

# Criminology

The Department of Criminology was established in 1951 as the first school of criminology in Australia. The Department continues as a leader in this field, attracting a considerable number of research grants and contracts, such as the recent pilot program looking at community-based approaches to drug law-enforcement. High level research provides students with access to leading academics whose work forms the basis of many of the subjects. Students are thus provided with the most contemporary and original materials that will equip them with the means of dealing with the challenging issues of crime and justice. The optional fieldwork component provides students with hands-on experience, exposing them to the operations of various government and community-based agencies in dealing with issues involving crime and policy development.

Criminology is the study of processes of criminalisation and social control developed by the state. Criminology is an inherently multi-disciplinary area of study, involving contributions from disciplines such as law, the social and behavioural sciences, psychiatry, history and philosophy. Criminology offers a broad range of theoretical and policy-related analyses. The practical focus of the discipline lies in an integrated study of the components of the criminal justice system. In particular, criminology addresses topics concerning law enforcement agencies, the courts and correctional systems and includes issues relating to public policy and political decisions regarding crime and crime control.

## Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for first year subjects in Criminology.

The prerequisite for second year criminology subjects is usually the completion of 25 points of criminology at first year.

The prerequisite for entry to third year criminology subjects is usually the completion of at least two second year criminology subjects (25 points).

The prerequisite for a third/fourth year criminology subject is usually three second/third year subjects in criminology (37.5 points).

In exceptional circumstances, exemption from these prerequisites may be granted by the head of department. Exemptions may also be granted where criminology subjects are taken as part of an approved interdepartmental program with its own entry requirements. In such cases, applications for prerequisites to be waived must be made to the subject coordinator.

## Requirements for a major

A major in criminology usually consists of nine 12.5 point subjects, totalling 112.5 points. It comprises:

- two first year subjects in criminology (25 points) and;
- seven second/third year subjects in criminology (totalling 87.5 points) usually consisting of three second year subjects and four third year subjects.

## Honours entry

### Prerequisites

The prerequisites for entry to Fourth Year Honours in Criminology are:

- completion of all the requirements for the BA and;
- completion of a major in criminology and;
- an average grade of H2A or higher over the second/third year subjects within the major.

Students who do not meet that average may be granted admission to Honours with the special approval of the head of department (or nominee) and the Faculty of Arts honours course adviser.

It is strongly recommended that students undertake 191-004 Introduction to Research Methods (*p.128*) or one other research methods subject within the major.

### Application procedures

All students intending to undertake their thesis in criminology will be required to submit a research proposal of at least 1000 words as part of the entry procedure. It is recommended that this proposal be generated in consultation with members of the Department of Criminology who have an interest in the area of the proposal. The proposal is due mid-December. Acceptance into the program is dependent upon completion of an adequate proposal as judged by the Department.

Application forms for entry to honours are available from the General Office, Department of Criminology, and should be returned to the criminology honours coordinator by the second week in November. Thesis proposals are due in the second week of December. Successful applicants will be notified by the Department in late December.

## Honours requirements

Honours students undertaking a thesis in criminology are encouraged to attend the department's research support seminar program.

### Pure Honours

Students undertaking pure honours in criminology must complete:

- 191-505 Criminology Thesis (*p.131*) or 191-519 Criminology Thesis (MYE) (*p.131*) (37.5 points) and;
- 191-034 Criminology Thesis Seminar (*p.131*) (12.5 points) and;
- two fourth year subjects in criminology (25 points) and;
- *either* 191-021 Supervised Field Study (*p.131*) (25 points) *or* a further two fourth year subjects in criminology (25 points).

Students are strongly encouraged to undertake a fourth year methods subject as one of their electives.

Students undertaking pure honours part time would usually take their elective subjects and 191-021 Supervised Field Study (*p.131*) in the first year, and 191-505 Criminology Thesis (*p.131*), or 191-519 Criminology Thesis (MYE) (*p.131*), and 191-034 Criminology Thesis Seminar (*p.131*) in the second.

