Bachelor of Justice (Honours) (JS40)

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 020313F
Course duration (full-time): 1 Year
Course duration (part-time): 2 Years
Course duration (external): External mode NOT available
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2011: CSP $2,732 (indicative) per semester
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $11,125 (indicative) per semester
Domestic Entry: February
International Entry: February
Total credit points: 96
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24
Course coordinator: Professor Kerry Carrington
Discipline coordinator: Dr Tara McGee
Campus: Gardens Point

Why choose this course?
The Bachelor of Justice (Honours) offers an outstanding qualification for entry to the employment market and for promotional opportunities for those already employed, as it is demonstrated evidence of an ability to undertake major projects, to work independently, write advanced level reports and to analyse statistical data.

Career outcomes
The Bachelor of Justice (Honours) is a pathway to a research career. Graduates of the program are employed in a variety of state and federal government agencies which includes the Queensland Police Service, the Crime and Misconduct Commission, Office of Child Safety and Australian Federal Police Service.

Bachelor of Justice (Honours) Course Structure
Students must complete four (4) prescribed units and a Thesis. The Thesis calls for student to design, develop and implement a substantial research project. Students should contact the Course or Discipline Coordinator to discuss your proposed thesis topic and assign a relevant Academic Supervisor.

Practical teaching
The Academic Supervisors in this program have 'Real World' industry and academic experience to guide students through the advanced research methods and Thesis component of the course.

Facilities / technology
Students have available shared Hotdesks located in the School of Justice at Gardens Point campus. The Hotdesks are equipped with a computer, access to printing and copying facilities and other resources.

Course Delivery
This course is offered at QUT's Gardens Point campus and as an Internal student you will have access to a number of resources including the shared use of a Hotdesk located in the School of Justice. Having this resource available within the school gives students the opportunity to share information and regularly liaise with their nominated academic Supervisor when available.

Tara McGee - Honours Discipline Coordinator
Tara joined the School of Justice as a Lecturer in 2005. She has previously worked as a Research Officer at the former Criminal Justice Commission 1997-2000 and has also held research and teaching positions at The University of Queensland. Tara continues as the Bachelor of Justice Honours coordinator in 2009, and is a member of the QUT University Human Research Ethics Committee.

In 2007-08, Tara was a British Academy Visiting Fellow at the Cambridge University Institute of Criminology. Her ongoing work with Prof David Farrington examines adult-onset offending in the Cambridge Study of Delinquent Development (CSDD). During her time in Cambridge, Tara was also a visiting scholar at Wolfson College.

Tara is also a member of ARACY's (Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth) 2008-09 New Investigator Network (NIN). The Network was designed to build the capacity of early career researchers to make best use of complex longitudinal data (eg the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children), to work across disciplines, and to transfer knowledge on child and youth health, development and wellbeing into policy and practice.

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Entry Requirements
A Bachelor of Justice three-year degree or equivalent, with a grade point average of at least 5 (on a 7-point scale). Applicants would normally have completed the JSB273 Crime Research Methods unit (or equivalent). Students wanting to do Honours are encouraged to do JSB976 Independent Study unit (or equivalent), offered in the Bachelor of Justice undergraduate program. However other qualifications, including work experience or involvement in research, may be deemed appropriate by the course
Course Structure
The Bachelor of Justice (Honours) is a 96 credit-point course. Students complete four (4) prescribed units (48 credit points) and a dissertation (48 credit points). The dissertation calls for students to design, develop and implement a substantial research project. Students can pursue original lines of thought, formulate and test hypotheses, develop problem-solving strategies and make structured decisions. Students are expected to demonstrate high ethical standards, awareness of sociocultural and equity issues, and professional accountability. Students should contact the Honours Coordinator to discuss thesis and supervisor.

Articulation
The Bachelor of Justice (Honours) is excellent preparation for entry to higher degree programs ie. Master of Justice (Intelligence or Policing), Master of Justice (Research) or PhD.

