

Associate Degree of Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADCJ) - ADegCrimCJ

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 904211; External: 904215;
Springfield campus: 924211

CRICOS code (International applicants): 0100448

	On-campus*	Online
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Springfield, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	2 years full-time, up to 4 years part-time	

Footnotes

* Not all courses are available at all campuses.

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Program aims

The Associate Degree of Criminology and Criminal Justice is designed to prepare graduates to undertake para-professional work in the criminal justice sector and associated agencies, and as a pathway for further learning. Graduates will be able to apply underpinning theoretical and practical knowledge in a range of relevant contexts in both the public and private sectors.

Program objectives

At the completion of the Associate Degree of Criminology and Criminal Justice, students should be able to:

- (1) Productively transfer discipline-based competencies in criminology and criminal justice to further learning and professional contexts.
- (2) Critically evaluate multiple sources of evidence in developing their own individual viewpoint.
- (3) Clearly and coherently present ideas and logical arguments in a range of modes that are fit for purpose.
- (4) Act as responsible, ethical citizens based on respect for diversity of cultures and peoples, both locally and globally.
- (5) Apply relevant criminological theories to researching, planning and achieving effective solutions to complex criminological problems.
- (6) Participate both autonomously and collaboratively in informed debates, discussions and activities to produce new ideas, processes and artefacts.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 06. Graduates at this level will have broad knowledge and skills for paraprofessional/highly skilled work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View USQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Have achieved a minimum Overall Position (OP) **17**, tertiary entrance rank **65** or equivalent qualification.[^]
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 2.

Applicants are advised to also note the following:

- [Assumed Knowledge](#) expectations: English.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

[^] These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2019 OP and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Special admissions may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your Selection Rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about USQ's [Special Admissions](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The Associate Degree of Criminology and Criminal Justice program is designed to prepare students for para-professional careers in the criminal justice sector, associated agencies, or other relevant areas. It consists of 4 core courses and 12 of the 13 approved courses.

Required time limits

The standard duration for completion of this program is 2 years full-time, 4 years part-time. Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this program.

Core courses

Course	Semester of offer Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester of offer Springfield campus
CRI1111 Criminology	1	1	1
CRI1121 Crime and Justice	2	2	
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship	1.2.3	1.2	1.2
EMP2030 Employability and Professional Skills	2		

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Other program requirements

Students must maintain good standing in this program. [Please refer to the Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Procedure](#).

Articulation

The Associate Degree of Criminology and Criminal Justice does not articulate into the [LLBP Bachelor of Laws](#) program.

Credit

Credit may be granted on the basis of completed equivalent study from a recognised institution. In order for credit to be granted, the claim must meet the following specific requirements:

- the course was passed within five years prior to the application (courses up to 10 years old may be considered if evidence is provided that the applicant has been employed in that field)
- the course passed is sufficiently equivalent in objectives, content and weighting to a course prescribed in the Associate Degree of Criminology and Criminal Justice

- where the student has taken out an award from a recognised institution and is claiming credit on the basis of courses completed to meet the requirements of that program, the maximum credit allowable on the basis of such courses will be no greater than eight courses for the Associate Degree of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- credit is not granted on the basis of prior work experience
- credit approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by the USQ.

Claims for credit should be submitted prior to or at the time of enrolment in a course. Each claim will be assessed on individual merit in line with USQ policy. Please contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts for further information.

Please refer to the Program Structure for course details.

Recommended enrolment pattern - full-time enrolment

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

The following recommended enrolment pattern is accurate from the point all courses have been rolled out as at Semester 1, 2021. For students undertaking study in this program in 2019 and 2020, please contact the Program Coordinator for enrolment guidance and advice.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
Core Courses							
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship	1	1			1	1	Enrolment is not permitted in CMS1000 if MGT1200 has been previously completed.
CRI1111 Criminology	1	1			1	1	Enrolment is not permitted in CRI1111 if LAW3471 has been previously completed.
CRI1121 Crime and Justice	1	2			1	2	
EMP2030 Employability and Professional Skills					1	2	
Select twelve (12) of the following thirteen (13) courses							
CRI2212 Police and Society	1	1			1	1	
CRI2211 Crime, Justice and the Media [^]	1 or 2	1			1 or 2	1	
CRI2221 Understanding the Social Sciences	2	2			2	2	
CRI1122 Race, Diversity, Crime and Justice	1	2			1	2	
CRI1123 Punishment and Reform	1	2			1	2	
CRI3312 Green Criminology	2	1			2	1	
CRI2213 Youth, Deviance and Juvenile Justice [^]	1 or 2	1			1 or 2	1	
LAW3479 Family Violence and Child Protection Law	2	2			2	2	Pre-requisite: (LAW1111 and LAW1112) or LAW1201 or (LAW5111 and LAW5112) or LAW5501 or CMS1000
EDU3325 Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect for Helping Professionals					2	1	Enrolment is not permitted in EDU3325 if EDU5325 has been previously completed.
CRI3311 Investigating Crime	2	1			2	1	
CRI2222 Victimology in Context	2	2			2	2	
CRI3321 Criminal Minds: Forensic and Criminal Psychology	2	2			2	2	
PWE3000 Professional Work Experience			2	2			Pre-requisite: Students must have successfully completed a minimum of 16 units in their program of study. ADCJ students are exempt from the 16-unit pre-requisite, but must have successfully completed EMP2030 to undertake this course.

Consult the Handbook on the Web at <http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current> for any updates that may occur during the year.
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Footnotes

[^] CRI2211 and CRI2213 – It is recommended that students take one of these courses in Semester 1 of their first year of study and the other course in Semester 1 of their second year of study to ensure program completion within the expected timeframe.