

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 multidisciplinary 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;
- completion of a major in criminology;
- 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.2) 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. 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 first week in November. Thesis proposals are due by the end of November. 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.5) or 191-519 Criminology Thesis (MYE) (p.5) (37.5 points); and
- 191-530 Criminology Thesis Seminar (p.5) (12.5 points); and
- two fourth-year subjects in criminology (25 points); and
- *either* 191-532 Supervised Field Study (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 191-532 Supervised Field Study in the first year, and 191-505 Criminology Thesis (p.5), or 191-519 Criminology Thesis (MYE) (p.5), and 191-530 Criminology Thesis Seminar (p.5) in the second.

Combined honours

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

- 191-505 Criminology Thesis (p.5) or 191-519 Criminology Thesis (MYE) (p.5) (37.5 points); and
- 191-530 Criminology Thesis Seminar (p.5)(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* 191-532 Supervised Field Study (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.

Up to 25 points of 500-level criminology subjects can be made available to honours students. Applications are approved on a case-by-case basis by the honours coordinator.

Further study

The Department offers the following courses for graduates:

- Graduate certificate courses:
 - Graduate Certificate in Criminology (Crime and Violence Prevention)
 - Graduate Certificate in Criminology (Enforcement Studies)
 - Graduate Certificate in Criminology (Policy Studies)
- Graduate Diploma in Arts (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

191-101 Perspectives on Crime

Note: Formerly available as 191-001. Students who have completed 191-001 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 1st year

Credit points: 12.5

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Dr S James

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 edn, Oxford University Press.

191-102 Institutions of Criminal Justice

Note: Formerly available as 191-002. Students who have completed 191-002 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 1st year

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 or 191-302 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

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 1*).

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 or 191-303 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. This is a methods subject.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

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 or 191-304 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

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 or 191-306 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

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 2*).

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 or 191-308 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

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 or 191-310 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

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

191-407 Sentencing Theory and Practice

Note: Formerly available as 191-010/307. Students who have completed 191-010 or 191-307 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

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 and a 2-hour exam or a take-home test equivalent to 2000 words. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words.

191-414 Psychology and Criminal Justice

Note: Formerly available as 191-013/314. Students who have completed 191-013 or 191-314 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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 1.5-hour 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 characteris-

tics, 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 and a 2-hour exam or take-home test of 2000 words. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words.

191-415 Youth Crime and Society

Note: Formerly available as 191-014/315. Students who have completed 191-014 or 191-315 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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 1.5-hour 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 (eg. 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. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words.

191-417 Corporate and White Collar Crime

Note: Formerly available as 191-015. Students who have completed 191-015 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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 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 and an exam or other written work totalling 1500 words. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words.

191-419 Violence in Australia

Note: Formerly available as 191-017/319. Students who have completed 191-017 or 191-319 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. Strict enrolment deadlines apply to subjects taught during the Summer Semester. Any enrolment in, or withdrawal from, this subject for the Summer Semester must be made in line with HECS census dates, see page 7.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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: This subject will be taught as a winter intensive program, 26, 30 June, 2, 3, 4 July (*Semester 2*).

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. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words. A final exam may substitute for part of the written work.

191-420 Qualitative Research Methods

Note: Formerly available as 191-018/320. Students who have completed 191-018 or 191-320 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. This is a methods course.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words.

191-421 Contemporary Crime Prevention

Note: Formerly available as 191-019/321. Students who have completed 191-019 or 191-321 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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 and contribution to a fieldwork team report equivalent to 2000 words. 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. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words.

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

191-422 Women, Gender and Crime

Note: Formerly available as 191-020/322. Students who have completed 191-020 or 191-322 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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 gender studies for fourth year.

Contact: This subject will be taught as a winter intensive program 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 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. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words.

191-425 Supervised Reading

Note: Formerly available as 191-023/325. Students who have completed 191-023 or 191-325 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: To be advised

Prerequisites: Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in criminology or written approval from the course co-ordinator.

Contact: A 1-hour tutorial per fortnight and nine hours reading per week (*Semester 1, repeat 2*).

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 of 5000 words.

191-427 Crime Ethnicity and Race

Note: Formerly available as 191-025/327. Students who have completed 191-025 or 191-327 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Ms S James

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 seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject will be run as an Indigenous-focused course. It offers an examination of the relationship between Indigenous communities, western law and the practices and institutions of the criminal justice system. It explores differential theoretical perspectives on the processes of Indigenous criminalisation and victimisation, and examines specific issues such as racism, different policing, access to justice and Indigenous-led solutions to law reform and criminal justice empowerment.

Assessment: Written work totalling 4000 words. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words.

191-428 Crime and Culture

Note: Formerly available as 191-026/328. Students who have completed 191-026 or 191-328 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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 1.5-hour 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; and 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 or an essay of 2000 words and a 2-hour examination. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words.

