

Criminology

The criminology program at the University of Melbourne was established in 1951 as the first criminology program in Australia. The program is a leader in the field, and attracts extensive research grants and contracts. Recent projects include an Australia-wide assessment of drug law enforcement strategies: a national review of closed circuit television systems; research into ways judges respond to the challenge of sentencing; management programs on graffiti art; comparative research into crime and violence; a study into progressions from juvenile to adult custody; research into indigenous Australians and the criminal justice system; and a study of the ways sensitive locations such as airports, sea ports and petro-chemical refineries deal with the risk of terrorist attack and other disasters.

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 the completion of 25 points of criminology at first year.

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

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

In exceptional circumstances, exemption from these prerequisites may be granted by the Head of School. Exemptions may also be granted where criminology subjects are taken as part of an approved interdisciplinary 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 an undergraduate 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 eight 12.5-point subjects, totalling 100 points. It comprises:

- two first-year subjects in criminology (25 points); and
- three second-year subjects in criminology (37.5 points); and
- three third-year subjects (37.5 points).

Subjects for the major

First year subjects

191-101	From Graffiti to Terrorism (p.2)	1
191-102	Social Control: Global & Local Approach (p.2)	2

Second/third year subjects

191-003	Crime Policy: A Sociological Approach (p.2)	1
191-004	Introduction to Research Methods (p.2)	1
191-005	Critical Criminal Law (p.3)	2
191-006	Policing (p.3)	2
191-007	Correctional Theory and Practice (p.3)	2
191-008	Sociology of Crime and Deviance (p.3)	N/A
191-012	Sentencing: Law, Judges, Community (p.3)	1

Third/fourth year subjects

191-408	A Clinical Introduction to Criminology (p.4)	N/A
191-409	Introduction to Forensic Disability (p.4)	N/A
191-410	Forensic Disability: Specialised Topics (p.4)	N/A
191-414	Psychology and Criminal Justice (p.4)	2
191-415	Youth, Crime and Society (p.4)	2
191-417	Corporate and White Collar Crime (p.4)	1
191-419	Violence in Australia (p.4)	N/A
191-420	Qualitative Research Methods (p.4)	1
191-421	Contemporary Crime Prevention (p.5)	2
191-422	Women, Gender and Crime (p.5)	1
191-427	Crime, Ethnicity and Race (p.5)	2
191-428	Crime and Culture (p.5)	2
191-434	Victims (p.5)	1
191-435	Drugs and Justice (p.5)	N/A
191-436	What Works in Criminal Justice (p.6)	1
191-438	Criminal Fictions (p.6)	2

Honours entry

Honours coordinator: Dr Julie Evans

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 School (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.13). Acceptance into the program is dependent upon completion of an adequate proposal as judged by the School of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology.

Honours requirements

Honours students undertaking a thesis in criminology are encouraged to attend the program'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.6) (37.5 points); and
- 191-530 Criminology Thesis Seminar (p.6) (12.5 points); and
- two fourth-year subjects in criminology (25 points); and
- *either* 191-424 Criminology Internship (p.6) (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 Criminology Internship (p.6) in the first year, and 191-519 Criminology Thesis (p.6), and 191-530 Criminology Thesis Seminar (p.6) in the second.

Combined honours

Students undertaking combined honours in criminology and another program must complete:

- 191-519 Criminology Thesis (*p.6*) (37.5 points); and
- 191-530 Criminology Thesis Seminar (*p.6*) (12.5 points); and
- one fourth-year subject in criminology (12.5 points); and
- three fourth-year subjects in the combining discipline (totalling 37.5 points).

or

- honours thesis in the combining discipline (37.5 points); and
- two fourth-year subjects in the combining discipline (totalling 25 points); and
- a fourth-year subject in criminology (12.5 points); and
- either 191-424 Criminology Internship (*p.6*) (25 points) or two further 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.