### Combined honours

Students undertaking combined honours in criminology and another area of study must complete:

- 191-505 Criminology Thesis (*p.131*) or 191-519 Criminology Thesis (MYE) (*p.131*) (37.5 points) and;
- 191-034 Criminology Thesis Seminar (*p.131*) (12.5 points) and;
- one fourth year subject in criminology (12.5 points) and;
- three fourth year subjects in the combined area of study (totalling 37.5 points).

*or*

- honours thesis in the combined area of study (37.5 points) and;
- two fourth year subjects in the combined area of study (totalling 25 points) and;
- a fourth year subject in criminology (12.5 points) and;
- *either* 191-021 Supervised Field Study (*p.131*) (25 points) *or* two fourth year subjects in criminology (25 points).

Students undertaking their thesis in criminology are strongly advised to choose a fourth year methods subject as their elective.

## Further study

The Department offers the following courses for graduates:

- Graduate Certificate courses in Criminology
- Graduate Diploma in Criminology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Criminology)
- Master of Criminology
- Master of Arts (Criminology)
- Master of Criminology (Forensic Psychology)
- Doctor of Philosophy

## Career opportunities

Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts who have majored in criminology have found employment in the following areas:

- research institutions dealing with the criminal justice system such as the Australian Institute of Criminology and the Australian Bureau of Statistics;
- government agencies in the areas of criminal justice and welfare such as the Departments of Justice, Departments of Health and Welfare, police organisations, the criminal courts, the correctional system and community welfare services;
- non-government and private sector organisations which provide welfare and security services and;
- teaching services at secondary and tertiary levels in fields of law, crime and criminology.

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## First year subjects

### 191-001 Perspectives on Crime

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-101. Students who have completed 191-101 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Dr F Haines

**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures and a 1-hour tutorial per week (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** The aim of this subject is to provide students with an overview and understanding of the diverse and competing interpretations regarding the criminal act, the nature of people who engage in offending behaviour, the situations and contexts within which crime is defined and takes place, and the explanations put forward for the causes and consequences of crime in society. It provides an examination of the major theoretical perspectives in criminology, and the techniques used to measure, classify and define crime and criminality.

**Assessment:** Written work and tutorial presentation equivalent to 2000 words and a 2-hour examination.

**Prescribed texts:** R White & F Haines, *Crime and Criminology: An Introduction*, (2nd ed) Oxford University Press.

### 191-002 Institutions of Criminal Justice

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-102. Students who have completed 191-102 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Dr S James

**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures and a 1-hour tutorial per week (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** The aim of this subject is to provide a broad survey and introduction to the major institutions of criminal justice, to discuss the key players and operation of state agencies in responding to (and creating) offensive behaviour, and to consider the strengths and weaknesses of existing forms and methods of crime control in Australia. It provides an examination of the roles, objectives and methods of institutions such as the police, the courts, prisons, community crime prevention and victim services.

**Assessment:** An essay of 2000 words and a 2-hour examination.

**Prescribed texts:** R White & S Perrone, *Crime and Social Control: An Introduction*, Oxford University Press, 1997.

## Second/third year subjects

### 191-003 Crime and Public Policy

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-202/302. Students who have completed 191-202/302 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Dr A Sutton

**Prerequisites:** Normally 25 points of first year criminology and/or 25 points of sociology.

**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures and a 1-hour tutorial for 10 weeks of the semester, and a 1-hour lecture for the first and last week of semester (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject provides an overview of factors shaping crime policy in Australia and of the challenges associated with applying criminological theory in policy contexts. Emphasis is on contemporary reform issues, with topics covered including governance of the sex industry, illicit drugs, victims of crime, family violence, public drunkenness and other 'victimless' offences, white-collar crime, crime prevention. Students are introduced to contemporary theories on the modern state, power and social control. Specific theorists considered include Marx, Weber, Durkheim, Habermas, feminist and critical schools. Students completing this subject should have some understanding of linkages between criminology and broader sociological theory.

**Assessment:** An essay of 2000 words and a 2-hour examination. To obtain a final result students must attend at least seven out of 10 tutorials.

### 191-004 Introduction to Research Methods

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-203/303. Students who have completed 191-203/303 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. This is a methods subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Dr J Fitzgerald

**Prerequisites:** Normally 25 points of first year Criminology.

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour laboratory class per week (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject provides training in carrying out and interpreting empirical research. Students obtain essential skills in research design for both qualitative and quantitative research. Each student will be required to carry out two pieces of research and participate in a small group research project.

