Justice and Law

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: Yes
Assumed knowledge: English (4, SA)
Preparatory studies: For information on acquiring assumed knowledge visit http://www.qut.edu.au/assumed-knowledge
Total credit points: 48 cps in total
Course coordinator: Dr Samantha Jeffries, School of Justice
Campus: Gardens Point and External

Why choose this course?
The Justice and Law Unit Sets selected from either Justice, Criminology or Policing, compliments studies in justice related discipline areas offered by other QUT faculties.

Unit sets
Each of the Justice Unit Sets have been designed as introductory units and have no prerequisites.

Due to timetabling constraints it may not be possible to complete all units in a University Wide Elective Set.

Consult with your course coordinator and relevant discipline coordinators prior to undertaking interfaculty studies.

Please be aware that the units you complete in a University Wide Elective Sets will appear on your academic transcript but the unit set title will not unless the set exists as a minor in your course.

Unit Sets - Justice, Criminology and Policing

JUSTICE

Choose 4 units from the following (no prerequisites required)
JSB170  Introduction to Criminology and Policing
JSB171  Justice and Society
JSB172  Professional Criminological Research Skills
JSB173  Understanding the Criminal Justice System
JSB174  Forensic Psychology and the Law
JSB175  Social Ethics and the Justice System
JSB271  Policy Governance and Justice
JSB371  Indigenous Justice

CRIMINOLOGY

Choose 4 units from the following (no prerequisites required)
JSB170  Introduction to Criminology and Policing
JSB172  Professional Criminological Research Skills
JSB175  Social Ethics and the Justice System
JSB271  Policy Governance and Justice
JSB272  Theories of Crime
JSB372  Youth Justice
JSB982  Transnational Crime

POLICING

Choose 4 units from the following (no prerequisites required)
JSB170  Introduction to Criminology and Policing
JSB172  Professional Criminological Research Skills
JSB173  Understanding the Criminal Justice System
JSB271  Policy Governance and Justice
JSB274  Policing in Context

INDIGENOUS JUSTICE

Choose 4 units from the following (no prerequisites required)
EDB040  Indigenous Knowledge: Research Ethics and Protocols
EDB041  Indigenous Australia: Country, Kin and Culture
LWB149  Indigenous Legal Issues
JSB257  Policing Diversity

Potential Careers:
Administrator, Child Protection Officer, Community Corrections Officer, Community Worker, Corrective Services Officer, Crown Law Officer, Customs Officer, Family Services Officer, Government Officer, Investigator, Police Officer (Australian Federal), Police Officer (State), Policy Officer, Public Servant, Research Assistant, Sociologist, Youth Worker.

UNIT SYNOPSISES

EDB040 INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE: RESEARCH ETHICS AND PROTOCOLS
This unit provides students with a critical examination of the major ethical and moral issues arising from the designing and conducting of research 'on/in' Australian Indigenous people/communities or issues. The unit examines the calls
by Indigenous researchers for the decolonising of research methods - a process which critically examines the historical and philosophical bases of Western research and the frustrations of Indigenous researchers with various Western paradigms, academic traditions and methodologies. 

**Credit points:** 12  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

**EDB041 INDEPENDENT AUSTRALIA: COUNTRY, KIN AND CULTURE**

This unit aims to expand understanding of issues of importance to Indigenous people and to relate those issues to the practices in human service agencies. The Oodgeroo staff and leaders from the Indigenous community will work with staff from Social Work and Human Services in presenting this unit. 

**Antirequisites:** SWB109  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

**JSB170 INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY AND POLICING**

This unit will provide you with an introduction to both of the majors before you make your choice. It will provide you with a foundation for understanding criminology and policing. It begins with an exploration of the existing explanations of crime from both an individual and social perspective and will provide you with a background of policing in Queensland, Australia and internationally. The remainder of the unit then covers topics of interest to those within the area of criminal justice, policing and criminology, for example, crimes in the home, crime in public, cyber crime, and street crime. 