500-level criminology subjects

	Sem.
191-502 Crime and Justice in South East Asia (<i>p.6</i>)	1
191-520 Compliance, Regulation & Crime (<i>p.7</i>)	2
191-531 Penal Policy and Practice (<i>p.7</i>)	2
191-534 Contemporary Issues in Criminology (<i>p.7</i>)	2
191-535 Current Research in Criminology (<i>p.7</i>)	N/A
191-537 Genocide, State Crime and the Law (<i>p.3</i>)	1
191-538 Law, Race and Indigenous Peoples (<i>p.7</i>)	2

Further study

The School offers the following courses for graduates:

- Graduate Certificate in Criminology
- Graduate Certificate in Criminology (Forensic Disability)
- 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 From Graffiti to Terrorism

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

Description: This subject explores the motivations underpinning particular types of criminal behaviour. It begins with an overview of various definitions and ways of measuring crime and then looks at the causes of specific offences ranging through graffiti, to animal cruelty, to armed robbery, to illicit drug use, to terrorism. Wherever possible, the words and rationales of offenders are used to give a more grounded insight into the reasons for criminal behaviour. Overall, the course has been designed to facilitate: discussion of criminal events which feature prominently in the public mind and/or the popular media; discussion of the relationship between the perceived causes of crime and responses to criminal offending by police, courts and corrections; and discussion of the implicit models of personhood, choice, gender, economic position, geographic location, peer group dynamics and other variables underpinning particular theories of criminal behaviour and formal and informal mechanisms for controlling such behaviour.

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: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

191-102 Social Control: Global & Local Approach

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 M Kempa & Assoc Prof 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 a broad survey and introduction to the major institutions of the criminal justice system, and examines the roles, objectives and methods of criminal justice institutions such as the police, the courts, prisons, corrections, community crime prevention and victim services. Students completing the subject should have developed an understanding of the key players and operation of state agencies in responding to (and creating) offensive behaviour, and have developed a capacity to describe and analyse the strengths and weaknesses of existing forms and methods of crime control in Australia.

Assessment: An essay of 2000 words 50% (due during the semester) and a 2-hour examination 50% (held at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

Second/third-year subjects

191-003 Crime Policy: A Sociological Approach

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: AssocProf A Sutton & AssocProf 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: Many criminology graduates find themselves researching, developing and applying crime policy in government, political and other contexts. This course helps prepare students for such work. As well as providing an overview of factors shaping policy in Australia and other countries, it reviews challenges associated with making criminological theory relevant in practical contexts. Emphasis is on exploring contemporary reform issues such as control of the sex industry, drug law reform, initiatives for victims of crime, public drunkenness and other 'victimless' offences, white-collar crime and crime prevention. The course also draws on sociological theory to help understand obstacles to reform. Specific theorists used include Marx, Weber, Durkheim, Habermas and feminist schools.

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.

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

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 & Dr A Lovegrove

Prerequisites: Usually 25 points of first year criminology.

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

Description: This subject aims to provide second/third year students with a critical appreciation of different ways of approaching and evaluating research in criminology. It emphasises the importance of understanding the research design process as a whole, while introducing students to a range of qualitative, quantitative and mixed research methods to help them critically assess and undertake basic research in criminology. The subject also canvasses associated ethical issues, including in relation to Indigenous communities, and requires students to undertake a number of theoretical and practical exercises in research methods and design.

Assessment: Two written tasks totalling 2000 words (50%) due during semester and a research design assignment of 2000 words (50%) due at the end of semester.

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

191-005 Critical Criminal Law

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: Prof A Young

Prerequisites: Usually 25 points of first year criminology.

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

Description: Criminal law has a central importance in criminology, since it is the criminal law which determines the legality or illegality of behaviours. This subject studies criminal law as it governs court processes and selected offences within Victoria. The first section of the course covers the institutions and practices of criminal law, with particular emphasis on courts and criminal responsibility. The second section focuses on substantive offences in criminal law: sexual assault and sexual offences; non-fatal violent offences; the law relating to homicide; and criminal defences. Issues of gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation are raised. Students completing the subject should be able to understand the structure of criminal law, appreciate the 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: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

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: Assoc Prof 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 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: An essay of 2000 words 50% (due during semester) and a 2-hour examination 50% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

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 then specifically at prisons and the rapidly expanding area of community-based corrections. We then look at some 'hidden' groups in the punishment process - victims and women - before moving on to examine the work of major writers who have provided a theoretical critique of punishment and the role it plays in our society. By the end of the subject students should have a good understanding of the correctional system and be familiar with the work of important theorists like Foucault, Cohen and Hannah-Moffat.

