



Australian
National
University

BACHELOR
DEGREE

Bachelor of Criminology



CRICOS code: 078937F

Duration: 3 years

Prerequisites: none

2025 Selection Rank: 80



1st
in Australia

ANU is ranked #1 in Australia
(and in the top-25 in the world) for
9 disciplines across humanities,
arts and social sciences.

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

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 researchers and exposed to cutting edge research in a diverse range of areas.

You will develop an understanding of a range of issues in contemporary criminology including definitions and representations of crime, the complex social, political, and individual factors that underpin criminal activity, the operation of the criminal justice system. We offer courses on policing, the courts, prisons and punishment, organised crime, transnational crime, drugs and crime, young people and crime and more. The Bachelor of Criminology

also has a strong focus on empirical methods and debates. This provides our graduates with valuable skills that translate across many career paths.

Career opportunities

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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, criminal justice institutions, social work, the non-government sector, research, consultancy, journalism and policy making.

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.

Bachelor of Criminology students learn to:

- better understand the social conditions, forces and relations influencing crime and deviance, criminal justice system processes, and crime control interventions;
- develop analytical techniques and research skills for applied use in the fields of criminology and in social research;
- critically evaluate scholarly theories, concepts and methodological approaches relating to all aspects of contemporary criminological inquiry;
- critically evaluate criminal justice policies and practices from an informed interdisciplinary perspective; and
- express complex ideas and arguments across multiple modalities of communication when engaging with a range of relevant audiences in a clear, effective, appropriate and ethical manner.

Internships & study abroad opportunities

You can apply to do an internship through the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP). This program provides you with 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 Parliament, the Australian Public Service, or with non-government organisations. See anip.anu.edu.au

Criminology students often complete exchange semesters at partner universities overseas.

Flexible Double Degree

The Bachelor of Criminology can be combined with degrees in Arts, 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.

Honours

Students can undertake an honours year. There are also many opportunities for postgraduate study including coursework and research.

Prizes and Scholarships

The Toni Makkai Prize for Excellence in Criminology is awarded annually to the best performing



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I always wanted to become a detective when I was a child, so naturally I chose criminology for my degree. It equipped me with knowledge of different aspects of crime and its effects on society.

My degree encourages me to think critically, communicate effectively and conduct independent research.

All too often, people think criminology graduates' career options are only limited to criminological fields-academia, law enforcement, and correctional services, myself included. However, I learned that many private sectors like Investment banks actually recruit people from all disciplines and that includes criminology students. I was fortunate enough to intern at Standard Chartered Bank and Morgan Stanley as an Investment Banking Analyst. Studying a criminology degree in ANU can open the door to a host of fascinating and rewarding careers.

My favourite thing about the ANU is the choice of exchange programmes, trips overseas and leadership roles that enrich the university experience. These valuable experiences can help students tremendously in management and delegation, and arm students with many of the skills future employers will be looking for.

graduate of the program. See anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/prizes

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