

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)



Explore crime and criminology at a higher level.

Conduct research on and critically explore an area of criminology you're passionate about to expand your career options or prepare for further research opportunities.

Course essentials

Deakin code: A400

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

Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July)

Duration: 1 year full-time or part-time equivalent

Course overview

If you value independent thinking, want to build on your knowledge of crime and criminology, and are looking for a pathway to research degrees and enhanced career opportunities, the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) could be ideal for you. In this specialised year of study, you will conduct in-depth research on a topic you're passionate about, and develop advanced research skills and disciplinary knowledge through coursework. Our experienced academics will supervise you as you work on your thesis and engage with the wider discourse around your chosen area of interest.

Course structure

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) course requires the completion of 8 credit points of study at level 4. Half of that requirement is met through coursework, which may include directed reading and/or enrolment in course work units, and half is satisfied through a research project (thesis or dissertation) of 14,000-16,000 words. You must also complete a compulsory 0-credit-point academic integrity unit.

Course benefits

Pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) opens up a range of professional pathways. You could choose to explore a particularly prevalent or emerging area of crime, like environmental terrorism, domestic violence or cybersecurity, to position yourself competitively within the job market. Or, start to explore a research question you'll finish answering in a Master of Criminology or PhD.

As a Deakin Honours student you will also benefit from the support of a supervisor with discipline expertise, and from targeted activities to support your studies and your career, for example through CV writing and careers advice workshops. Our academics work hard to create an environment through which you and your peers can exchange ideas and become great researchers.

The Deakin difference

Our academic staff are world-leading researchers in their field of expertise and committed to using their research to make an impact outside the University. We also have a strong connection to the criminal justice sector, having first established our criminology program over 25 years ago.

Career opportunities

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) develops important and transferable career skills making you highly employable within many industries. You will graduate with advanced skills in managing a large project (the thesis), conducting research, developing original ideas through advanced critical thought, and applying in-depth discipline knowledge to real-world problems.

After graduation, you may be eligible to extend your research experience through Deakin's Master of Criminology or other doctoral programs. Criminology students have also found work in areas including:

- policing (state and federal) and intelligence and security services
- community corrections and prisons
- courts and anti-corruption agencies
- crime prevention and community safety
- policy development, research and analysis
- community, not-for-profit and paralegal work

Applying to Deakin

If you're interested in undertaking an Honours year, we strongly encourage you to discuss your application with Criminology Honours Co-ordinator Dr Andrew Groves at andrew.groves@deakin.edu.au.

Or if you're ready to apply, you can submit your application directly to Deakin at apply.deakin.edu.au.

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