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).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

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

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

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject explores the potential of classical and contemporary sociological theory to explain crime and deviance. Theories ranging from Marxism and structural functionalism to symbolic interactionism, Bourdieu's ideas of field and habitus and Weberian concepts of social stratification and rationalisation are explained and then used to help understand both contemporary and historical social problems. Topics such as suicide, sexual assault and sport, the witchcraze of the 17th and 18th Centuries, terrorism, religious cults and racism are covered to show how sociological theory can be used both to explain how society defines deviance, as well as why people commit crime and cause harm. Students completing the subject will have a grounding in a range of sociological theories that will enable them to understand and critically assess problems of crime and deviance.

191-012 Sentencing: Law, Judges, Community

Note: Formerly available as 191-407. Students who have completed 191-407 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr A Lovegrove

Prerequisites: Usually 25 points of first-year criminology.

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

Description: This subject is about the punishment of offenders. It examines how judges decide what sentences should be imposed on offenders. This is partly determined by sentencing law and partly by the judges' own sense of justice; public opinion also plays a role. This course discusses what sentences ought to be imposed in the interests of justice. What is considered right will depend on what it is hoped to be achieved by imposing the sanctions, such as deterrence as against rehabilitation; also relevant is what makes a case more or less serious. There are also the perennial sentencing problems - inadequate law, disparity between judges, and a community poorly informed about sentencing. And certain groups are said to pose special problems: indigenous offenders, drug offenders, female offenders, for example. Finally this subject examines research in sentencing particularly in relation to public opinion, deterrence and rehabilitation. As a result of this course, students should understand the main elements of the sentencing process, be able to identify problematic aspects of sentencing, and have a foundation for proposing solutions for these problems.

Assessment: An essay of 2000 words 50% (due mid-semester) and a take-home test of 2000 words 50% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

Third-year subjects

191-408 A Clinical Introduction to Criminology

Note: Enrolment is subject to approval by the coordinator.

Availability: 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Criminology (Forensic Disability) or permission of the subject coordinator.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject aims to provide a clinically-oriented introduction to criminology which is specifically targeted towards the needs of health professionals, including psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, nurses, and medical practitioners. The subject provides an introduction to criminological theories of criminal behaviour, as well as the practices of law and major institutions of criminal justice which operate in Australia. In contrast to other introductory criminology subjects, this unit will focus upon the role of the health professional within the criminal justice system, the major institutions of criminal justice, as well as an overview of legal theories and concepts and an introduction to the practices of law that exist in Australia. The subject also aims to provide students with a general understanding of individuals who engage in criminal behaviour, the situations and contexts within which crime occurs and explanations for the causes and consequences of criminal behaviour.

191-409 Introduction to Forensic Disability

Note: Enrolment is subject to approval by the coordinator.

Availability: 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: 191-408 A Clinical Introduction to Criminology (p.4)

Semester: Not Offered

Description: The aim of this subject is to provide an introduction to the area of Forensic Disability. Specific topics covered will include (i) the proposed link between disability and criminal behaviour, (ii) an overview of patterns and rates of offending by individuals with a disability, (iii) an introduction to relevant legislation, (iv) information regarding sentencing pathways and available services (v) capacity and consent issues, and (vi) ethical and philosophical concerns of relevance to the forensic disability client population.

191-410 Forensic Disability: Specialised Topics

Note: Enrolment is subject to approval by the coordinator.

Availability: 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: 191-408 A Clinical Introduction to Criminology (p.4)

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject will consider specialised topics within the forensic disability field including young and aged offenders, female offenders, and the link between disability and victimisation. These topics will make specific reference to the involvement of these groups in the criminal justice system and explanations for this; the types of crimes relevant to these groups; and principles of assessment, management and rehabilitation. In addition, this subject will consider important professional issues which are relevant to workers within forensic disability service systems, including service models; intra- and inter-agency consultation; working effectively in multi-disciplinary teams; and staff supervision and support.

