDE 2012

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Elanor Finch

Bachelor of Policing

Aspire Future Leaders Program

Even in the early days of High School Elanor Finch knew she wanted to undertake police work as a career. 'I always wanted to do policing, since I was in Year 8,' she says.

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However, it wasn't until she started studying the Bachelor of Policing at UWS that she understood how much she wanted to be part of the police force.

'I realise now that it is really what I want to do with my life.'

Elanor says she aims to get into a leadership position in the force. 'Police have such important powers given to them, and I think some police maybe don't use them correctly, so I'd love to be able to set a good example.'

Currently, Elanor says she's thinking about specialising in Traffic Policing. 'It sounds really interesting, the technical side of traffic investigation – working out how and why crashes happen and that sort of thing.'

Elanor says her involvement in the Aspire program has so far been a really positive experience. 'It's been awesome, really rewarding. The camps especially have taught me a lot about myself.' She says meeting other Aspire students has also been another highlight, and she has quickly become friends with many of them.

Why Study Policing and



» **Challenge yourself:** For a rewarding career in criminology, criminal justice, forensics or policing you need the confidence and competence that can only come with a first class education. Combine leading edge theory and real world practical experience with a UWS degree.

» **Contemporary curriculum and excellence in teaching:** Staff bring a combination of disciplinary and professional expertise that ensures our work engages with, and is informed by, contemporary debates and the latest developments in the field. Our inspiring, enthusiastic teaching staff are at the forefront of their fields.

» **Distinctive, high-impact programs:** UWS offers leading criminal justice and forensics programs. We offer the only metropolitan Sydney-based policing degree with a unique blend of professional recognition, regular consultation with the NSW Police Force recruiters, broad subject choices and scholarships.

» **Make a difference:** A career in criminology and criminal justice is your opportunity to make a difference to Australia's future. UWS offers bachelor degree programs that focus on practical outcomes, recognising that successful graduates are those who are also given the opportunity to immerse themselves in the practical applications of what they have been taught. If your mind is thirsty for more after the bachelor degree, then the honours degree program will really finesse your knowledge in a 12 month extension.

Criminology at UWS?



» **Scholarship opportunities:** UWS offers a range of scholarships with many differing criteria. They reflect our strong commitment to academic excellence and opportunity for Greater Western Sydney students. Our scholarships support students who have diverse interests and skills, and who can and do make an active contribution.



» **Lively, accessible learning environments:** Criminology, criminal justice and the Bachelor of Policing degree are offered on our well-resourced Bankstown and Penrith campuses.



» **Learn the philosophy of police work:** Ian Shearer, currently studying a Bachelor of Policing, says 'This course teaches you how and why social and criminal behaviour occurs and helps you adopt a philosophy of understanding rather than current reactionary police tactics'. He says the course is well suited to give the student a comprehensive understanding of the moral and social ethics of policing. 'With this course the future police officer will have the skills to not only be seen as an enforcer of the law but also one who has a balanced empathy for the victim and families.'



Professor David Tait

» **Gain your expertise from the experts:** Our lecturers come with a vast amount of research experience in such fields as hate crime, violent crime, youth crime, drugs and drinking, domestic violence, sexual violence, crime and masculinities, social theory and critical ethnography. The Justice Research Group was established in July 2009 as a focus for research about courts and other justice processes. The research group is led by Professor David Tait, a criminologist and sociologist with a background in social statistics, guardianship and mental health, sentencing, jury research and urban sociology.

Bachelor of Policing

The UWS Policing degree gives you an advanced knowledge of modern policing theory and practice. You will also develop an appreciation of the diverse nature of Australian society, analytical and problem solving skills, and a client-focused approach to serving the community.

Course	UAC Code	Campus	Duration	ATAR
B Policing	727000	Bankstown	3F/6P*	68.05
	727010	Penrith	3F/6P*	71.50
Professional Recognition				
This course has been developed in collaboration with the NSW Police Force. Applicants are advised to contact the NSW Police Recruitment Branch for more information on standards criteria.				

Key: B = Bachelor of; F = Full-time; P = Part-Time. Note: part-time refers to study load, not to timetabling of evening classes.

* Dependant on course commencement times for the NSW Goulburn Police College.

Whether you plan to join the NSW Police Force, or you are after a career in other law enforcement or justice agencies, the UWS Policing degree is the ideal choice.

