About the Bachelor of Criminology

The Bachelor of Criminology program addresses the causes, politics and management of criminality from a range of disciplinary perspectives. The program draws attention to the social dimensions of crime and deviancy and assesses the effectiveness and implications of crime control measures. You will be taught by leading criminological scholars and exposed to cutting edge research in a diverse range of areas.

Topics covered in the program include: understanding offenders, policing, crime control policies, surveillance, crime control technologies, the criminal justice system, illegal drug taking and offending, anti-corruption strategies, causes and effects of genocide, transnational crime, restorative justice, organised crime, criminal behaviour, cybercrime, peacekeeping, and terrorism.
Bachelor of Criminology students learn to:

- Understand the different dimensions of crime and the societal response to it
- Apply criminological ideas to everyday examples
- Understand the social conditions, forces and relations influencing crime and deviance, criminal justice system processes, and crime control interventions
- Apply the research and analytical skills of criminology and social research more generally
- Critically evaluate theories, concepts and methodologies relating to crime studies
- Develop skills in the production of policy relevant ideas and solutions to issues of crime and social inequality.

Typical courses

- Criminological theory
- Organised Crime
- Drugs and Crime
- Youth Crime
- White Collar Crime
- Criminological research methods
- Cybercrime
- Policing theory
- Crime control strategies
- Terrorism and cross-border crime

Criminology at ANU

The ANU has world-leading criminologists and prides itself on excellence in research-led teaching. The Bachelor of Criminology draws upon a range of disciplines to offer the very best in contemporary criminological theory and understanding. It will appeal to students looking for an engaging and stimulating program of study and wishing to immerse themselves in the exciting field of criminology.

Criminology Major

A major in Criminology can also be taken through the Bachelor of Arts at ANU. The major requires the completion of 48 units, which includes 18 units of compulsory and 24 units of elective studies in criminology.

In the Bachelor of Criminology, students explore the causes and the prevention of crime from a range of disciplinary perspectives

Internships

In the Bachelor of Criminology you can apply to do an internship through the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP) – anip.anu.edu.au. This program provides you with hands-on opportunities to undertake a research project in a workplace for which you will gain academic credit. Through ANIP you can be placed with the Australian Federal Parliament, The Australian Public Service, or with non-government organisations such as lobby groups and aid organisations.

Flexible double degree

The Bachelor of Criminology can be combined with degrees in Law, Business or Science as part of the ANU flexible double degree program. For a full list of degree combinations see anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double

Career opportunities

In the Bachelor of Criminology you will learn about the drivers of crime and how society responds to it. The breadth of knowledge that you learn can be applied to many different industries and institutions. Graduates may find work in government, intelligence, correctional services, social work, policing and private security, IP protection, fraud investigation, information security, journalism and policy making.

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