Bachelor of Justice (Honours) (JS40)

Year offered: 2010
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): 2010: CSP $2,655 (indicative) per semester
International Fees (indicative): 2010: $10,750 (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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Overview
As an extension of the undergraduate Bachelor of Justice, the Bachelor of Justice (Honours) provides an opportunity to undertake a major piece of sustained research under the supervision of a staff member, read advanced texts in justice theory, engage in small seminar discussions at an advanced level and to write advanced level essays and reports in justice related fields.

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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 coordinator.

**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.

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**UNIT SYNOPSES**

**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: 2010 SEM-1

JSB414 THERESIS 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: 2010 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: 2010 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

Antirequisites: JSB983  Credit points: 12  Campus: Internet and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1

JSN106 ANALYTICAL METHODS OF INTELLIGENCE

Antirequisites: JSB376  Credit points: 12  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

JSN107 NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE

Equivalents: JSN164, JSP164, JSP065  Credit points: 12  Campus: Internet and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

JSN109 INTELLIGENCE PRACTICE 1

Antirequisites: JSB983  Credit points: 12  Campus: Internet and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1