The course has been developed in collaboration with the NSW Police Force and is based on real life, practical experience. It will provide you with essential knowledge and skills in policing theory and practice to equip you for a career with the NSW Police Force and other policing agencies.

If you are planning to join the NSW Police Force your third year of study will be completed at the Goulburn NSW Police College. Professional suitability assessment occurs during first and second year of study (this assessment is not a requirement for entry into the degree). You must also satisfy the professional suitability criteria before any offer of police employment is made.

Professional suitability criteria include:

- » health and fitness to fully perform operational policing duties (all students will be required to undertake a physical capacity test prior to their entry to the NSW Police College)
- » appropriate behavioural background (including criminal, traffic, employment, and medical history)
- » current full motor vehicle driver's licence (must have obtained at least the Green P requirement (NSW) or equivalent)
- » minimum age 18.5 years, 19 years for employment as a probationary constable
- » current senior first-aid certificate or equivalent, or evidence of industry-based experience (e.g. nursing) and proficiency in the use of a pocket (Laerdal) mask
- » ability to swim 100 metres unaided
- » ability to type minimum 25 wpm with 98% accuracy
- » Australian citizenship or permanent residency

- » commencement of Hepatitis B immunisation (two injections)
- » consent to undergo urine screening for the presence of prohibited drugs (applicants are likely to be drug tested while studying at the NSW Police College).

If you plan to pursue a career in a law enforcement agency other than the NSW Police Force, or for whatever reason are unable to join the NSW Police Force, you will do your third year on-campus at UWS completing a Bachelor of Social Science with a major in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Other agencies include national intelligence agencies, border protection authorities, juvenile justice, corrections, corporate sector crime prevention, and fraud control and investigations.

Core Subjects and Electives

To graduate with a Bachelor of Policing, you will be required to complete 16 subjects (units) and complete your third year at the Goulburn NSW Police College.

The core subjects you may study in this degree include Introduction to Crime and Criminal Justice, Theories and Concepts of Policing, Geographies of Social Difference, Evidence, Investigations and Police Intelligence, Legislation, Courts and Policing and Contemporary Policing.

There are two elective subjects within the Bachelor of Policing. Electives can be chosen from other courses offered by the University of Western Sydney.

If you do not wish to continue on to the NSW Police Force, you may transfer to the Bachelor of Social Science (Criminology and Criminal Justice). See the following page for more information.

Indigenous Australian Studies

Enrolment in the Indigenous Australian Studies (IAS) major, sub-major or units is available to all UWS undergraduate students who have open electives. Find out more at studyias.com.au

For detailed information about the course structure and subjects, visit myfuture.uws.edu.au

Career Opportunities

With its focus on problem solving and analytical skills, the Policing degree opens doors into the NSW Police Force, the Australian Federal Police, numerous other law enforcement agencies, and an array of alternative careers. You may pursue roles in:

- » criminal investigation
- » prosecutions
- » youth liaison
- » crime prevention
- » accident investigation
- » traffic management
- » education and training
- » human resource management
- » national intelligence agencies
- » juvenile justice
- » corrections
- » probation and parole.



Jessica Slaveski

Bachelor of Policing

Jessica Slaveski believes any interested student should not hesitate to enrol for the Bachelor of Policing degree at UWS.

'My advice would be to do it! The degree introduces students to many important areas of law enforcement and the material remains stimulating at all times,' she says.

'You effectively teach yourself how to think critically and learn to come up with solutions to problems. If you want to help people and make a change then this is no doubt the degree for you!'

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'Before entering university I knew that there would be a great level of competitiveness amongst students. However I found throughout my studies that my peers only endeavoured to help each other out so that we could all do well together.

'UWS appealed to me because it was local. I also heard great things about the course through policing graduates who have already passed out of UWS. At Open Day I was also taken by the beautiful surroundings of the campus which I thought would also help to reduce the pressures of studying.

'Because the policing degree is so diverse and involves a large scope of study I have been able to apply my study to almost every area of law enforcement, whether it be crime prevention or law and order. I am able to effectively put my degree to good use because it covers so much.'

Bachelor of Social Science (Criminology and Criminal Justice)

The University of Western Sydney's Criminology and Criminal Justice major gives you highly developed skills and knowledge in criminology and related areas.

