

Postgraduate criminology

Graduate Certificate of Criminology
Master of Criminology




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Who defines 'crime'? Who commits crimes? And how effective are our current systems of justice for both perpetrator and victim?

Gain the skills and in-depth knowledge to critically explore these questions and more in Deakin's postgraduate criminology courses. Our industry experts will train you to see beyond easy narratives, into the factors that influence or cause crime; challenge you to contextualise and analyse our current crime prevention policies and processes; and importantly, equip you with a deep understanding of how the intersection of harm, power and justice underlines all conversations around reform.

In the 21st century, questions surround the role, processes and effectiveness of our criminal justice systems. New and critical thinkers are needed to help make these systems more equitable ones – and the knowledge you develop at Deakin could help you join them.

Graduate into a unique career

Graduate Certificate/Diploma of Criminology

Graduates from these courses develop a deeper understanding of crime and criminal justice and are in high demand by agencies focused on specific areas of the community, such as in community development.

You'll also be eligible to apply for the Master of Criminology – a further step in the right direction to becoming a senior criminological expert.

Master of Criminology

As a graduate of the Master of Criminology, you'll have a complex understanding of niche criminological situations and concepts that a range of allied industries need.

You can confidently enter the role of a corrections officer, case manager/worker, specialist adviser, policy writer or criminologist, in a variety of areas including:

- anti-corruption agencies
- correctional facilities and prisons
- community services
- criminology research
- government agencies
- intelligence and security services
- sociology and youth work
- state and federal police.

Explore the industry's latest concepts

Deakin's postgraduate criminology courses are designed with input from a range of industry partners and relevant stakeholders, including Victoria Police, the Department of Justice and Community Safety Victoria, and the Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers, so you can be confident that the skills you develop will be relevant to your future or existing career.

Pursue a pathway to a PhD

Deakin's engagement in field research puts us at the leading edge of academic and industry thinking, and you'll be able to leverage the expert knowledge of our research team. As a direct pathway to PhD study, the Master of Criminology allows you to develop all-important research skills and a highly-engaged network of academic peers through the completion of a thesis.

Study when and where it suits you

You don't need to change your lifestyle to study at Deakin. Our dedicated online classroom lets you choose when and where you learn, so you can develop a study routine that works for you. Learn via our premium interactive platform, connect with teachers and students in a few clicks and access Australia's highest rated tech support⁴.

Get inspired by our students' stories

Discover the complex criminology subjects our PhD students have tackled, or learn where our criminology graduates have gone on to work.

Go to deakin.edu.au/artsedstories

¹ Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2020

² 2019 Student Experience Survey, based on undergraduate students

³ Graduate Outcomes Survey (GOS), Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2019

⁴ According to the Voice Project IT Service Quality Support Benchmark Survey

⁵ *2022 indicative fee rates and covers, depending on qualification, of up to and including one year full-time study for domestic students. Fee rates may be subject to change

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Who could you be at the end of your degree?

While you mightn't come across the term 'criminology' very often, criminologists are more common than you think. They're embedded all across society and their work – in policy, courts, research and more – plays a pivotal role in helping us progress. Discover some of your possible paths below.

Parole and specialist case manager

Parole and specialist case managers work within the prison system, with a focus on helping parolees and other special cases meet the terms of their parole. To that end, they create and monitor individualised parole plans, assist parolees with employment, housing, and health treatments, and assess parolees' overall compliance with their conditions of release.

Parole and specialist case managers require a nuanced understanding of the social, political, mental and economic factors that might cause a prisoner to reoffend, and the ability to understand and work with a range of complex and high-risk individuals' motivational blocks. The ability to communicate well and operate within legislative frameworks is also highly-valued.

Security policy specialist

A background in criminology is of particular value in the field of security policy. As a security policy specialist, you could be responsible for analysing and evaluating current or future criminal issues or concerns and developing policy-based solutions to them. (For example, you might identify and analyse gaps in Australia's current cyberdefense systems, and then draft policy to remediate these issues.) Graduates with the ability to communicate clearly and effectively, to conduct extensive research, and to perform analysis will do well in this field.

Security policy specialists can also work in more specialised fields, such as in developing policies for human trafficking or for matters of transitional justice.

Criminal intelligence analyst

While further training may be required to progress into this role, criminological knowledge is particularly beneficial for criminal intelligence analysts.

