



Australian
National
University

BACHELOR
DEGREE

Bachelor of Criminology



CRICOS code: 078937F

Duration: 3 years

Prerequisites: none

2026 Selection Rank: 80



1st
in Australia

ANU is ranked #1 in Australia
(and in the top 30 in the world) for
7 disciplines across humanities,
arts and social sciences.

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

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

The ANU Bachelor of Criminology draws attention to the social dimensions of crime and deviancy and assesses the effectiveness and implications of crime control measures.

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, Social Sciences, Business, Science or Law 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.



Adelaide

Bachelor of Criminology (Honours) and Doctoral Candidate in Criminology

As an emerging criminological researcher, it's important to have a strong foundation in theory and practice from which you can draw. The Bachelor of Criminology has been a crucial part of developing this; throughout my undergraduate degree, and into postgraduate studies, I've been guided by the wealth of experience of peers, tutors, and teachers. What stood out was how my degree allowed me to transform theoretical knowledge into practical experiences and the workforce. I was able to undertake courses focused on developing my own niche through independent research, engage in internships, and work collaboratively to solve modern challenges. Now, as a PhD candidate, I take these skills with me, and feel confident taking on opportunities at home and abroad.

Prizes and Scholarships

The Toni Makkai Prize for Excellence in Criminology is awarded annually to the best performing graduate of the program. See anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/prizes

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