The degree is very flexible, so you can tailor your studies to suit your personal and occupational interests. You are required to take subjects (units) from more than one specialisation within the Bachelor of Social Science. This allows you to understand other important areas of interest, such as how crime fits in with other aspects of society.

Studying the Criminology and Criminal Justice major gives you the opportunity to gain an understanding of the incidence of different types of crime, deviance and victimisation, as well as their economic, social, and policy contexts. It is especially focused on understanding the formulation of crime policy, the operation of criminal justice and juvenile justice systems, and the role of government bodies and international agencies responsible for preventing, detecting, and correcting crime.

Course	UAC Code	Campus	Duration	ATAR
B Social Science (Criminology and Criminal Justice)	728500	Bankstown	3F/6P	68.25
	728501	Penrith	3F/6P	70.60

Key: B = Bachelor of; F = Full-time; P = Part-time. Note: part-time refers to study load, not to timetabling of evening classes.

Specific subjects introduce students to a wide range of criminological expertise in forensic science, interpersonal violence, criminal justice and policy, the sociology of law, punishment and corrections, environmental criminology, crime prevention, and policing in Australian society.

Further Studies

Information about Honours will be provided to you as you progress through your Bachelor degree, or you can find out more at myfuture.uws.edu.au/honours

Core Subjects and Electives

To graduate with a Bachelor of Social Science (Criminology and Criminal Justice), you will be required to complete 24 subjects (units).

The core subjects you may study in this degree include Organisations, Communities and Communication, Understanding Society, Geographies of Social Difference, The Individual in Society, Ethics in the Social Sciences, Social Research Methods, Applied Social Research and Contemporary Debates in Social Science.

In addition to the eight core units listed above, you must satisfactorily complete eight units from the Criminology and Criminal Justice pool which may include Introduction to Crime and Criminal Justice, Introduction to Criminology, Victimisation and Crime Prevention, Prisons and Punishment, Juvenile Crime and Justice, Contemporary Perspectives in Criminology, Culture and Crime and Gender Crime and Violence.

For detailed information about the course structure and subjects, visit myfuture.uws.edu.au

Career Opportunities

As a graduate of the UWS Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Criminology and Criminal Justice, your future offers some very rewarding career prospects. Graduates typically find employment in areas such as:

- » probation and parole
- » policy advice and research
- » corrective services
- » community agencies
- » child protection
- » violence prevention
- » local government
- » Federal Police, NSW Police Service, and other investigative agencies.

Double Degrees

Your study options at UWS are increasing. Now you can tailor your studies to your specific goals by combining degrees.

In 2012, the Bachelor of Social Science degree can be combined with a Bachelor of Laws.

Course	B Social Science (Criminology and Criminal Justice)/B Laws	
UAC Code	725025	725030
Campus	Campbelltown	Parramatta
Duration	5F	5F
ATAR	90.20	90.40

Key: B = Bachelor of; F = Full-time.

For detailed information about the course structure and subjects, visit myfuture.uws.edu.au

You may also be interested in:

- » Bachelor of Science (Forensic Science)
- » Bachelor of Science (Computer Forensics)

For further information on these courses, please refer to the Forensics Course Guide.

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Kelly Moylan

Bachelor of Policing Currently studying Honours

Kelly Moylan says students of the Bachelor of Policing degree will appreciate the choice of electives. 'The degree allows students to choose electives in a variety of subjects, such as Sociology, Criminology, Psychology, Science, Law, Politics, and Arts,' she says.

'I have a particular interest in Law and Political Science so I was able to complete electives in these fields as well as study the core units necessary for policing. The policing core units were very relevant to the degree and interesting to participate in.'

'Many of the units were taught by current serving or retired police officers, giving students a real insight into policing in NSW, and providing us with a unique perspective on current policing techniques. The degree does not just cater for the NSW Police; graduates can seek entry into the Federal Police, Corrections, Customs, DoCs, and other government agencies.'

'University allows for a flexible amount of time to study and attend class. Use your spare time to read widely and make yourself familiar with your coursework, and do not be afraid to approach Michael Kennedy if you are having any trouble with your study load or assessments, he will gladly help you.'

'Take advantage of the opportunity to study different units, in Law or Arts or whatever interests you, provided it can be related to policing, as this gives you a good idea of what you can specialise in after you graduate. Become friends with your classmates, as they are your greatest support throughout university.'

'Best three years of my life, hands down.'

