Undergraduate international course

Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology)/Bachelor of Justice

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Duration 4 years full time
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Total credit points 384
International fee (indicative, subject to annual review) 2020: $31,400 per year full-time (96 credit points)

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Start months July, February

It’s not easy to look a repeat youth offender in the eye and try to help them—it takes conviction. This double degree will equip you with the kind of thinking you need to work in youth justice, probation, community justice, outreach or policing—careers with heart. If you want to make a difference and pursue a career where no two days are the same, this is the course for you. The possibilities are endless, for building a stimulating career in the community.

Why choose this course?
This double degree integrates two highly sought-after areas. You will learn how to understand human behaviours and apply your skills in challenging situations. You can combine justice, criminology, policing, policy, governance and psychology in one package, and explore topics including crimes of violence, cyber crime, official corruption, youth justice, crime prevention, intelligence and security, drugs and crime, domestic violence, sex and crime, transnational crime, terrorism and death investigation. In the justice component, you can choose a major in either policy and governance or criminology and policing. In the psychology degree, you can take the first step towards a career as a registered psychologist. The two degrees have many related study areas such as addictive behaviours, forensic psychology and traffic psychology.

In the justice degree, choose from two majors—policy and governance or criminology and policing. The policy and governance major offers you the opportunity to learn policy analysis and the intricacies of how government officers research, analyse, recommend and develop policies in the justice sphere. Particularly, it gives you an insight into how policy is implemented and critiqued, and evolves through government and its departments.

The criminology and policing major details punishment and penal policy as well as crime research methods with your choice of units in eco crime, sex crime, death investigation, crime in pop culture, drugs and intelligence, among others.

Flexible delivery
All the justice lectures are recorded and study materials available online so you can access resources at any time and fit study into your lifestyle.

Michelle Ringrose
Overseas experience

‘QUT has prepared me for the challenges of the real world by providing both a theoretical and practical foundation of learning. At QUT, it isn’t about sitting in the lecture hall and memorising information, it’s about real-life experiences. The Faculty of Law sponsored me to participate in a United Nations Youth conference at Harvard University. I was one of 20 students representing Australia.’

**Minimum English requirements**

Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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**Course structure**

First year comprises foundation units to give you a solid overview of each area. You will study introductory psychology, criminology and policing, interpersonal processes and skills, justice and society, and professional academic skills.

In second year you will expand your knowledge in social and organisational psychology, research analysis, social ethics, developmental psychology and counselling. You will also develop an understanding of the criminal justice system, and learn about forensic psychology and how it relates to law.

During the third year you will complete compulsory and elective psychology units, select your chosen justice major and complete the relevant justice major core units.

In fourth year combine four compulsory units with the other four units of your choice. Compulsory units include physiological psychology, psychopathology and Advanced Statistical Analysis. You will complete two core units from your Justice majors and select two major elective units.

**Careers and outcomes**

You will have the unique ability to apply psychological principles to the field of justice. With an understanding of the most recent theory and practice of social justice, and skills in social, developmental, cognitive and abnormal psychology, you will have a pathway to careers in public policy development, criminal justice institutions such as police, security and intelligence agencies, corrections, rehabilitation services, and family services.

Justice offers extensive career paths in areas that make a real difference in our community. Career pathways include policing, customs, community outreach, forensic investigation, mediation, outreach programs, social work, intelligence, defence, insurance and banking investigation, youth justice, Indigenous justice, community legal services, and policy and adviser roles within a range of state and federal government departments.

Past graduates have developed successful careers in state and federal law enforcement, correctional services, private security, defence services, foreign aid programs, customs, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and Scotland Yard, and have worked on social and justice policies for government and non-government organisations. Others have become criminologists, contributed to women’s, youth and children’s advocacy, or worked in the areas of human rights and antidiscrimination.

**Professional recognition**

The Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology) is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC). To pursue a career in a professional area of psychology, you will need to undertake further study to gain registration with the Psychology Board of Australia.

**Scholarships**

You can apply for scholarships to help you with study and living costs.

- QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic)
- Equity scholarships scheme
- QUT Sport Scholarship (Elite Athlete)