**Equivalents:** JSB131, JSB011, JSB101  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1

**JSB171 JUSTICE AND SOCIETY**

The Justice degree is about producing competent justice professionals. In order to achieve this purpose, this degree combines knowledge of the criminal justice system with an understanding and appreciation of the complexities of social justice. The purpose of this unit is to introduce students to the structural parameters of social justice. 

**Equivalents:** JSB131, JSB011, JSB101  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1

**JSB172 PROFESSIONAL CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCH SKILLS**

There are a range of skills which are essential for students studying the Bachelor of Justice degree. This unit introduces basic skills in research and written communication in order to lay a successful foundation for academic and professional achievement. 

**Equivalents:** JSB132, JSB012, JSB104  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and

**JSB173 UNDERSTANDING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

The Justice Studies degree is about producing competent justice professionals. In order to achieve this purpose, this degree combines knowledge of the criminal justice system with an understanding and appreciation of the complexities of social justice. This unit provides a clear overview and critical examination of the Australian criminal justice system. 

**Equivalents:** JSB135, JSB015, JSB202  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-2

**JSB174 FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY AND THE LAW**

Forensic Psychology is readily acknowledged as one of the fastest growing areas of psychology in the world. Psychologists are now involved significantly in policing, judicial procedures and correctional processes. The term 'forensic' literally means 'of or used in law courts' (Australian Oxford Paperback Dictionary). The term 'psychology and the law', however, is now used more generally to describe the different ways in which psychology and law intersect - namely the psychology of the law, psychology in the law, and psychology by the law. By its very nature the study of psychology and law draws from a wide multi-disciplinary base for the application of specialised knowledge. As a student of this discipline area, you will need a broad introductory appreciation of (and a critical perspective on) what the study of psychology and the law involves and what it has to offer across the three criminal justice domains of the police, the courts, and corrections. 

**Equivalents:** JSB136  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-2

**JSB175 SOCIAL ETHICS AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM**

It is essential for those employed within the justice system to be able to competently and confidently work at the borders between ethics and the law. Ethical ability will enable practitioners to critically assess the moral status of current laws, to interpret acceptable standards of behaviour in situations not covered by the laws, and to develop shared understandings of moral responsibility in justice organizations and the wider community. 

**Equivalents:** JSB134  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

**JSB257 POLICING DIVERSITY**

Are policing strategies developed for 'mainstream' Australia effective for Aboriginals, or refugees from East Africa? Are Australian police forces equipped to provide effective...
services to the range of diverse communities they police? What programmes and initiatives are police using in Australia and overseas, and are they working? These questions form the basis for a course in Policing Diversity. This unit takes up the challenge to critically analyse these questions and thereby offer students an advanced education about the issues related to policing increasingly diverse populations in modern, complex societies like Australia. The unit will focus on key issues such as policing new migrant and refugee communities, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) communities, police and Aboriginal peoples, critical analysis of contemporary Australian policies and programmes aimed at enhancing police effectiveness in responding to cultural and social difference.

**JSB271 POLICY GOVERNANCE AND JUSTICE**

This unit will enable you to become familiar with policy-making practices and wider issues of governance. The unit aims to introduce the theory and practice of public policy with an emphasis on policy issues relevant to criminal and social justice. It analyses processes in policy development such as policy formation, writing, implementation and evaluation. You will gain tools for participating in policy development processes in both the public and community sectors.

**Equivalents:** JSB251, JSB081  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-2

**JSB272 THEORIES OF CRIME**

The main aim of this unit is to introduce the student to the study of theoretical criminology. This unit will address the social context of crime but is not exclusively sociological. The study of criminology is essentially multi-disciplinary and this is reflected in the diversity of theoretical approaches. Theory is typically offered as distinct from methods of research, however, together they provide the foundation for policy and practice. The unit provides an analytical framework in order to critically assess the epistemological claims and justifications found in criminological theory. Criminological theories are viewed embedded governmental practices aimed at ensuring the regulation and control of particular 'problem populations'.

