

# 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. At honours level 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.

## Time commitment to study

As well as scheduled contact hours for lectures, tutorial and seminars a considerable additional time commitment is needed to complete the academic requirements of each subject.

A subject-specific time commitment to study will be provided by your lecturer or tutor at the beginning of semester to help you schedule your workload and successfully manage your time during the semester. In addition, general estimates of the total time commitment required to study a 12.5-point single semester subjects in the Faculty of Arts can be found on page 1.

## 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.

## Diploma in Arts (Criminology)

The Diploma in Arts (Criminology) is only available to students who are currently enrolled in a degree course at the University of Melbourne. It consists of a three-year sequence of study, and adds one year to the duration of your degree.

Students must complete 25 points of first-year criminology subjects and 75 points of second/third-year criminology subjects. Alternatively, students who have completed appropriate background studies at first year may complete 100 points of second/third-year criminology subjects.

## 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.

Subjects for the major	Sem.
<b>First year subjects</b>	
191-101 Perspectives on Crime and Criminals (p.2)	2
191-102 Cops, Courts, Corrections and Crime (p.2)	1
<b>Second/third year subjects</b>	
191-003 Crime and Public Policy (p.2)	2
191-004 Introduction to Research Methods (p.2)	1
191-005 Criminal Law and Criminology (p.2)	2

Subjects for the major	Sem.
191-006 Policing (p.3)	1
191-007 Correctional Theory and Practice (p.3)	2
191-008 Sociology of Crime and Deviance (p.3)	1
<b>Third/fourth year subjects</b>	
191-407 Sentencing Theory and Practice (p.3)	1
191-414 Psychology and Criminal Justice (p.3)	1
191-415 Youth Crime and Society (p.3)	2
191-417 Corporate and White Collar Crime (p.3)	1
191-419 Violence in Australia (p.4)	Summer
191-420 Qualitative Research Methods (p.4)	1
191-421 Contemporary Crime Prevention (p.4)	1
191-422 Women, Gender and Crime (p.4)	2
191-427 Crime Ethnicity and Race (p.4)	2
191-428 Crime and Culture (p.4)	2
191-434 Victims (p.4)	2
191-435 Drugs and Justice (p.5)	2
191-436 What Works in Criminal Justice (p.5)	Summer
191-438 Criminal Fictions (p.5)	1

## Honours entry

Honours coordinator: Dr Fiona Haines

## 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

For information on how to apply see *Applying for Honours* (p.12). Acceptance into the program is dependent upon completion of an adequate proposal as judged by the Department of Criminology. 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 series program held in semester two.

## Pure honours

Students undertaking pure honours in criminology must complete:

- 191-519 Criminology Thesis (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* 191-424 Supervised Field Study (p.5) (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 191-424 Supervised Field Study (p.5) in the first year, and 191-519 Criminology Thesis (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:

- 191-519 Criminology Thesis (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* 191-424 Supervised Field Study (p.5) (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 and Criminals

**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

**Coordinator:** Dr M Halsey

**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:** An oral presentation 10% (due during the semester), a 2000 word essay 40% (due during the semester) and a 2-hour examination 50% (held at the end of semester).

**Prescribed texts:** R White & F Haines, *Crime and Criminology: An Introduction*, (3rd ed) Oxford University Press 2004.

### 191-102 Cops, Courts, Corrections and Crime

**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

**Coordinator:** Dr D Tyson

**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 50% (due during the semester) and a 2-hour examination 50% (held at the end of semester).

## 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

**Coordinator:** Dr A Sutton

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

**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures, 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 50% (due during the semester) and a 2-hour examination 50% (held at the end of semester). To obtain a final result students must attend at least 7 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

**Coordinator:** Dr J Evans

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

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

**Description:** This subject aims to provide second/third year students with a critical appreciation of different ways of approaching and interpreting research in criminology. The subject also introduces students to associated ethical issues, including in relation to research with indigenous communities, and some specialist approaches to legal and historical research in criminology. It provides students with an overview of qualitative and quantitative research methods to help students critically assess research in criminology and/or choose an appropriate research methodology.