Limits on grades of 3
A new policy concerning grades of 3 came into effect from 1 January 2009 (QUT MOPP C/5.2). With effect from this date grades of 3 are no longer considered a conceded or low pass but are classified as a fail grade. Any grades of 3 awarded prior to 1 January 2009 retain the conceded pass status and will be counted for graduation purposes up to the maximum number of grades of 3 permitted for your course. Grades of 3 incurred in units that commence after 1 January 2009 will not count towards your degree. Further information is available on the Student Services website.

More Information
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Full-time Course structure

Year 1, Semester 1
JSN101 Justice and Human Rights
JSN102 Applied Data Analysis Techniques For Criminology and Criminal Justice
JSB415 Advanced Research Management
JSB273 Crime Research Methods
OR Justice Elective Unit #

Year 1, Semester 2
JSB414-1 Thesis 1
JSB414-2 Thesis 2
JSB414-3 Thesis 3
JSB414-4 Thesis 4

Justice Elective Units offered in Semester 1
JSN103 Criminal Behaviour and Investigative Practice
JSN109 Intelligence Practice 1

Justice Elective Units offered in Semester 2
JSN105 White Collar Crime: Investigation and Prevention
JSN106 Analytical Methods of Intelligence
JSN107 Security and Politics in South East Asia
JSN108 National Security and Intelligence

Notes
# Students who completed JSB273 Crime Research Methods (or equivalent) during their undergraduate studies should choose a Justice Elective unit from the list above instead of JSB273.

Potential Careers:
Administrator, Community Corrections Officer, Community Worker, Corrective Services Officer, Counsellor, Crown Law Officer, Customs Officer, Diplomat, Educator, Government Officer, Human Resource Developer, Investigator, Manager, Police Officer (Australian Federal), Police Officer (State), Policy Officer, Project Manager, Public Relations Officer/Consultant, Public Servant, Rehabilitation Professionals, Social Scientist, Sociologist, Youth Worker.

UNIT SYNOPSIS

JSB273 CRIME RESEARCH METHODS
This subject builds upon research skills acquired in first year study and is thus intended to provide knowledge and skills in research design and methodology for use in the fields of criminal justice, justice administration and criminology. The aims of this unit are three-fold. First, to revisit issues central to the research process. Second, to introduce students to a variety of research design models, data collection techniques and data analyses. Third, to give students the practical skills in writing a research proposal, carrying out a research project and reporting the research results. This subject, offered as a compulsory primary major unit in both the Criminology and Policing primary majors and sets the foundation for research in the justice honours program.

Equivalents: JSB933, JSB043
Credit points: 12
Contact hours: 3
Campus: Gardens Point and External
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1
A research thesis is the major component of the Honours course. It provides students with an opportunity to conceive, design and execute a major research project with specialist supervision. This unit in conjunction with thesis 2, 3 and 4 is a major part of the Honours program and begins the process of thesis conceptualisation and formulation. This unit provides the preparation for the honours dissertation.

Credit points: 12  
Contact hours: In consultation with Supervisor  
Campus: Gardens Point  
Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

JSB415 ADVANCED RESEARCH MANAGEMENT

Employment as a researcher in government departments and justice agencies and the successful undertaking of higher degree study requires an ability to independently design and execute complex research projects.

The Honours year is often the first time that students have been required to research independently. An integral part of good research is the establishment of parameters within which their research should proceed. Knowledge of the literature in and around the chosen topic is vital to establishing the basis of a good research project. This unit will provide students with an opportunity to become thoroughly familiar with the bibliography of specialised literature relevant to their nominated field of research and to conduct a comprehensive research project.

Credit points: 12  
Contact hours: 3  
Campus: Gardens Point  
Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1

JSN101 JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Arguments concerning perceived problems of justice and injustice usually reveal conflicting ideas about what justice actually means both theoretically, and in practice. Justice and human rights go hand in hand both theoretically and in the practice of law enforcement and other criminal justice professions. You will require a sophisticated level of understanding of theories of justice and human rights in a social and criminal context if you are to effectively apply in practice the content knowledge you have acquired in the course of your post graduate study.