Third/fourth-year subjects

191-414 Psychology and Criminal Justice

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr A Lovegrove

Prerequisites: Usually 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year, or 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 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. These range from examinations of how offenders' individual characteristics, such as intelligence, are associated with criminal behaviour through to integrated psychological theories of offending. The second part of the subject turns attention to psychology's relationship with justice and law, including examinations of police interrogation, recovered memories of child sexual abuse and multiple personality disorder. By the end of the subject students should be familiar with the psychological perspective on human behaviour

and be able to critically evaluate the contribution of psychological theory to understanding criminological and legal 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).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

191-415 Youth, Crime and Society

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr A Quadara

Prerequisites: Usually 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year, or 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 youth 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).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

191-417 Corporate and White Collar Crime

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: AssocProf F Haines & AssocProf A Sutton

Prerequisites: Usually 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year, or 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 analyses the crimes and harms of the powerful. It explores the types of harm: financial, physical and environmental that are perpetrated both by corporations and individual white-collar offenders. Various case studies of corporate and white-collar crime such as complex financial fraud, industrial disasters, professional misconduct and taxation are used to demonstrate the challenges associated with deciding whether harmful business behaviour should be defined as white-collar crime and the difficulties inherent in using criminal law to curb such activities. Students will explore a range of criminological theories that can help explain the crimes of the powerful as well as the techniques employed by the state in regulating white-collar and 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).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

191-419 Violence in Australia

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

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

Semester: Not Offered

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.

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:** Usually 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year, or 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 advanced overview of 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:** A 1200 word essay for third year, 1500 words for fourth year and postgraduates, 30% (due during the semester) and a 2800 word essay for third year, 3500 for fourth year and postgraduates, 70% (due at the end of semester).**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop**191-421 Contemporary Crime Prevention****Availability:** 3rd and 4th year**Credit points: 12.5****Coordinator:** Assoc Prof A Sutton**Prerequisites:** Usually 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year or 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:** Crime prevention is a growth area in applied criminology, and many graduates find themselves working in this field. This subject provides a basic understanding of relevant theory and practice. Current national and international developments are summarized and analyzed, and approaches to crime prevention are critically assessed. Specific topics include social prevention, environmental prevention, crime prevention through environmental design and the police and the business sectors' roles in crime prevention. Evaluation of prevention programs and strategies also is discussed. In line with the subject's policy emphasis, part of the assessment involves summarizing and assessing a major Australian crime prevention initiative.**Assessment:** Third year: an essay of 2500 words 75% (due during semester) and a take home examination of 1500 words 25% (due at the end of semester). Fourth year: an essay of 2500 words 50% (due during semester) and a take home examination of 2500 words 50% (due at the end of semester).**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the University BookshopP O'Malley & A Sutton, *Crime Prevention in Australia: Issues in Policy and Research*, The Federation Press 1997.**191-422 Women, Gender and Crime****Availability:** 3rd and 4th year**Credit points: 12.5****Coordinator:** Dr D Tyson**Prerequisites:** Usually 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year, or admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology, gender studies or sociology.**Contact:** A 1.5-hour lecture and a 1-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).**Description:** This subject is an analysis of the criminalisation and victimisation of women through the study of contemporary debates in feminist criminology. The subject begins by considering feminist interventions in criminology, and the contributions made by studies in masculinity and violence, and critical race feminism. These issues will be examined by way of a series of case studies. Topics will include young women as offenders; women and imprisonment; sexual and domestic violence and the criminal justice system; when women are violent; and international feminist perspectives on violence against women. 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 for an understanding of crime, 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).**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop**191-427 Crime, Ethnicity and Race****Availability:** 3rd and 4th year**Credit points: 12.5****Coordinator:** Ms S James**Prerequisites:** Usually 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year or 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:** Third year: an essay of 2500 words 75% (due during semester), and a take-home exam of 1500 words 25% (due at the end of semester). Fourth year: an essay of 2500 words 50% (due during the semester) and a take home examination of 2500 words 50% (due at the end of semester).**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop**191-428 Crime and Culture****Note:** The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.**Availability:** 3rd and 4th year**Credit points: 12.5****Coordinator:** Prof A Young**Prerequisites:** Usually 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:** This subject will be taught as an intensive program between the 2nd and 11th of July (*Semester 2*).**Description:** Cinema and television have become immensely popular and influential cultural forms. This subject investigates the relationship between crime and culture by focusing on representations of crime and justice in film and television. The subject considers these representations in the context of recent debates about the cultural construction of crime in criminology, socio-legal studies, cultural studies and film theory. It will develop the skills necessary for analyzing images of crime and justice in film and television and will also examine a number of case studies (including television crime drama; trial movies; the cultural fascination with the serial killer; youth culture, hip hop and graffiti; and the cinematic depiction of violence and gender).**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.**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop**191-434 Victims****Availability:** 3rd and 4th year**Credit points: 12.5****Coordinator:** AssocProf A Sutton & AssocProf F Haines**Prerequisites:** Usually 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year, or 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 1*).**Description:** This course describes and assesses ways governments and societies respond to victims of crime and other adversities. A broadly sociological framework is used to analyze the history of victim movements and the discipline of victimology. Definitions of victimization are reviewed, and the course debates whether victimology should focus purely on victims of crime or should also include victims of abuse of power. Research on patterns of crime victimization and on victims' needs is summarized and explored. Case-studies of crime victimization and of abuses of power are used both to highlight the plight of victims and to explore support strategies.**Assessment:** An 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%.**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the University BookshopB. Spalek, *Crime Victims: Theory, Policy and Practice*, Palgrave 2006.**191-435 Drugs and Justice****Availability:** 3rd and 4th year**Credit points: 12.5**