The class is organised around workshops and computer labs. This subject is particularly suitable for third year students with some prior knowledge of basic research principles.

**Assessment:** A final essay of 2000 words and three research tasks totalling 2000 words.

### 191-005 Criminal Law and Criminology

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-204/304. Students who have completed 191-204/304 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Assoc Prof A Young

**Prerequisites:** Normally 25 points of first year Criminology.

**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures and a 1-hour tutorial for 10 weeks of the semester, and a 1-hour lecture for the first and last week of semester (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** The subject is divided into two main sections. The first covers the institutions, discourses and practices of criminal law, with particular emphasis on the court process, doctrines of criminal responsibility, and the structure of criminal legal principles. The second section focuses on substantive offences in criminal law: sexual assault and sexual offences; assault and non-fatal violent offences; the law relating to homicide; criminal defences, such as provocation and self-defence. Issues of gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation are raised. Students completing the subject should be able to understand the structure of criminal law, appreciate forms and meanings of legal discourse, identify ways in which criminal law responds to social problems, and conduct research on criminal legal matters.

**Assessment:** An essay of 2000 words and a 2-hour examination.

**Prescribed texts:** P Rush, *Criminal Law*, Butterworths, 1997.

### 191-006 Policing

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-206/306. Students who have completed 191-206/306 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Dr S James

**Prerequisites:** Normally 25 points of first year criminology.

**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures and a 1-hour tutorial for ten weeks of the semester, and a 1-hour lecture for the first and last week of semester (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject introduces students to the historical, political and social forces which shape police organisations, policies and practices. The subject covers the origins, functions and structures of contemporary policing, and identifies key emerging issues and challenges in policing such as the effectiveness of policing in crime control, the emergence of community policing, police culture, police misbehaviour and accountability, organisational change and organisational renewal. The emphasis is upon public (state) policing, although attention is paid to the growing private policing sector and to late 20th century developments in multi-agency policing. Upon completion of the subject, students should be able to analyse critically current developments in policing in terms of their historical, theoretical, political and functional contexts.

**Assessment:** Written work totalling 4000 words, or an essay of 2000 words and a 2-hour examination.

### 191-007 Correctional Theory and Practice

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-208/308. Students who have completed 191-208/308 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Dr M Brown

**Prerequisites:** Normally 25 points of first year criminology.

**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures and a 1-hour tutorial for 10 weeks of the semester, a 1-hour lecture for the first and last week of semester (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject is designed to introduce students to the major forms and structures of punishment in our society. The subject examines why we punish individuals, how we do so, and how the punishment process can be viewed in a wider social context. The first part of this subject considers the justifications for punishment and the kinds of sanctions available to courts in most Western jurisdictions. The second part will look briefly at groups whose concerns are not commonly to the fore in considerations of punishment processes: specifically, victims, women, minorities and youth. The final part will examine the work of major writers who have provided a theoretical critique of punishment and the role it plays in our society.

**Assessment:** An essay of 2000 words, and two 1-hour class tests of 1000 words each.

### 191-008 Sociology of Crime and Deviance

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-210/310. Students who have completed 191-210/310 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5**HECS-band:** 1**Coordinator:** Dr F Haines**Prerequisites:** Normally 25 points of first year criminology and/or 25 points of sociology.**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures and a 1-hour tutorial for 10 weeks of the semester; a 1-hour lecture for the first and last week of semester (*Semester 2*).**Description:** This subject examines the nature of deviance in society. The study of deviance sheds light both on the society which labels certain behaviours, or people, as deviant, as well as on giving a greater understanding of the behaviours themselves. It reviews various sociological theories of deviance which help explain the ways societies both define deviance and attempt to deal with it. The subject illustrates the theoretical perspectives using examples such as suicide, mental illness, violent behaviour, white collar crime, cults and witchcraft. Students completing the subject should be able to assess the contributions of sociological perspectives on deviance and its definition; be able to apply sociological theoretical perspectives on deviant behaviour and the definition of deviance using specific case examples.**Assessment:** An essay of 2000 words and a 2-hour examination.