Equivalents: JSN001, JSP001, JSB411, LWN040  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Internet and External  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1

JSN102 APPLIED DATA ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES FOR CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The content of this Unit is based on an assumption that students have a solid knowledge of research methodologies. This includes: an understanding of qualitative and quantitative research paradigms; principles of sampling; and various methods of collecting data. This Unit will build on that knowledge and provide students with an understanding of the techniques that can be used to analyse both quantitative and qualitative data. These skills are important for those working in criminal justice and related fields in order for them to not only process research data but also to make sense of research results published in reports, journals and other publications.

Equivalents: JSN018, JSN163, JSP163, JSP063  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Internet and External  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1

JSN103 CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR AND INVESTIGATIVE PRACTICE

Credit points: 12  
Campus: Internet and External  
Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1

JSN105 WHITE COLLAR CRIME: INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION

White-collar crime is becoming more common in Australian society. Street crime still exists but there are a larger number of people in a position to participate in white collar crime and new opportunities are presented by a more corporatised and technological society. Greater resources are being applied to detect these crimes within police services, and new agencies, such as the Australian Securities and Investment Commission, are being developed to specialise in the oversight and prosecution of offenders. The circumstances in which the crimes occur and the technological considerations raise unique questions for investigation and prevention. The background to the nature of white-collar crime is provided in JSB105 White Collar Crime - Investigations and Prevention. This unit assumes a familiarity with the nature of the offences and will provide the student with an outline of techniques for prevention and detection of white collar crime.

Antirequisites: JSB983  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Internet and External

JSN106 ANALYTICAL METHODS OF INTELLIGENCE

Over the last decade or so selected technological advances have enhanced the ability of policing and intelligence agencies to collate and analyse large amounts of data and then display the links and associations in a visual manner. By doing this the respective gaps and areas requiring additional input of information become evident, thus enhancing the gathering of information and promoting the success of the investigation. As the use of the available computer software is the contemporary professional standard it is incumbent on individuals employed within this environment to utilise the data analysis software.

Antirequisites: JSB376  
Credit points: 12  
Contact hours: Intensive block  
Campus: Gardens Point  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-2

JSN107 SECURITY AND POLITICS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA
The aim of this unit is to develop your skills in critical analysis, problem solving, research, and writing. Furthermore, knowledge of the region in which Australia is geographically positioned is of vital importance when profiling how Australia should seek its strategic security at the regional and global level. In depth analysis of South East Asia’s political, economic and social development will enable you to critically reflect on how security priorities are in this region and how it impacts on Australia’s own strategic direction. The unit is an elective for those enrolled in the Master of Justice.

Credit points: 12    Campus: Internet and External

JSN108 NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE

The rationale of this unit is for you to be able to gain insight on how security is conceptualised from a theoretical and applied perspective. This knowledge of the variety of ways, in which security is defined and sought, will enable a critical analysis of what security means for Australia. In addition, this unit will explore the contemporary issues that intelligence gathering operations are currently engaged with at the regional and international level. Security ostensibly is a multilayered task, which requires the domestic, regional and international conceptualisation of threats and strategic responses.

This unit will profile how security prioritization occurs within nation states and how security is conceptualised today in relation to both traditional and non-traditional security threats.

Equivalents: JSN164, JSP164, JSP065    Credit points: 12    Campus: Internet and External    Teaching period: 2011 SEM-2

JSN109 INTELLIGENCE PRACTICE 1

Intelligence professionals provide support to government and the private sector. Intelligence analysts are increasingly taking a leading role in investigations by providing more information to provide an informed decision for team leaders of criminal investigation teams. Within the Intelligence community they offer an advantage to managers, through the provision of accurate and timely advice. This unit presents the essentials of the intelligence system, the intelligence process and creative problem solving skills within the intelligence environment.

Intelligence analysts are provided with methodologies and tools for their profession. Intelligence work requires proficiency in thinking strategies and skills, effective interpersonal skills, teamwork and application of intelligence process methodologies in a variety of contexts.

Equivalents: JSN161, JSP161, JSP061    Credit points: 12    Campus: Internet and External    Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1