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## Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice)

School of Humanities, Communications and Social Sciences

New degree  
commencing  
in 2007

On-campus at Monash University's  
Gippsland campus and through  
off-campus, distance education mode



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The School of Humanities, Communications and Social Sciences at Monash University Gippsland campus is offering a Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice) degree for the first time in 2007.

The course provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to better understand crime, crime prevention and the criminal justice process, and to analyse and evaluate traditional, innovative and radical alternatives for dealing with crime. Students will compare and contrast regional, rural and urban crime and evaluate policies which are supposed to prevent crime. They will also study public safety, forensic psychology, causes of deviant behaviour, and security-related issues.

Crime, why people commit crime and how it should be controlled, is a complex and much debated issue. Students undertaking the BA (Criminal Justice) will examine, analyse and evaluate thought provoking questions such as:

- What are the causes of crime?
- Is urban crime different to rural and regional crime? If so, how is it different?
- Should rural and regional communities address drug use, domestic violence and child abuse differently to urban communities?
- Is the judiciary 'soft' on crime?
- Why are governments building more prisons?
- Should incarceration of citizens be contracted to the private sector?
- Do prisons deter crime or do they breed more crime?
- What works in preventing crime?
- Is the criminal justice system just?

## Why study a Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice)?

No one is immune from the affects of crime, which is why federal, state and local governments spend billions of dollars every year on the 'crime problem'. Thousands of people in both the public and private sectors are employed to try to minimize and prevent crime and to cope with its consequences. BA (Criminal Justice) students can combine

an interest in specific crime-related areas such as: causes of crime, victims of crime, crime prevention, forensic psychology, criminal profiling, youth crime, policing, courts, corrections, justice and law and order issues to develop a career pathway in the public or private sector.

## Course structure

Students will complete a Criminal Justice major (48 points), a prescribed sequence from Australian Indigenous Studies (12 points) and a minor (24 points) from any of the following disciplines: Australian Indigenous Studies, Communications, Journalism, History/Politics, Psychological Studies, Psychology, Public Relations, Social and Community Welfare, Sociology, and Writing.

Students may use electives to upgrade their minor to a second major.

**The Criminal Justice major comprises the following units**

CRJ1001  
Crime: Theory and practice  
CRJ1002  
The criminal justice process  
SCY2805/3805  
Sociology of deviance  
PSS3718  
Forensic psychology  
CRJ2001/3001  
Comparative criminal justice  
CRJ2002/3002  
Crime and violence: Rural, regional and urban communities

**And 2 units from**

SCY2811  
Social justice  
CRJ2003/3003  
Criminal profiling  
CRJ2004/3004  
Justice? Sentencing and punishment  
CRJ2005/3005  
Public safety and security

**The prescribed sequence from Australian Indigenous Studies (12 points) comprises:**

AIS2808/3808  
Human rights and the Indigenous Australia  
AIS2025/3025  
Activism, politics and Indigenous Australia

## Further Information

Information about the BA (Criminal Justice) is available from the HUMCASS office, Gippsland campus, phone **03 51 22 6339** or from Dr David Baker **9903 2819** or **0351 22 6161**.