191-433 Criminal Justice Decision Making

Note: Formerly available as 191-028/333. Students who have completed 191-028 or 191-333 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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 is an examination of theoretical and empirical studies of decision making in criminal justice; the idea of discretion and the con-

trol 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.

191-434 Victims

Note: Formerly available as 191-029/334. Students who have completed 191-029 or 191-334 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 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: A essay of 2000 words and a 2-hour exam equivalent to 2000 words. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words.

191-435 Drugs and Justice

Note: Formerly available as 191-030/335. Students who have completed 191-030 or 191-335 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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 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. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words.

191-436 What Works in Criminal Justice

Note: Formerly available as 191-031/336. Students who have completed 191-031 or 191-336 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. This is a methods course. Strict enrolment deadlines apply to subjects taught during the Summer Semester. Any enrolment in, or withdrawal from, this subject for the Summer Semester must be made in line with HECS census dates, see page 7.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Dr S Ross

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third-year criminology subjects (one of which must be 191-004 Introduction to Research Methods (*p.2*)), 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 3, 4, 12, 13, 14 February (*Summer semester*).

Description: How effective are criminal justice interventions in changing individual behaviour, reducing opportunities for crime, and increasing public safety? How can you tell whether any particular program works? This subject examines the research evidence about the effectiveness and impacts of selected policies, and methodologies of criminal justice program evaluation. Case studies may include home detention, juvenile diversion and conferencing, sex offender treatment, release support programs, the regulation of illicit drugs, and victims' services. In addition, the subject will examine professional

and political issues about the role and application of evaluations in criminal justice. As part of the program students will undertake group work to design an evaluation study.

Assessment: Written work of 4000 words. Fourth-year students will complete an additional assessment equivalent to 1000 words. An examination may be substituted for part of the written work.

191-438 Criminal Fictions

Note: Formerly available as 191-032/338. Students who have completed 191-032 or 191-338 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

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 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.

Fourth-year subjects

191-505 Criminology Thesis

Availability: 4th year

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)

Availability: 4th year

Credit points: 37.5

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 with 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.

191-530 Criminology Thesis Seminar

Note: Formerly available as 191-034/442. Students who have completed 191-034 or 191-442 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 4th year

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, 18, 20, 25 February, and six fortnightly 2-hour seminars (*Summer semester*).

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.

191-423 Supervised Field Study

Availability: 4th year

Credit points: 25

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Dr F Haines

Prerequisites: Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in criminology.

Contact: The equivalent of six 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 the 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 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, cooperation with others, listening, analysis, report writing and developing appropriate professional contacts in the course of the research.

Assessment: An essay of 3000 words and an agency report of 5000 words (practical work may be substituted for part of the written work). A 20-minute oral presentation will constitute 5% of the assessment.

191-424 Supervised Field Study (MYE)

Availability: 4th year

Credit points: 25

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Dr F Haines

Prerequisites: Mid-year admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in criminology.

Contact: As for 191-423 Supervised Field Study (*p.6*) (*Semester 1, repeat 2*).

Description: This subject is a mid-year entry version of 191-423 Supervised Field Study (*p.6*).

Assessment: As for 191-423 Supervised Field Study (*p.6*).

Fourth-year/postgraduate subjects

191-534 Contemporary Issues in Criminology

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Garry Coventry

Prerequisites: Entry to postgraduate courses or fourth-year honours in criminology.

Contact: This subject will be taught on an intensive basis from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. each day: 7, 14, 21, 28 March and 4 April (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject involves a detailed examination of contemporary criminological issues emerging in Australia and overseas. The subject involves analysis of relevant public discourse, the research and scholarly literature, and appropriate theoretical and conceptual foundations. Case studies used in this subject will carry from year to year. The Criminology Department will produce full content descriptions prior to the enrolment period. Students completing this course should understand thoroughly the nature and implications of one or a number of contemporary issues in criminology that are chosen for the subject; demonstrate an advanced knowledge of the relevant public discourses, research literature and theoretical foundations of the issues under study; and be able to recognise and explain the importance and implications of the issues under study in terms of wider criminological and criminal justice discourse.

Assessment: Written work totalling 5000 words.

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available, and/or materials will be supplied by the department.

191-535 Current Research in Criminology

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Nicole Rafter

Prerequisites: Entry to postgraduate courses or fourth-year honours in criminology.

Contact: Intensive delivery, 24 hours minimum (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject involves a detailed examination of very recent criminological research conducted in Australia and overseas. The subject involves analysis of relevant methodological, theoretical and public discourse aspects of the research under study. Case studies used in this subject vary from year to year. The Criminology Department will produce full subject content areas prior to the enrolment period. Upon completion of this subject, students should understand thoroughly the scope of the research issues chosen for the study; demonstrate an advanced knowledge of the research literature in the issues under study; be able to recognise and explain the importance and implications of the issues under study in terms of wider criminological and criminal justice discourse; reflect an understanding of relevant research design, implementation and dissemination.

Assessment: Written work totalling 5000 words.

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available, and/or materials will be supplied by the Department.