Providing Support Through Scholarships

The University of Western Sydney is not only about obtaining an education. We challenge ourselves to engage students who will get involved and make a difference to the University and wider communities.

UWS has a unique set of scholarships on offer with many differing criteria. They reflect our strong commitment to academic excellence and opportunity for Greater Western Sydney students. Our scholarships support students who have diverse interests and skills, and who can and do make an active contribution.

UWS works closely with business, industry, and the community to ensure we offer scholarships that meet the needs of our students. Our scholarships provide our students with support and give them the opportunity to establish professional relationships while they study.

Take the time to examine our scholarships and make the most of your opportunities for success. For details on UWS Scholarships, including the eligibility requirements and how to apply, refer to www.uws.edu.au/scholarships or call 1300 897 669.



Phillip Wadds

Bachelor of Policing (Honours)
Current PhD student

Phillip Wadds believes there is no substitute for hard work if you want a successful career in policing.

'My advice to anyone wanting to pursue studies in policing or criminology is to knuckle down, work hard, and choose subjects that fit your passions and combine well with other subjects in your course,' he says. 'Above all, choose subjects that you are going to enjoy. While it is not always possible to find subjects that directly relate to your ultimate dreams, there are always elements within the curriculum that relate to your preferred subject matter.'

'Find a topic you are passionate about and be creative. There are always ways to integrate wide-ranging passions into relevant subject matter. You will be surprised at how well individual thought and passionate discussion will be received. Working hard and getting good grades opens up so many options, greatly enhances your career prospects and affords opportunities you may not even have known existed.'

'While I am continuing my postgraduate studies, my experience at UWS has been very positive, with fantastic support from fellow postgraduates and academics alike.'

Aspiring Leaders

Aspire Future Leaders at the University of Western Sydney™ is a unique professional development and personal enrichment program that has been specifically designed to cultivate and enhance the leadership qualities of students.

By being a part of Aspire, you will have the opportunity to be involved in:

- » the annual three-day Aspire Welcome Retreat
- » professional and personal development workshops
- » valuable networking opportunities with the professional community

- » VIP Invitations to UWS Open Days and other annual events
- » volunteering opportunities through community engagement
- » internships and work experience opportunities.

Aspire is an opportunity for young, talented people with leadership abilities and ambitions, to become part of an elite group of high-achieving undergraduate students. For details on the Aspire program and eligibility requirements, please refer to serious.uws.edu.au or call 1300 897 669.

Applicant Checklist



Find out about our courses

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- Read the information within this Guide
- Talk with Careers Advisors, your parents and teachers/mentors
- Refer to the Future Students site, visit myfuture.uws.edu.au



Talk to us

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- Attend UWS events – find out more at myfuture.uws.edu.au/events
- Call the UWS Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or email study@uws.edu.au
- Get the inside information on Alternative Entry Pathways to UWS, Triple Advantage and bonus points, Scholarships and Aspire



Apply to UWS

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- Apply through UAC, visit www.uac.edu.au
- Place your UWS Preferences
- Check your eligibility and submit a scholarship application, visit www.uws.edu.au/scholarships

For International Students

If you are an international student completing one of the following qualifications in 2011, you must apply through UAC International:

- » an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia
- » an International Baccalaureate
- » a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3

All other international students must apply direct to the University of Western Sydney. UWS International application forms, 2012 International tuition fees and further information about studying in Australia can be found at www.uws.edu.au/international

If you have any questions about applying as an international student call 02 9852 5499 or email internationalstudy@uws.edu.au

For international students, you can lodge your international student application online at www.uac.edu.au/international

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See you at

- ▣ UWS Day Campbelltown, 7 June 2011
- ▣ Parent Information Evening, 7 & 14 July 2011
- ▣ UWS Open Day, 28 August 2011
- ▣ UWS Campus Tours, October 2011
- ▣ UWS Day Penrith, 9 November 2011
- ▣ Course Decision Day, 3 January 2012

More information: myfuture.uws.edu.au/events

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- ▣ Visit the Events Mini-Site: myfuture.uws.edu.au/events
- ▣ Find us on Facebook: www.uws.edu.au/facebook 
- ▣ Connect with us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/UWSNews 
- ▣ Take a Virtual Tour: virtualevents.uws.edu.au
- ▣ Watch our YouTube videos: www.uws.edu.au/youtube 
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