Bachelor of Criminology

Burwood (Melbourne), Waurn Ponds (Geelong), Cloud (online)

Are you interested in the fields of policing, security, surveillance, media, victims, terrorism, crime prevention and criminal justice? Learn the who, why and how of crime with Deakin’s Bachelor of Criminology.

Course essentials
Deakin code: A329
Location: Burwood (Melbourne), Waurn Ponds (Geelong) and Cloud (online)
Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent
Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July), T3 (November)

Course overview
Criminology engages with the complex realities of crime. It requires you to investigate the causes of crime, the ways of understanding crime and the criminal, and deals with the very important question of ‘what should we do about crime?’

Deakin delivers one of the few dedicated criminology courses in Australia, and the most established in Victoria. Developed and designed in conjunction with professional bodies including Victoria Police, the Department of Justice and Community Safety Victoria and the Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers, the course covers a variety of criminology topics and provides a solid educational foundation in the principles of criminological thought and research.

We’ll help you understand the inner workings and impacts of criminal behaviour and various responses to it, from environmental crime to terrorism, and how to use this understanding when making decisions within the criminal justice system.

Understand the thinking and research surrounding a breadth of criminology topics, while building a portfolio that will showcase your knowledge and set you up for your future career. Study topics that are crucial to the prevention of crime, such as cyber security, surveillance, anti-terrorism and policing. Learn about the historical repercussions, technological developments and media representations of crime and the desirable outcomes of criminal justice processes.

Get hands-on experience with our work-integrated learning opportunities, which allow you to bridge theory with practice and gain insight into how the study of criminology applies across different industries and sectors. You can even take your learning overseas and gain a global perspective on how other countries approach criminology.

Course structure
To be awarded a Bachelor of Criminology a student must successfully complete 24 credit points comprising:

- 12 credit points of criminology units
- 12 credit points of elective units

Students are encouraged to consider completing a second major and therefore may wish to select elective units in accordance with that major. View the complete course structure at deakin.edu.au

Career opportunities
Criminology provides a grounding for a career across a range of areas including community and paralegal work, intelligence and security services, justice policy development and analysis, social science research, state and federal police and other law enforcement agencies including anticorruption agencies, crime prevention and community safety, courts and corrections.

Entry requirements
Entry for applicants with recent secondary education (previous three years)
Enter is based on their performance in a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education, with pre-requisite units 3 and 4; a study score of at least 25 in English EAL (English as an additional language) or 20 in English other than EAL.

Entry for applicants with previous Tertiary, VET, life or work experience
Entry is based on their performance in:
- certificate IV in a related discipline OR
- diploma in any discipline or 50% completion of a diploma in a related discipline OR
- successful completion of relevant study at an accredited higher education institution equivalent to at least two Deakin University units OR
- other evidence of academic capability judged to be equivalent for example relevant work or life experience.
Give yourself an edge in the job market by combining your interests through a criminology double degree.

**Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Laws**

Deakin code: D335  
Location: Burwood (Melbourne), Waterfront (Geelong) and Cloud (online)  
Duration: 5 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Combining law with criminology allows you to gain broad theoretical, applied knowledge and skills concerning the meaning of crime; the forms, causes and consequences of crime; the different institutions and processes involved in preventing and controlling crime; policy development, policing and security; and related fields. This degree satisfies the university requirements to become an Australian Lawyer, as set by the Victorian Legal Admissions Board (VLAB).

**Bachelor of Forensic Science/Bachelor of Criminology**

Deakin code: D329  
Location: Waurn Ponds (Geelong)  
Duration: 4 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Explore the nature of crime and the science behind the collection, examination and presentation of evidence with this combined degree. You’ll discover what’s behind criminal behaviour, learn valuable courtroom skills and get hands-on experience examining evidence in simulated crime scenes. This combined degree draws from both the arts and science disciplines.

**Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Cyber Security**

Deakin code: D380  
Location: Burwood (Melbourne), Waurn Ponds (Geelong), Cloud (online)  
Duration: 4 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Gain skills in securing data and data communications, as well as investigating, analysing and providing solutions to computer crime. This course assists you to attain the knowledge required to become a certified information systems security professional.

**Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Psychological Science**

Deakin code: D390  
Location: Burwood (Melbourne), Waurn Ponds (Geelong), Cloud (online)  
Duration: 4 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Deakin’s Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Psychological Science brings together two independent degrees and combines them in an attractive four-year combined course. This course provides an accredited undergraduate sequence in psychology and includes complementary studies in individual and group counselling, health, and behavioural change.

**Applying to Deakin**

Apply through VTAC  
Current year 12 students can apply through VTAC: vtac.edu.au  
Apply direct to Deakin  
All other applications can be submitted directly to the university: deakin.edu.au/apply

**We’re here to help**

Deakin is here to support you right from the start. From your application through to graduation, we offer a number of support services to ensure you feel confident throughout your studies.

**Pathways into Deakin**

Use the pathways finder tool to discover how to get into your dream course when you don’t quite meet the entry requirements: deakin.edu.au/pathways

**Support services**

You get support every step of the way at Deakin. Visit the website to read about the ways we can support your university journey: deakin.edu.au/life-at-deakin/why-study-at-deakin/study-support

‘Deakin is the best choice you can make if you are looking to challenge the status quo and understand the world in a more critical way. Studying at Deakin encourages you to voice your own opinion but also listen and comprehend the opinions of others.’

Taylor McCaw  
Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Arts (Honours)  
Doctorate of Philosophy (Criminology)