**Assessment:** An essay of 2000 words 50% (due at the end of the semester) and two written tasks totalling 2000 words 50% (due during the semester).

### 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

**Coordinator:** Assoc Prof A Young

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

**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures, 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:** 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 50% (due mid-semester) and a take-home examination of 2000 words of written answers 50% (due at the end of semester).

**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

**Coordinator:** Dr S James

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

**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures, 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:** An essay of 2000 words 50% (due during semester) and a 2-hour examination 50% (due at the end of semester).

### 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

**Coordinator:** Dr M Brown

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

**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures, 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 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 50% (due during the semester), a 1-hour class test of 1000 words 25% (due mid-semester) and a 1000 word take-home test 25% (due on the first day of the examination period).

### 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

**Coordinator:** Dr F Haines

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

**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures, 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 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, violence, terrorism, 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 50% (due mid-semester) and a 2-hour examination 50% (due at the end of semester).

## Third/fourth-year subjects

### 191-407 Sentencing Theory and Practice

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**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.

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour 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 (3000 words for fourth year students) 60% (due mid-semester) and a take-home test of 2000 words 40% (due at the end of semester).

### 191-414 Psychology and Criminal Justice

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**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.

**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 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 (3000 words for fourth year students) 50% (due during semester), a 1-hour class test of 1000 words 25% (due mid-semester) and a 1000 word take-home exam 25% (due on the first day of the examination period).

### 191-415 Youth Crime and Society

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr M Halsey

**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.

**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 30% (due during semester) and an essay of 2500 words 70% (due at the end of semester). Fourth year students will be required to complete an essay of 3500 words for their final assessment 70% (due at the end of semester).

### 191-417 Corporate and White Collar Crime

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr F Haines and 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.

**Contact:** A 2.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

**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:** An essay of 3000 words (4000 words for fourth year students) 75% (due mid-semester) and a take-home exam of 1000 words 25% (due at the end of semester).

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### 191-419 Violence in Australia

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**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.

**Contact:** This subject will be taught as a summer intensive program on 31 January and 4, 7, 10, 11 February (*Summer semester*).

**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 100% (due mid-semester). Fourth year students will complete an essay of 5000 words 100%.

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### 191-420 Qualitative Research Methods

**Note:** This is a methods subject.

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr M Halsey

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

**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 15% each (due during semester) and an essay of 2500 words for 3rd year, 3500 words for 4th year 65% (due at the end of semester).

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### 191-421 Contemporary Crime Prevention

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**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.

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar 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 policy emphasis with students required to identify and critically assess at least one major Australian crime prevention initiative.

**Assessment:** An essay of 2000 words 50% (due during semester) and a second essay of 2000 words 50% (due at the end of semester). Fourth year students will undertake essays of 2500 words both 50%.

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

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### 191-422 Women, Gender and Crime

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr D Tyson

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology, gender studies or sociology.

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*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 100% (due at the end of semester). Fourth year students will complete an essay of 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester).

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### 191-427 Crime Ethnicity and Race

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**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.

**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:** An essay of 2500 words 75% (due during semester). A take-home exam of 1500 words 25% (due at the end of semester). Fourth year students will complete a final take-home exam of 2500 words 25%.

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### 191-428 Crime and Culture

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Assoc Prof A Young

**Prerequisites:** Normally 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year and admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology for fourth year. However, the subject is available to cultural studies, social theory or gender studies students who have not completed 37.5 points of criminology subjects.

**Contact:** A 1.5-hour lecture and a 1-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

**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:** A written essay of 4000 words on a topic set by the coordinator or on the student's selected topic in consultation with the coordinator 100% (due at the end of semester). For students at 4th year and above the essay will be of 5000 words.

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### 191-434 Victims

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr A Sutton and Dr F Haines

**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.

**Contact:** This subject will be taught as a winter intensive program 12, 13, 14, 18, 19 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 3000 words 80% (due mid-semester) and a 2-hour in class test of 1000 words 20%. Fourth year students will complete an essay of 4000 words 80% (due mid-semester) and an in class test of 1000 words 20%.

### 191-435 Drugs and Justice

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr 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.