## Third/fourth year subjects

### 191-010 Sentencing Theory and Practice

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-307/407. Students who have completed 191-307/407 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.**Credit points:** 12.5**HECS-band:** 1**Coordinator:** Dr A Lovegrove**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year level criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 90-minute seminar per week (*Semester 1*).**Description:** This subject is an examination of sentencing law, the sentencing process, the purposes of and justifications for sentences, judicial discretion and sentencing guidelines, and the nature and effectiveness of the sentencing options available to the courts, and is an introduction to research into sentencing. As a result of this material students should understand the nature of sentencing and be able to evaluate research into the sentencing process.**Assessment:** An essay of 2000 words for third year, 3000 words for fourth year, and a 2-hour exam or a take-home test equivalent to 2000 words.

### 191-013 Psychology and Criminal Justice

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-314/414. Students who have completed 191-314/414 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.**Credit points:** 12.5**HECS-band:** 1**Coordinator:** Dr M Brown**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 90-minute seminar per week (*Semester 1*).**Description:** This subject aims to provide criminology students with an introduction to psychology as it has been applied to crime and criminal justice. The first part of this subject examines psychological perspectives on the offender, ranging from the examination of offenders' individual characteristics, such as intelligence, to integrated theories of offending behaviour. The second part turns attention to the criminal justice system itself, the actors who work to make the system function and the perspectives that shape the system's operation. By the end of the subject students should be familiar with the psychological perspective on human and organisational behaviour and be able to critically evaluate the contribution of psychological theory to the understanding of criminological phenomena.**Assessment:** An essay of 2000 words for third year, 3000 words for fourth year, and a 2-hour exam or take-home test of 2000 words.

### 191-014 Youth Crime and Society

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-315/415. Students who have completed 191-315/415 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.**Credit points:** 12.5**HECS-band:** 1**Coordinator:** Assoc Prof C Alder**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 90-minute seminar per week (*Semester 2*).**Description:** This subject provides an examination of theories relating to juvenile offending, and an analysis of juvenile justice policies, practices and reforms. It explores the dynamics of youth offending, and the varying responses of different parts of the welfare and criminal justice systems to the

behaviour of young people. The subject considers issues relating to social division (e.g. class, gender, ethnicity and race) and how these are reflected in the operation and strategies of the juvenile justice system. Upon completion of the subject, students should have detailed knowledge of the institutions of juvenile justice, and the major issues associated with the phenomenon of young offending.

**Assessment:** An essay of 1500 words, and an essay of 2500 words for third year, 3500 words for fourth year.

### 191-015 Corporate and White Collar Crime

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-417. Students who have completed 191-417 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.**Credit points:** 12.5**HECS-band:** 1**Coordinator:** Prof K Polk**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 90-minute seminar per week (*Semester 2*).**Description:** This subject examines individual and organisational forms of white collar or corporate crime found in both the public and private sectors. Students should gain an understanding of the problems of definition of the various forms of business, occupational or corporate criminality, and an appreciation of their importance in the context of social life of the community. Students will be introduced to the forms of individual business or occupational crime, including such forms of financial crime as insider trading, and will learn some of the problems which concern the regulation of white collar crime, including the features of law which cause particular problems in the control of corporate misconduct.**Assessment:** A research essay of 2500 words for third year, 3500 words for fourth year, and an exam or other written work totalling 1500 words.

### 191-017 Violence in Australia

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-319/419. Students who have completed 191-319/419 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.**Credit points:** 12.5**HECS-band:** 1**Coordinator:** Prof K Polk**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour tutorial per week (*Semester 1*).**Description:** This subject examines the laws relating to violent offences and data on the nature and distribution of violence in Australia. It covers such specific forms of violence as homicide, assault, robbery, rape, and the general topic of domestic violence, including theoretical perspectives. Students will be introduced to the assessment of theoretical explanations proposed for the study of violence.**Assessment:** An essay of 4000 words for third year, 5000 words for fourth year. A final exam may substitute for part of the written work.

