



Master of Applied Criminology



CRICOS code: 117471H

Duration: 1 year FT or 2 years PT

Prerequisites: none



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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 2026

The Master of Applied Criminology is an advanced qualification for those working in, or planning to enter, criminal justice related professions that seek to mitigate and prevent crime and illegal activity across Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand, the Asia-Pacific region, or internationally.

The program's expert teaching staff are active researchers who can draw upon their wealth of local and international experience, as well as their connections with government and industry.

Graduates from ANU have been rated as Australia's most employable graduates and among the most sought after by employers worldwide¹.

Graduates will employ established and emerging conceptual and theoretical frameworks, empirical evidence, and applied skills to engage with critical and systematic analyses.

The program prepares graduates for professional pathways across criminal justice, including, but not limited to; policing, corrections, legal roles, policy making, and research.

The Master of Applied Criminology is open for admission in semester 1 and 2 annually, however semester 1 commencement is recommended to allow students to gain a thorough foundation in criminological theory. Students wishing to commence their studies in semester 2 are strongly encouraged to contact the program convenor to discuss an appropriate study pathway.

Professional outcomes

On successful completion of the Master of the Applied Criminology, graduates will be able to:

- demonstrate understanding of the range of theoretical approaches to the study of crime and social harms, their causation, and prevention;
- demonstrate critical awareness of current issues in crime and social harms which are informed by leading research and practice;



- critically analyse current strategies used to mitigate and prevent crime and social harms from multiple disciplinary and professional standpoints;
- demonstrate understanding of the different research methodologies used in criminology and associated disciplines and apply them with the appropriate designs; and
- formulate research designs to investigate, analyse, synthesise data on crime and social harms from multiple disciplinary and professional standpoints.

Career opportunities

The solid grounding in research methods and focus on interdisciplinarity at the heart of the program prepares graduates for professional pathways across criminal justice, including, but not limited to; policing, corrections, legal roles, policy making, and research.

Cognate disciplines

Anthropology, Criminology, Development Studies, Economics, Engineering, Geography, Law, Maths, Political Science, Psychology, Social Policy, Sociology, Statistics.

Admission requirements

- A Bachelor degree or international equivalent with a minimum GPA of 5/7
- A Bachelor degree or international equivalent AND a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in a cognate discipline with a minimum GPA of 4/7
- Alternatively, candidates may qualify for entry if they can offer ten or more years of relevant professional experience (for example in a police service, or the public service). Candidates with relevant professional experience are able to use knowledge gathered during their professional roles that afford them

the equivalent level of knowledge of a cognate undergraduate degree

- All applicants must meet the University's English Language Admission Requirements for Students.

Scholarships

ANU offers a wide range of scholarships to students to assist with the cost of their studies.

Eligibility to apply for ANU scholarships varies depending on the specifics of the scholarship and can be categorised by the type of student you are. Specific scholarship application process information is included in the relevant scholarship listing.

For further information see the Scholarships website.

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