# CRIM1010 – Criminology: An Introduction

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## Summary of the course
Introduces the key concepts and current debates in criminology. Covers basic issues such as the definition, measurement and explanations of crime, societal reactions to crime, criminological theories, the role of research and the influence of criminology on public policy.

## Course learning outcomes
- Outline the scope, aims and practices of Criminology as a discipline;
- Identify key players, themes and debates about crime;
- Demonstrate an understanding of key criminological theories and concepts through critical engagement with literature, news and other media;
- Describe a variety of ways to define, measure and explain crime;
- Understand and use basic terminology common to the criminological field;
- Think critically about crime and its causes; and
- Analyse crime problems using basic criminological perspectives

## Assessment

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For the purpose of attendance monitoring, the final assessment for this course is *the exam* worth 40% of your overall grade for this course. This is the assessment item that will be graded at zero if you do not meet the attendance requirement for this course (see [https://socialsciences.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/resources/policies-guidelines/](https://socialsciences.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/resources/policies-guidelines/)).

The full course outline will be available in Moodle in Orientation (O) Week, from Monday 22 February 2016.