### 191-018 Qualitative Research Methods

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-320/420. Students who have completed 191-320/420 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. This is a methods course.**Credit points:** 12.5**HECS-band:** 1**Coordinator:** Dr J Fitzgerald**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour workshop per week (*Semester 1*).**Description:** This subject forms an introduction to theories, methods and ethical issues in qualitative research. The subject will focus on the techniques of field studies, intensive interviewing, and case studies. Students will carry out small scale qualitative research exercises and will present them orally and in writing.**Assessment:** Three assignments of 500 words each, and an essay of 2500 words for third year, 3500 words for fourth year.

### 191-019 Contemporary Crime Prevention

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-321/421. Students who have completed 191-321/421 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.**Credit points:** 12.5**HECS-band:** 1**Coordinator:** Dr A Sutton**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour tutorial per week (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject provides summaries and critical perspectives on crime prevention philosophies and techniques, and analyses current developments in Victoria, other parts of Australia and overseas. Specific topics covered include concepts of crime prevention; situational crime prevention; crime prevention through environmental design; Australian and international experience; social crime prevention; crime prevention and public housing; preventing violence; and crime prevention and the business sector. The subject has a strong practical component, with students divided into fieldwork teams to identify, analyse and propose solutions for crime problems in metropolitan Melbourne. Issues tackled by teams in recent years include vandalism and graffiti at a suburban shopping centre; reducing thefts from vehicles in a major city car park; addressing maintenance and order problems in relation to suburban public toilets; improving student safety on campus; and reducing bullying in schools.

**Assessment:** An essay of 2000 words for third year, 2500 words for fourth year, and contribution to a fieldwork team report equivalent to 2000 words for third year, 2500 words for fourth year. Fieldwork team reports will also be marked and 20% of each student's final mark will derive from the grade awarded for their team's report.

**Prescribed texts:** P O'Malley & A Sutton, *Crime Prevention in Australia: Issues in Policy and Research*, The Federation Press, 1997.

### 191-020 Women, Gender and Crime

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-322/422. Students who have completed 191-322/422 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Assoc Prof C Alder

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology or Women's Studies for fourth year.

**Contact:** This subject will be taught as a winter intensive program on 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27 July (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject is an analysis of the criminalisation and victimisation of women through the study of contemporary debates in feminist criminology. Topics will include the nature and extent of female crime and victimisation; theories of female crime; social definition of, and responses to, such behaviours; the construction of gender in legal and criminal justice discourse; and masculinity and violence. Students completing the subject should have developed a knowledge of the nature and extent of female crime and victimisation; have an awareness of contemporary debates in feminist criminology; and have a capacity to think and write critically about the centrality of gender to analyses of criminal justice policies and programs.

**Assessment:** An essay of 4000 words for third year, 5000 words for fourth year.

### 191-023 Supervised Reading

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-325/425. Students who have completed 191-325/425 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** To be advised

**Prerequisites:** Written approval from the head of department and 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.

**Contact:** A 1-hour tutorial per fortnight and nine hours reading per week (*Year long*).

**Description:** This subject involves focused, independent reading and the presentation of the findings in a scholarly manner, under the supervision of a member of the teaching staff of the Department.

**Assessment:** Written work totalling 4000 words for third year, 5000 words for fourth year.

### 191-025 Crime Ethnicity and Race

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-327/427. Students who have completed 191-327/427 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** To be advised

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 90 minute seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject offers an examination of the relationship between particular ethnic and Indigenous communities, and the practices and institutions of the criminal justice system. It explores different theoretical perspectives on the processes of victimisation and criminalisation as these affect specific groups. It examines specific issues such as racism, differential policing, access to justice and law reform.

**Assessment:** Written work totalling 4000 words for third year, 5000 words for fourth year.

### 191-026 Crime and Culture

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-328/428. Students who have completed 191-328/428 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Assoc Prof A Young

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and 90 minute seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject introduces students to theories and methods in the cultural analysis of crime. Students will then examine various case studies in the cultural representation of crime: detective fiction; the serial killer movie; images of domestic violence; cultural understandings of rape and the rape-revenge film; artwork and censorship; graffiti; race, crime and urban space. On completion of the subject students should have an introduction to a range of theories and methods concerning crime and culture; and be able to comprehend examples of the cultural construction of crime.

