ABOUT CRIMINOLOGY

Criminologists investigate power, knowledge and justice domestically and internationally. Criminology explores crime and social control related to how we understand and respond to crime. It also examines the causes of crime, different stages of the criminal justice system nationally and internationally and analyses the achievements and challenges of these systems.

Why study Criminology?
Criminology addresses how we construct crime, its possible causes and how society should respond. You will explore a broad range of topics including policing, punishment, gender, race and ethnicity, victimisations and barriers to accessing justice within local and international contexts. Investigate various perspectives and methodological approaches, and develop a sound basis for independent, critical thinking about some of society’s most pressing issues related to crime and punishment.

Complementary areas of study
If you are interested in the field of criminology, there are several other areas you may enjoy studying, these include:

- Sociology
- Anthropology
- Politics
- International Relations
- Law

What are some topics Criminology explores?
In your first year you will study the following foundation units:

- Understanding crime: An introduction
- Criminal justice: An introduction

In second and third year there are an extensive range of units to choose from, these include:

- Race, crime and difference
- Crime, media and culture
- Crime, control and policing
- Prisons, punishment, and power
- Victims, justice and the law
- Gender, sex and crime
- International crime and justice
- Crime, risk and security

How does Criminology fit into your Arts degree?
You can take Criminology units to build towards a major or a minor or simply take them as elective units.

Career prospects
Our graduates are employed in a wide range of roles in criminal justice, government and non-government organisations including:

- Police
- Corrections
- Department of Justice
- Attorney Generals departments
- Community legal centres
- Human rights organisations
- Anti-corruption organisations
- International criminal justice organisations
- Journalism

From our students
“I have thoroughly enjoyed studying Criminology at Monash and the opportunities it has provided me to study an area I find fascinating in both Australia and at the Monash Prato centre in Italy. Doing Criminology as a major has been both challenging and enlightening. It has allowed me to develop a greater insight into the functioning of our criminal justice system and the people that interact with it.”

Emily Cohen
Current Student

For more information:
future.arts.monash.edu/ujg-criminology
Students completing a major in criminology must complete eight units (48 points) which comprise:

**Year 01 / Gateway Unit**
- Two first-year gateway units (12 points)
- ATS1281 Understanding crime: An Introduction
- ATS1282 Criminal justice: An Introduction

**Year 02 / Cornerstone Unit**
- At least one second-year cornerstone unit (6 points), chosen from:
  - ATS2056 Race, crime and difference
  - ATS2458 Crime, control and policing
  - ATS2465 Human rights in a criminal justice sphere*
  - ATS2469 Victims, justice and the law
  - OR
  - ATS2457 Crime, media and culture
  - ATS2464 Comparative criminology*
  - ATS2469 Victims, justice and the law
  - ATS2723 Social research methods
  - ATS2937 Contemporary issues in European criminal justice*

**Year 02 / Electives**
- Reminder: at least three units (18 points) must be completed at third-year level.
- ATS2056 Race, crime and difference
- ATS2457 Crime, media and culture
- ATS2458 Crime, control and policing
- ATS2464 Comparative criminology*
- ATS2465 Human rights in a criminal justice sphere*
- ATS2469 Victims, justice and the law
- ATS2723 Social research methods
- ATS2937 Contemporary issues in European criminal justice*
- ATS2465 Human rights in a criminal justice sphere*
- ATS2469 Victims, justice and the law
- ATS2723 Social research methods
- ATS2937 Contemporary issues in European criminal justice*

**Year 03 / Capstone Unit**
- At least one third-year capstone unit (6 points), chosen from:
  - ATS3004 Crime, risk and security
  - ATS3459 Prisons, power and punishment
  - ATS3464 Comparative criminology*
  - ATS3465 Human rights in a criminal justice sphere*
  - ATS3937 Contemporary issues in European criminal justice*
  - ATS3004 Crime, risk and security
  - ATS3459 Prisons, power and punishment
  - ATS3464 Comparative criminology*
  - ATS3465 Human rights in a criminal justice sphere*
  - ATS3937 Contemporary issues in European criminal justice*
  - OR
  - ATS3464 Study tour: Comparative Criminology, USA*

*Taught in Prato, Italy or USA. This unit will require payment of an additional fee to cover administration and other costs.