Criminal intelligence analysts collect, analyse and report on knowledge relevant to their designated area of crime. They work on transnational, serious and organised crime, and may gather information on crimes ranging from money laundering and people trafficking, to illicit goods and weapons and financial crime.

Analysis is a key component of a criminal intelligence analyst's role: their insights and suggestions help their organisation make important tactical, operational and strategic decisions. In addition, criminal intelligence analysts may assist with streamlining intelligence processes and developing clear briefings for field operatives.

▶ You can also choose to go into a PhD, to explore a topic of your choosing in more depth.

Courses

Stack your studies

Work towards a masters over time, or choose to exit sooner with a graduate certificate.

Master of Criminology

Course essentials

Course code: A704
Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July)
Duration: 1 year full-time or part-time equivalent
Campus: Online
Fees*: \$25,200

Course structure

The Master of Criminology is 8 credit points of study comprising:

- 4 core units
 - ACR705 Cyber Crime and Digital Surveillance
 - ACR706 Environmental Crime and Regulation
 - ACR707 Populism and Poicing Futures
 - AIX706 Research Design
- Plus, a choice of one of the following research options, each totalling four credit points:
 - a research paper (non-PhD pathway)
 - a minor thesis (PhD pathway)
 - a major thesis (PhD pathway)
- compulsory academic integrity unit (0-credit-points)

Entry requirements

Admission is based on:

- a bachelor degree in a related discipline or
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- a graduate certificate or diploma in a related discipline or
- evidence of academic capability judged to be equivalent

Applicants must meet the minimum English language requirements.

Graduate Certificate of Criminology

Course essentials

Course code: A504
Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July)
Duration: 1 year part-time
Campus: Online
Fees*: \$22,200

Course structure

The Graduate Certificate of Humanitarian Assistance is 4 credit points of study comprising:

- 2 core units
 - ACR701 Crime and Innovative Justice
 - ACR702 Criminological Policy and Criminal Justice Practice
- 2 credit points of electives from selected list
- compulsory academic integrity unit (0-credit-points)

Entry requirements

Admission is based on:

- a bachelor degree in any discipline or
- at least two years of relevant work experience (or part-time equivalent)

Applicants must meet the minimum English language requirements.





'Deakin is the best choice you can make if you are looking to challenge the status quo and understand the world in a more critical way. Studying at Deakin encourages you to not only voice your own opinion, but to also listen and comprehend the opinions of others.'

Taylor McCaw

Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Doctorate of Philosophy (Criminology)

Scholarships for all types of students

Deakin's extensive range of scholarships can make postgraduate study more accessible for you, no matter your background or interest area. Deakin offers more than 20 postgraduate scholarships recognising and rewarding you for your achievements.

We also offer other ways to make postgraduate study more accessible, such as allowing you to defer payment so you can focus on your studies.

Find out more at deakin.edu.au/scholarships

Course discounts

Deakin's 10% postgraduate bursary

If you're a Deakin alumni commencing a postgraduate award course, you may be eligible to receive a 10% reduction per unit on your enrolment fees. We've watched you excel – now we'd love to see you soar.

Find out more at deakin.edu.au/alumni-discount

Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

You may be able to reduce your overall study time and tuition cost by getting your work and previous study experience recognised as recognition of prior learning (RPL). RPL, formerly known as advanced standing or credit transfer, includes formal learning (accredited qualifications) and informal learning (non-accredited learning or work experience).

Find out more at deakin.edu.au/rpl

Discover our world-leading research

Deakin is dedicated to pushing criminology research forwards, no matter whether it's in greenwashing or state-sponsored crime. In particular, our researchers focus on exploring subjects that span their four key research themes – crime, surveillance, security and justice. Find out more at our dedicated research blog.

Go to blogs.deakin.edu.au/criminology/

Entry requirements

Admission to study postgraduate coursework at Deakin is based on recognition of your professional experience and previous qualifications. Check the entry requirements for each course at deakin.edu.au/criminology

If you don't meet the minimum admission criteria for the masters degree, we offer a guaranteed pathway via the Graduate Certificate of Criminology.

We're here to help

Deakin is here to support you. From your application through to graduation, we offer many support services to ensure you feel confident throughout your studies:

- **study support**
- **career services**
- **online study experience**
- **fees and scholarships**
- **health and wellbeing.**

Applying to Deakin

Find out how to apply, ask a question or get help with your application at deakin.edu.au/how-to-apply

If you are ready to apply, you can submit your application directly to Deakin at apply.deakin.edu.au

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