**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 4000 words for 3rd year students 100% (due at the end of semester). An essay of 5000 words for 4th year students 100% (due at the end of semester).

### 191-436 What Works in Criminal Justice

**Note:** This is a methods 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.

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**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.

**Contact:** This subject will be taught as a summer intensive program on 27, 28 January and 1, 2, 3 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 3000 words 80% (due mid May) on a topic set by the coordinator or the student's selected topic in consultation with the coordinator and a class group presentation 20% (due mid semester) on a topic set by the coordinator. Fourth year students will complete additional written work of 1000 words 80% (due mid May).

### 191-438 Criminal Fictions

**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr D Tyson

**Prerequisites:** 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology. However, the subject is available to cultural studies students who have not done 37.5 point of criminology subjects.

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

**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 of 4000 words on a topic set by the coordinator or on the student's selected topic in consultation with the coordinator 100% (due at the end of semester). For students at 4th year and above the essay will be of 5000 words.

## Fourth-year subjects

### 191-519 Criminology Thesis

**Availability:** 4th year

**Credit points:** 37.5

**Coordinator:** Dr A Sutton

**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 over two consecutive semesters of enrolment (*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 100% (due at the end of the second semester of enrolment).

### 191-530 Criminology Thesis Seminar

**Availability:** 4th year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr J Evans

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology or socio-legal studies.

**Contact:** Three days of intensive delivery 18, 21 and 25 February and six fortnightly 2-hour seminars during Semester 1 (*Semester 1, repeat Summer*).

**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:** Two essays of 2500 words 50% each (due mid-semester and at the end of semester respectively).

### 191-424 Supervised Field Study

**Availability:** 4th year

**Credit points:** 25

**Coordinator:** Dr J Evans

**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 over two consecutive semesters (*Semester 1, repeat 2*).

**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 25% (due at the end of the first semester of enrolment) and an agency report of 5000 words 70% (due at the end of the second semester of enrolment). Practical work may be substituted for part of the written work. A 20-minute oral presentation will constitute 5% of the assessment (due during the second semester of enrolment).

## Fourth-year/postgraduate subjects

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### 191-520 Compliance, Regulation & Crime

**Availability:** 4th year and postgraduate

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr F Haines

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology or socio-legal studies.

**Contact:** This subject will be taught as a winter intensive program on 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 July (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This course examines the reasons behind state control of both individual and organisational behaviour. It reviews the ways in which organisations and individuals fail in their responsibilities to society and analyses whether control is best applied at the individual or organisational level. Various regulatory techniques (including the criminal law) are examined to ascertain their effectiveness in control of undesirable conduct.

**Assessment:** An essay of 1500 words 25% (due in week 2) and an essay of 3500 words 75% (due mid-semester).

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### 191-531 Penal Policy and Practice

**Availability:** 4th year and postgraduate

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr M Brown

**Prerequisites:** Admission to fourth year honours or postgraduate studies in criminology. Completion of 191-007 Correctional Theory and Practice (*p.3*) or equivalent or relevant practical experience.

**Contact:** A 2-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** The subject will examine the history and philosophy of imprisonment and contemporary debates in penal policy and practice. Through a combination of theoretical and practical case studies students will be introduced to and will examine four topical areas: the prison in history; penal doctrines; offender management; and the prison in contemporary society. The subject engages with arguments and debates over the nature and purposes of imprisonment, raises questions about the continuity of penal practices through time, examines current thinking - including the notion of 'best practice' benchmarks - about prison administration and offender management, and places contemporary developments in the penal sphere within a wider framework of transformations in modes of social control. By the end of the subject students should have a greater appreciation of how contemporary policy and practice reflects both new and recurrent themes in social and bureaucratic responses to the criminal offender.

**Assessment:** An essay of 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester).

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### 191-534 Contemporary Issues in Criminology

**Availability:** 4th year and postgraduate

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** to be advised

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

**Contact:** A 2-hour seminar per week (*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:** An essay of 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester).

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

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### 191-535 Current Research in Criminology

**Availability:** Postgraduate

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr J Evans

**Prerequisites:** Entry to postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

**Contact:** A 2-hour seminar per week (*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:** An essay of 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester).

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