

# CRIMINOLOGY

at UNSW



Challenge yourself to tackle the real world problems of crime and social harm...

- Bachelor of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Criminology & Criminal Justice / Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Arts (Major or Minor in Criminology)
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Criminology is an area of study devoted to investigating crime, social harm, social control and the criminal justice system. You are able to study Criminology through a range of different degree programs at UNSW, allowing you to focus your approach to best suit your interests and career aspirations.

## A REAL WORLD FOCUS

As a Criminology student you will gain an informed understanding of crime and justice issues in contemporary society including victimisation, juvenile justice, drug-related harm, community safety, indigenous justice and organised crime.

## DRIVE SOCIAL CHANGE

You will be challenged to understand how research and policy can be applied to develop a greater understanding of criminological issues and also how they can assist in bringing about social change to benefit communities.

## INNOVATIVE AND INTEGRATED LEARNING

You will use a variety of methods and insights from the disciplines of law, philosophy, psychology and sociology to evaluate key issues. Your lectures and tutorials will feature problem based scenarios, field visits and guest lecturers who provide unique insights from both a victim and perpetrator perspective.



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## Undergraduate Program 2012



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### OPTIONS

Criminology can be studied in the following degree programs:

#### Bachelor of Criminology & Criminal Justice

The Bachelor of Criminology & Criminal Justice is a 3-year degree with a core program and electives in both Social Science and Criminology. The program will build your skills in applied social research and policy analysis, combined with a specialised study of crime and the justice system.

#### Bachelor of Arts (Major or Minor in Criminology)

The Bachelor of Arts is a flexible 3-year degree which allows you to combine two areas of study from thirty five majors and minors. Students choosing Criminology as one of their areas of study will undertake core courses and electives from this program.

#### Bachelor of Psychological Science (Major in Criminology)

The Bachelor of Psychological Science is a 3- or 4-year program, offered by the Faculty of Science, leading to an accredited degree in Psychology as well as providing the option of taking a complementary major in a number of related areas such as Criminology.

#### Concurrent Programs

Bachelor of Law students who are interested in practising criminal law find combining their degree with either of the Bachelor of Criminology & Criminal Justice or Bachelor of Arts (Major in Criminology) greatly enhances their understanding of crime and the justice system.

### OPPORTUNITIES

#### Crime and Justice Research Network

You are able to get actively involved in the Crime and Justice Research Network – a new interdisciplinary initiative that brings together academics, researchers and students across UNSW with an interest in crime and justice.

#### From Theory to Practice

Students in both the Bachelor of Criminology & Criminal Justice and the Bachelor of Arts (Major in Criminology) undertake a capstone course in final year which will bring together the knowledge gathered in earlier parts of the degree to tackle a 'real world' criminological issue. In the Bachelor of Criminology & Criminal Justice students plan, conduct and manage an applied research project, develop skills in teamwork, and gain skills in interpreting and communicating research findings. In the Bachelor of Arts (Major in Criminology), students engage with experienced researchers in the field and develop conceptual skills to apply social research techniques to crime and criminal justice problems.

#### Internships

As a student in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences you have the option to enrol in a degree credit internship course during second or third year. The program provides an exciting opportunity to put theory into practice and gain valuable professional experience.

#### International Exchange

As one of Australia's most international universities UNSW offers you the opportunity to spend a session or two overseas studying at one of our partner institutions as part of your degree. UNSW manages a large and active exchange program with over 180 different student exchange opportunities in 32 countries.

## WHAT COURSES WOULD YOU STUDY?

### CRIMINOLOGY COURSES

#### Core Courses

- Introduction to Criminology
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Criminal Law & Justice 1
- Criminal Law & Justice 2
- Explaining Crime
- Criminology Capstone

#### Sample Electives

- Sex, Human Rights & Justice
- Forensic Sociology
- Issues in Policing
- Crime, Power and Human Rights
- Restorative Justice

- Issues in Criminal Justice
- Diversity, Crime & Justice
- Media, Crime, Criminal Justice
- Penology
- Youth Justice
- History from Crime
- Crime & Punishment
- Crime, Human Mind & Behaviour
- Critical Crime & Human Rights
- Globalisation, Crime & Justice
- Pathways to Justice
- Crime Prevention Policy
- Arts Internship
- Psychology & Law

### BACHELOR OF CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

*In addition to Criminology courses, students in this program will complete Social Science and Policy Courses including:*

- Social Science & Policy
- Research & Information Management
- Applied Social Research 1
- Policy Analysis Case Studies
- Social Theory & Policy
- Applied Social Research 2
- Social Science & Policy Project

Free Electives and General Education courses are also taken as part of this program.