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

Semester: Not Offered

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.

191-436 What Works in Criminal Justice

Note: This is a methods subject. The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr S Ross

Prerequisites: Usually 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, or admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Contact: This subject will be taught as an intensive program on 12, 13, 20, 21, 22 February (*Semester 1*).

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).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

191-438 Criminal Fictions

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr D Tyson

Prerequisites: Usually 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year, or admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology. However, the subject is available to cultural 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: Crime stories fascinate everyone. This subject studies a wide range and type of crime stories, including those in newspapers, legal cases, detective stories, and literature. The subject involves theories and methods for analyzing stories told about crime by victims, offenders, criminal justice agents, criminologists, and members of the general 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; and to study the legitimization 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; and criminological studies. Students who complete the subject should be able to analyse critically the construction of crime narratives, and their purpose, audience, and genre.

Assessment: A 1500 word critical analysis of one of the theory and method topics covered on the course, together with relevant reading, 30% (due early in the semester), and a critical analysis of a relevant case study or example on a topic set by the coordinator or in consultation with the coordinator, 2500 words for third year students and 3500 words for fourth year students 70% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

Fourth-year subjects

191-519 Criminology Thesis

Availability: 4th year

Credit points: 37.5

Coordinator: Dr J Evans

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. Students must be able to work in a concentrated way over an extended period of two semesters 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 fourth year honours, masters or postgraduate diploma in criminology.

Contact: Three days of intensive delivery on 16, 19 and 23 February and six fortnightly 2-hour seminars during Semester One (*Semester 1*).

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

Assessment: Two essays of 2500 words 50% each (due early in the semester and in the second part of semester respectively).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

191-424 Criminology Internship

Availability: 4th year

Credit points: 25

Coordinator: Dr J Evans

Prerequisites: Admission to the fourth year honours in criminology.

Contact: The equivalent of 150 - 170 hours will be spent establishing and conducting the research project. In addition, up to eight two-hour seminars will be run throughout the year (*Semester 1, repeat 2*).

Description: The Criminology Internship is designed to provide students with hands-on research experience in a criminal justice agency. The Internship is not work experience, but rather a 'supervised student research consultancy', which is moderated by both the agency and the School of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology. The purpose of the subject is twofold. First, to expose students to the operation of a government or community-based agency, where, in the course of an agreed research project, students have the opportunity to enhance their skills of data collection, analysis, report writing, observation, listening, and cooperation, as well as to develop appropriate professional contacts. Second, to facilitate an understanding of the relationship between criminological theory and the practical operation of a criminal justice agency.

Assessment: An essay of 3000 words 25% (due near the end of the first semester of enrolment) and an agency report of 5000 words 70% (due near the end of the second semester of enrolment). Practical work may be substituted for part of the written work. A 15-minute oral presentation will constitute 5% of the assessment (due during the second semester of enrolment).

Fourth-year/postgraduate subjects

191-502 Crime and Justice in South East Asia

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Ms P Kelly

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

Description: This subject investigates current issues of justice and crime in South-East Asia. Through reading and evaluating professional research and public information from the media, students will examine the cultural, historical and religious roots of the complex issues of justice, crime and development. In light of these issues, it explores the relationship between the nation states of South-East Asia and Australia. The subject leads students to investigate in depth one or more issues of crime and justice in one or a group of countries of South-East Asia. Overriding themes are culture and religion, ethics, poverty, political and legal systems and law enforcement, gender, globalisation, human rights and international conventions. Specific topics presented include human mobility (migration - resident and guest labour, smuggling and trafficking in humans), corruption, conflict, terrorism, illicit drug trade, compliance with international conventions, health, education, counterfeit production and distribution, development aid including the category of "institutional strengthening". The lectures/seminars involve analysis of the context of the issues and the regional and local discourse, legal responses and their theoretical and conceptual foundations.