**Assessment:** An essay of 4000 words for third year, 5000 words for fourth year. Or an essay of 2000 words for third year, 3000 words for fourth year, and a 2-hour examination.

### 191-028 Criminal Justice Decision-Making

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-333/433. Students who have completed 191-333/433 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Dr A Lovegrove

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 90-minute seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject is an examination of theoretical and empirical studies of decision-making in criminal justice; the idea of discretion and the control of discretionary judgements; and an introduction to techniques appropriate to the study of decision-making. Students who complete the subject should understand the major criminological studies of decision-making and be able to apply these studies to the operation of the criminal justice system.

**Assessment:** An essay of 2000 words for third year, 3000 words for fourth year, and a 2-hour exam or take-home exam equivalent to 2000 words.

### 191-029 Victims

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-334/434. Students who have completed 191-334/434 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Dr A Sutton

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology or Sociology for fourth year. There is a quota of 40 places in this subject.

**Contact:** This subject will be taught as a winter intensive program on 16, 17, 18, 23 and 24 July (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject provides a history of victimology and victim movements. It reviews definitions of victimisation and discusses whether the concept should be restricted to victims of crime or also include victims of abuses of power. Research on patterns of victimisation and on victims' needs is summarised and reviewed. Victim organisations and programs in Victoria and Australia are assessed, and compared with approaches overseas. Other topics include feminist perspectives on victimisation and victims and the legal process.

**Assessment:** An essay of 2000 words for third year, 3000 words for fourth year, and a 2-hour exam equivalent to 2000 words.

### 191-030 Drugs and Justice

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-335/435. Students who have completed 191-335/435 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Dr J Fitzgerald

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year. There is a quota of 60 places in this subject.

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 90-minute seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject introduces students to a range of historical and contemporary issues surrounding the measurement of drug use and the popular

and scientific construction of the health, crime and social consequences of drug use. The subject is concerned with the relationships between various constructions of drug phenomena and the policies and practices of drug control. The subject critically addresses issues and techniques involved in demand-reduction (education and treatment) and supply-reduction (law enforcement). At the completion of the subject, students should be able to recognise and explain contemporary discourses on health, harm, crime and public policy related to drug use.

**Assessment:** An essay of 1500 words, and an essay of 2500 words for third year, 3500 words for fourth year.

### 191-031 What Works in Criminal Justice

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-336/436. Students who have completed 191-336/436 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. This is a methods course.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Prof K Polk

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects (one of which must be 191-004 Introduction to Research Methods (*p.128*)), or approval of the subject coordinator for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.

**Contact:** This subject will be taught as a summer intensive program. Dates to be advised (*Summer semester*).

**Description:** How effective are criminal justice interventions in changing individual behaviour, reducing opportunities for crime, and increasing public safety? This subject examines the research evidence about the effectiveness and impacts of selected policies, and methodologies of evaluation. Case studies may include gun control, regulating drug use, dangerous offenders, controlling organised crime and the effectiveness of punishment. Students who complete the subject should have developed a framework for assessing the adequacy of criminological evaluations in terms of the questions being asked, the designed being employed, and the measures used in the evaluation.

**Assessment:** Written work of 4000 words for third year, 5000 words for fourth year. An examination may be substituted for part of the written work.

### 191-032 Criminal Fictions

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-338/438. Students who have completed 191-338/438 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Assoc Prof A Young

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.

**Contact:** A 90-minute lecture and a 1-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject involves theories and methods in the cultural analysis of crime, with particular reference to the stories told about crime by victims, offenders, criminal justice agents, criminologists, and general members of the public. The aim is to examine narrative structures and genres in stories about crime; to read narratives about crime in their social, historical and cultural contexts; to study the legitimisation of particular voices and stories. Examples to be studied include: detective fiction; crime fiction; news media accounts of crime; survivor testimony; eyewitness testimony; policy reports; criminological studies. Students who complete the subject should be able to analyse critically the construction of crime narratives, and the implications of their purpose, audience, and genre.

**Assessment:** Written work on a range of topics selected by the coordinator or by the student in conjunction with the coordinator totalling 4000 words for third year, 5000 words for fourth year.

**Prescribed texts:**

Material provided by the Department.