### BACHELOR OF ARTS (MAJOR IN CRIMINOLOGY)

*In addition to Criminology courses, students in this program will be required to complete a Second Area of Study as a Major or a Minor*

- Your choice from over 35 disciplines
- A Criminology major is complemented by areas such as Aboriginal studies, politics, sociology, history, psychology, philosophy, or women's and gender studies.

Free Electives and General Education courses are also taken as part of this program.

*Criminology can also be studied as a major in the [Bachelor of Psychological Science](#). Please contact the Faculty of Science for further information regarding this degree option.*



## CAREERS AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Our graduates work as criminologists in the private, public and NGO sectors, in organisations such as:

- Attorney-General's Department
- National Drug, Alcohol and Research Centre
- Social Policy Research Centre
- State and Federal Policy
- ASIO
- Australian Bureau of Criminology
- The courts, prisons, and many more...

Our graduates are prepared for careers such as: policy analysts and advisors, research officers, project managers and research designers.

### UNSW Code:

Bachelor of Criminology & Criminal Justice - 3422

Bachelor of Arts - 3403

### UAC Code:

Bachelor of Criminology & Criminal Justice - 422010

Bachelor of Arts - 422000

### Program Duration:

Bachelor of Criminology & Criminal Justice - 3yrsFT

Bachelor of Arts - 3yrsFT

### How to Apply:

Domestic students apply online -

Universities Admissions Centre [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

Fees: <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/fees/FeesMainPage.html>

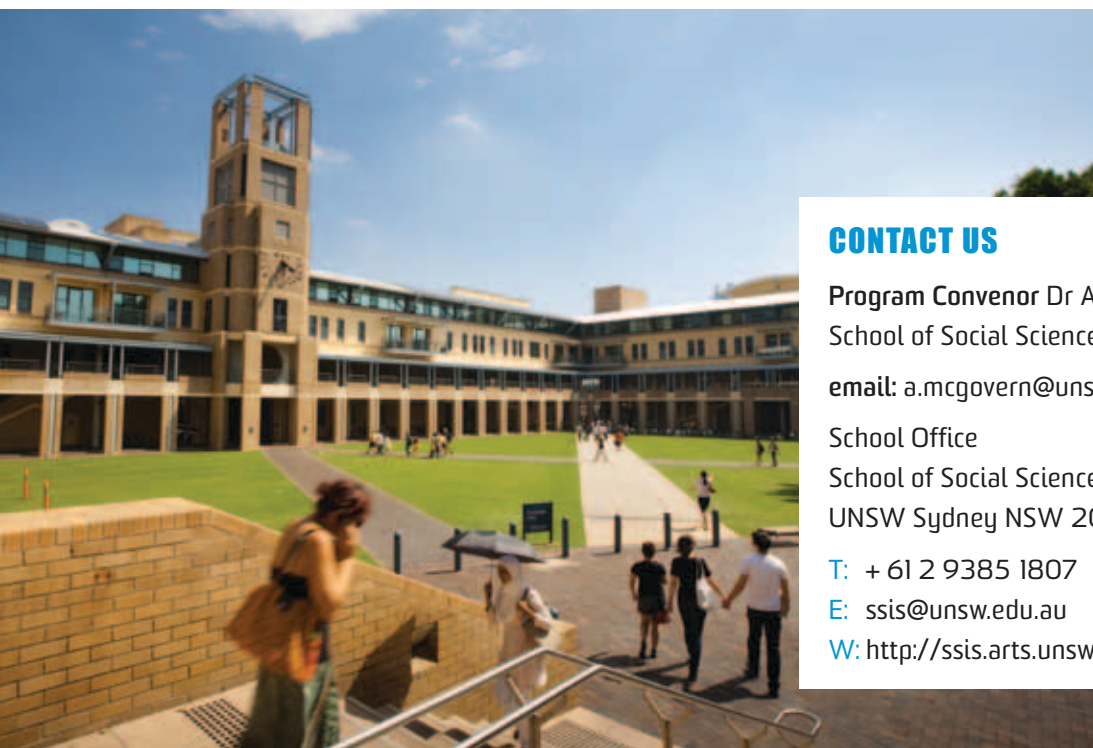
UNSW Handbook: [www.handbook.unsw.edu.au](http://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au)

Information for International Students: [www.international.unsw.edu.au](http://www.international.unsw.edu.au)

*"The degree has given me a great number of perspectives on various issues related to criminology. The combination of criminology and social science has been very beneficial in the sense that it allows you to look at things from more than one point of view. The research skills in combination with criminology studies and a gained understanding of policy have been particularly interesting to learn and I feel that these are skills I will have great use of in future employment.*

*University has been a great experience in the sense that you get to meet people from all over the world. The program has also been good in the way it is set up; there are plenty of electives to choose from within criminology which allows for a more personal selection of courses. I particularly enjoyed the final project in year three where you get to use all your new gained skills in a 'real' research project."*

Frida Pareus  
Current Student - Criminology



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