Assessment: A 5000 word essay due at the end of semester (100%)

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop.

191-520 Compliance, Regulation & Crime

Note: The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: AssocProf F Haines & AssocProf A Sutton

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

Contact: This subject will be taught as an intensive program from 25 to 29 June (*Semester 2*).

Description: There is increasing public and political demand that harms and risks to people, the environment, financial systems, and the like, be reduced, if not eliminated altogether. Tighter regulation, including in some cases use of the criminal law, is often seen as the means to reduce these harms. This subject critically analyses the capacity of regulation to reduce harm. It reviews the political context of regulation, the wide variety of regulatory regimes and techniques currently used and the problems faced by regulators. The subject brings together practitioners and students to critically assess the capacity of regulation to reduce risk. The subject uses a wide variety of case examples to encourage discussion and debate about when to regulate and how to do so effectively. Students completing the subject should be able to critically analyse regulation and the regulatory impulse, understand a range of regulatory techniques and their relevance to a wide range of contemporary social harms.

Assessment: An essay of 1500 words (due two weeks after the end of teaching) 25% and an essay of 3500 words 75% (due mid-September).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop. Case studies for discussion will be provided by the School.

191-531 Penal Policy and Practice

Note: This subject is offered as a winter intensive subject.

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr M Brown

Prerequisites: Entry into 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: This subject will be taught as an intensive program from 9 to 13 July (*Semester 2*).

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).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

191-534 Contemporary Issues in Criminology

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: To be advised

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

Contact: A two-hour seminar each week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject involves a detailed examination of contemporary criminological issues emerging in Australia and overseas. The subject involves analysis of relevant public discourse, research and scholarly literature, and appropriate theoretical and conceptual foundations. Case studies used in this subject will carry from year to year. Criminology program staff 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; 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 end of semester

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookstore

191-537 Genocide, State Crime and the Law

See full subject details on page 3.

191-535 Current Research in Criminology

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

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

Semester: Not Offered

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. Criminology program staff 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.

191-538 Law, Race and Indigenous Peoples

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr J Evans

Contact: A two-hour seminar each week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject examines the historical underpinnings of the contemporary over-representation of Indigenous peoples in the criminal justice systems of settler states (including Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States of America). It introduces students to the history of Law's relation to Indigenous peoples and its responsiveness to colonialism from the fifteenth century. In particular, the subject explores connections between European notions of sovereignty, the idea of race and the historical experiences of Indigenous peoples, including the legal and criminological frameworks of dispossession and nation-building. This subject enables students to develop a critical appreciation of the historical, social, cultural, ethical and economic contexts of Law's relation to Indigenous peoples and to bring this knowledge to bear on current concerns, particularly in the Australian context.

Assessment: An essay of 3000 words due at the end of semester (70%). A 2000 word journal of critical annotations of set readings due at the end of semester (30%).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

191-540 Advanced Forensic Disability Practice

Note: The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.

Availability: postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: F Lambrick

Prerequisites: 191-512 Introduction to Forensic Disability.

Contact: This subject will be taught as an intensive program on 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 September (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject examines the theoretical and practical mechanisms underlying the assessment and treatment of disabled offender populations. As such it will provide students with an understanding of, and experience in, the major skills and techniques used in the assessment of forensic disability clients. In addition students will be provided with clinically-oriented training in methods of management and rehabilitation, including the theoretical rationale underpinning these as well as techniques and outcomes of their practical application. Specific attention will be given to notable offender groups within the forensic disability field including sexual offenders, non-sexual violent offenders, arson and property offenders, and disabled offenders with substance abuse issues.

Assessment: A 2000-word oral assessment 40% (to be completed during the semester) and a 3000-word written assignment 60% (due at the end of the semester).

Prescribed texts: Lindsay, W.R., Taylor, J.L. & Sturmey, P., *Offenders with Developmental Disabilities*, (2004) Chichester, UK: Wiley and Sons.