## Fourth year subjects

### 191-505 Criminology Thesis

**Credit points:** 37.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Dr F Haines

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology.

**Contact:** Formal contact hours are to be negotiated with students' individual supervisors. It is expected that students will meet with their supervisors at least fortnightly (*Year long*).

**Description:** Students undertaking the criminology honours thesis should demonstrate a clear understanding of a specific field of study at an advanced level. They should demonstrate clear thinking and an ability to integrate theory and method in a logical manner. The student must be able to work in a concentrated way over an extended period and must present their research in a scholarly fashion.

**Assessment:** A thesis of 12 000 words.

### 191-519 Criminology Thesis (MYE)

**Credit points:** 33.3

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Dr F Haines

**Prerequisites:** Mid-year admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology.

**Contact:** Formal contact hours are to be negotiated with students' individual supervisors. It is expected that students will meet their supervisors at least fortnightly (*Semester 1, repeat 2*).

**Description:** Students undertaking the criminology honours thesis should demonstrate a clear understanding of a specific field of study at an advanced level. They should demonstrate clear thinking and an ability to integrate theory and method in a logical manner. The student must be able to work in a concentrated way over an extended period and must present their research in a scholarly fashion.

**Assessment:** A thesis of 12 000 words.

### 191-034 Criminology Thesis Seminar

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-442. Students who have completed 191-442 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** Dr F Haines

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology.

**Contact:** Three days of intensive delivery in the summer semester and six fortnightly 2-hour seminars (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject is designed to develop research skills for students planning and writing criminological theses. The subject explores contemporary criminological research strategies, differing methodological approaches to criminological research, the relationship between theory and research in criminology, and practical issues concerned with designing appropriate thesis topics and their realisation through research. The subject is taught through a combination of lectures, workshops and seminars.

**Assessment:** Written work totalling 5000 words.

### 191-021 Supervised Field Study

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-423. Students who have completed 191-423 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 25

**HECS-band:** 1

**Coordinator:** To be advised

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology.

**Contact:** The equivalent of 6 hours per week to a maximum of 150 hours with the agency. It is anticipated that a further 20 hours will be required to set up the placement with the agency prior to commencement of the placement. Up to seven hourly seminars will be run throughout the year (*Year long*).

**Description:** This subject is designed to provide students with hands-on research experience in the context of a criminal justice agency. The placement is designed as a 'mock' consultancy, not as work experience. The purpose of the subject is to expose students to the operation of various government and community-based agencies and to provide them with an opportunity to enhance their skills of observation, data collection, cooperation with others, listening, analysis, report writing and developing appropriate professional contacts in the course of research.

**Assessment:** An agency report of 8000 words (practical work may be substituted for part of the written work), and reflection on the fieldwork experience of 1500 words. A 20-minute oral presentation will constitute 5% of the assessment.

## Subjects not offered in 2001

### Third year subjects not offered in 2001

#### 191-009 Criminology Research Seminar

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-311. Students who have completed 191-311 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology.

**Semester:** Not Offered

**Description:** This subject is to be undertaken by those who intend to do Fourth Year Honours in Criminology. It involves an examination of criminological literature as it relates to criminological research. It will involve the formulation and development of a research topic, with an appropriate bibliography, in preparation for the fourth year thesis.

### Third/fourth year subjects not offered in 2001

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#### 191-011 Contemporary Issues in Criminology

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-309/409. Students who have completed 191-309/409 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year level criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.

**Semester:** Not Offered

**Description:** This subject involves an evaluation of contemporary criminological issues conducted in Australia and overseas. Students completing the subject should be able to evaluate recent research in terms of its adequacy of methodology and effectiveness in presentation. Case studies used in this subject vary from year to year.

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#### 191-016 Current Research in Criminology

**Note:** Formerly available as 191-318/418. Students who have completed 191-318/418 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Credit points:** 12.5

**HECS-band:** 1

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma or Fourth Year Honours in Criminology for fourth year.

**Semester:** Not Offered

**Description:** This subject involves an evaluation of very recent criminological research conducted in Australia and overseas. Students completing the subject should be able to evaluate recent research in terms of its adequacy of methodology and effectiveness in presentation. Case studies used in this subject vary from year to year.