**Antirequisites:** JSN113  
**Equivalents:** JSB231, JSB018  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1

**JSB274 POLICING IN CONTEXT**

This unit studies the diverse roles, duties, powers and problems of policing in Australia with the primary focus on sworn police officers and also the approaches of policing in Australia across three key sections. The first section called 'Principles of Policing', comprises of four modules that cover the principle knowledge needed for understanding the policing history, context and structure in Australia. The second section is 'Specialisation' which focusses in closer detail the actual skills, tasks and operations that police are expected to engage in as part of their core skill requirements. In the final section, 'Issues', the module reflects on contemporary issues that are enhancing the task of police work and may potentially change its areas of specialisation.

**Credit points:** 12  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-2

**JSB371 INDIGENOUS JUSTICE**

In the context of increasing public and institutional concern for the recognition of the political, social, cultural and legal rights of Indigenous peoples, it is essential that those who work in the justice system have an understanding of contemporary Indigenous justice issues. All justice professionals require a sound grasp of the unique aspects of Indigenous culture and society which impact upon the interaction of Indigenous people with the justice system. The operation of both the criminal and civil justice systems in Australia has, at times, been characterised by inequity, intolerance and ignorance in the development and implementation of policies directed towards Indigenous people. This unit explores the major areas of interaction between Indigenous Australians and the justice and legal systems and seeks to raise awareness of those factors which inhibit the formulation of sound policy and practice.

**Equivalents:** JSB352  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1

**JSB372 YOUTH JUSTICE**

This unit is concerned with the way in which a 'youth crime problem' is constructed and the implications of this for particular cohorts of young people in contemporary Australia. It is also concerned with the administration and management of youth crime through formal systems designed to prevent and reduce unlawful acts. Particular attention is drawn to the historical development of youth justice in Australia and to the changing nature of youth crime control across jurisdictions. Contemporary articulations of youth crime control are examined in relation to Queensland's system of youth justice, particularly as this is reflected in the diversity of theoretical approaches. This unit takes up the challenge to critically analyse these questions and thereby offer students an advanced understanding of the social context of crime but is not exclusively sociological. The study of criminology is essentially multi-disciplinary and this is reflected in the diversity of theoretical approaches. Theory is typically offered as distinct from methods of research, however, together they provide the foundation for policy and practice. The unit provides an analytical framework in order to critically assess the epistemological claims and justifications found in criminological theory. Criminological theories are viewed embedded governmental practices aimed at ensuring the regulation and control of particular 'problem populations'.

**Antirequisites:** JSN113  
**Equivalents:** JSB231, JSB018  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1

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**Equivalents:** JSB251, JSB081  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-2

**JSB274 POLICING IN CONTEXT**

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**Credit points:** 12  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-2
JSB982 TRANSNATIONAL CRIME
The aim of this unit is to understand the social, political and legal issues that are associated with transnational crime while also giving you a profile of the crimes themselves, their incidence statistics and primary locations. This unit seeks to further develop your skills in critical analysis, problem solving, research, and writing. The unit is an elective to the Criminology and Investigations and Policing majors at the undergraduate level and is intended for second or third year students.

The unit also aims to encourage you to develop your knowledge of international crime as well as provide you with the additional knowledge of how international institutions and states cooperate in seeking to eradicate transnational crime. Issues such as the relationship between states, law and politics, as well as issues of poverty, responses to crime and social issues concerning these crimes will also be uncovered in this unit.

Antirequisites: JSN104 and JSB977   Credit points: 12
Contact hours: 3   Campus: Gardens Point and External   Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

LWB149 INDIGENOUS LEGAL ISSUES
Indigenous Australians have a unique position in Australian society as the traditional owners and custodians of the Australian continent and its offshore islands. The colonisation of Australia and the introduction of Anglo-Australian law have had a profound impact on Indigenous Australians and in many ways have contributed to the current level of social and economic disadvantage in Indigenous communities. This unit aims to provide you with an understanding of how government law and policy has had an especially adverse effect on Australian Indigenous peoples. It explores the potential for greater recognition of Indigenous rights, including the right to self determination, in the Australian context. The unit is of relevance if you are intending to work in legal practice, public sector policy or community organisations.

Credit points: 12   Contact hours: 3 per week   Campus: Gardens Point and External   Teaching period: 2011 SEM-2