

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

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

CRICOS code (International applicants): 0100448

Programs at UniSQ are regularly reviewed to ensure they remain professionally-relevant, in order to enhance the graduate outcomes of our students. This program is currently being re-accredited and is as a consequence likely to undergo some changes. Full details will be available when it is approved. If you have any questions, please contact us directly.

	On-campus*	Online
Start:	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	

Notes:

In 2023 the program follows the Semester calendar. The [Academic Calendar and Important Dates](#) webpage will allow you to view and download a copy of the important dates for the Semester calendar.

Footnotes

* Not all courses are available at all campuses.

Contact us

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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 UniSQ'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 Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of **61**, or equivalent qualification.[^]
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 2.

Applicants are advised to also note the following:

- [Assumed Knowledge](#) expectations: English (Units 3 & 4, C).

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 2023 ATAR 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.

Adjustment factors may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your entrance rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about UniSQ's [Adjustment Factors](#) 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 Schedules](#).

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 Schedule](#)

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, external or online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

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 14 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	Semester of offer Ipswich campus
CRI1111 Criminology	1, 2	1, 2	1	1, 2
CRI1121 Crime and Justice	2	2	2	
HAC1000 The Skilful Communicator[£]	2, 3	2	2	
EMP2030 Employability and Professional Skills	2			

Footnotes

£ Springfield offer is not available in 2023
In Semester 3, 2023 this course will be delivered as a Transition (9 week) semester, commencing on 13 November 2023 and concluding on 12 January 2024

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 Student Academic Progress Procedure.](#)

Articulation

The Associate Degree of Criminology and Criminal Justice does not articulate into [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 UniSQ.

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 UniSQ 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

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							
HAC1000 The Skilful Communicator [£]	1	2			1	2	Enrolment is not permitted in HAC1000 if CMS1000 or CMS1100 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 fourteen (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	

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	
LAW3479 Family Violence and Child Protection Law	2	2			2	2	Pre-requisite: LAW1111 or CMS1000 or HAC1000
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	
LAW3491 Law and Justice Placement			2	1,2,3			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following: LLBP or BALW or BCLW or BZLW or ADCJ or BART. Students must have successfully completed a minimum of 8 Law units in their program of study prior to submitting the Placement Proposal.

Footnotes

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Springfield offer is not available in 2023.
Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023
- ^ 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.
- * Only available online in 2023