

## Major in Criminology

The School of Social and Political Sciences



Criminology is a rich discipline that draws on sociology, psychology, science, law, philosophy, culture studies and history. The criminology major at the University of Sydney explores crime and criminal justice issues in contemporary society.

### Why study criminology?

The criminology major offers you the opportunity to gain an advanced understanding of crime and the criminal justice practices, deviance, causes of crime, victimisation, social control, juvenile justice, crime prevention, prison and other alternatives to punishment, as well as medico-legal forensic practices.

Critically exploring concepts and theories of criminology research, while placing a particular focus on ethnicity, race, gender, sexuality youth debates and culture depictions of crime, as well as a range of current issues in criminal justice, you will learn about the social dimensions of crime and assess the effectiveness and implications of the criminal justice system.

### Career opportunities

As a graduate with a criminology major, you will gain valuable skills and knowledge for a career in private, public and non-government sectors.

Potential career opportunities include:

- Policy and research
- International law
- Surveillance and crime control
- Criminal justice
- Juvenile justice
- Crime prevention
- Border protection
- Courts and justice services
- Police and investigative agencies

### Criminology units of study

CRIM1001 Introduction to crime and criminology  
CRIM1002 Exploring criminal justice  
CRIM2603 Current issues in criminal justice  
CRIM2602 Crime, punishment and society  
CRIM3601 Medico-Legal and Forensic criminology  
CRIM3602 Crime, media and culture  
CRIM3603 Crime Research and Policy  
CRIM3998 Interdisciplinary Project Unit

### For more information

[sydney.edu.au/courses/subject-areas/major/criminology.html](https://sydney.edu.au/courses/subject-areas/major/criminology.html)