Sydney Law School’s Criminology Program is the most established of its kind in Australia. The benefit of Sydney’s long history in the field of teaching and researching Criminology is combined with the innovation of cutting edge and contemporary courses, taught side-by-side with the fundamentals of Criminology. Programs are designed to give access to academic engagement at the highest standards coupled with criminal justice policy and practice developments.

The program contains a broad field of interdisciplinary units, presented by some of Australia’s leading criminologists, all with international reputations and expertise. But they do more than teach, they engage. An interdisciplinary and critical approach is used through small classes and stimulating dialogue between staff and students.

There is a great mix within the student body of graduates and practitioners from diverse fields including law, criminal justice and the broader social justice and community areas. Applicants who have attained a credit average in a relevant undergraduate degree may apply. Applicants who have equivalent work experience including employment, accredited training and/or professional courses may also be eligible.
SYDNEY INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

Studying criminology is more than going to classes. It is about the opportunity to be part of a cutting edge research culture fostered through the Institute of Criminology. The Institute is over 40 years strong and is one of Australia’s key criminology and criminal justice research and public education centres. The publishing and public education activities of the Institute place its members and students at the forefront of debates in critical criminology and criminal justice policy developments.

CrimNet

Australia’s only criminal justice electronic bulletin board, a lively forum and distribution network for criminal lawyers, criminologists and criminal justice professionals.

Public Seminar Series

An accessible public forum for education and debate on recent trends and issues in criminal justice policy and social justice issues.

Sydney Institute of Criminology Series

A monograph series publishing high quality academic books, highlighting emerging strands in Australian criminology and criminal law, and examining issues of continuing and wide public relevance.

Current Issues in Criminal Justice

Australia’s major criminology journal, publishing leading scholarship and public commentary on issues of current debate and reform.

High level engagement with media, communities and public institutions

A public presence which provides opportunities to influence public debate and policy reform. Institute scholars engage with international and comparative research networks.

Visiting international scholars

Attracted to the innovative and challenging academic environment of the Institute of Criminology.

DEGREE PROGRAMS & STRUCTURE

Graduate Diploma in Criminology (GradDipCrim) – 24 credit points to complete.

Two compulsory units to complete – Crime Research & Policy and Explaining Crime. Two elective units to complete – Students choose from the entire range of relevant units on offer. Each unit of study is worth six credit points unless indicated otherwise.

Master of Criminology (MCrIm) - 48 credit points to complete

Three compulsory units to complete – Crime Research & Policy, Explaining Crime and Criminal Liability. Students with a law degree are exempt from Criminal Liability. Five to six elective units to complete – Students choose from the entire range of relevant units on offer. Each unit of study is worth six credit points unless indicated otherwise.

Master of Criminology (MCrIm) by Research

50,000 word thesis plus one unit of coursework study.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

100,000 word thesis plus three units of coursework study.
UNITS OF STUDY

COMPULSORY UNITS OF STUDY
Crime Research & Policy
Criminal Liability* (MCrime only)
Explaining Crime
*For students without a law degree

ELECTIVE UNITS OF STUDY
Advanced Forensic Psychiatry
Anti-Terrorism Law
Comparative Law of Evidence
Contemporary Challenges for
Criminal Law
Contemporary Crime Issues
Criminal Justice: Developments in
Prevention & Control
Criminal Procedures
Criminology Research Project
Critical Issues in Crime Research &
Policy
Death Law
Environmental Criminology
Explaining Punishment
Forensic Psychiatry
Forensic Psychology
Gender, Race & Crime
Hate Crime
Indigenous Peoples & Criminal
Justice
International & Comparative Criminal
Justice
Mental Illness: Law & Policy
Policing Australian Society
Policing Bodies: Crime, Sexuality &
Reproduction
Risk, Fear & Insecurity
The Currency of Justice
What Works in Criminal Justice
Young People, Crime & the Law
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For coursework degrees, a relevant undergraduate degree at an appropriate level. Admission to the Graduate Diploma is also available to candidates with equivalent experience including employment, accredited training and/or professional courses. For research degrees, an Honours degree at either First or Second-Class division.

FEES

Fees for local or domestic candidates are $2,130 per six credit point unit of study in 2011. The estimated cost for the Graduate Diploma in Criminology (GradDipCrim) is $8,520. The estimated cost for the Master of Criminology (MCRM) is $17,040. The Master of Criminology (MCrim) by Research is exempt. Candidates can pay up-front or defer their tuition fee payment through the Commonwealth Government’s FEE-HEHELP scheme – www.goingtouni.gov.au Fees for international candidates are A$15,360 for the Graduate Diploma in Criminology (GradDipCrim); A$30,720 for the Master of Criminology (MCRM) and A$30,000 for the Master of Criminology (MCrim) by Research.

APPLICATION


International applicants must complete the University of Sydney Postgraduate Study International Application Form - http://sydney.edu.au/fstudent/international/postgrad/apply/pg_inter_application-coursework.pdf - and include all necessary supporting documentation.

For detailed academic advice, please contact the Program Co-ordinator, Graeme Coss - Graeme.Coss@sydney.edu.au