

Bachelor of Criminal Justice

Course code: ABCJ

Course Requirements

To attain the Bachelor of Criminal Justice, students will be required to complete 288 credit points consisting of:

- 96 credit points of First Year Core units
- 192 credit points of Professional Core studies including 24 credit points of Capstone studies

Students are required to enrol in all units for semester 1 and 2, and are not permitted to enrol in more than 48 credit points per semester as a full-time load.

Credit Points

A credit point is used to measure the study load for a unit. A standard unit consists of 12 credit points, with each completed unit's credit points adding up to meet your required total of credit points to complete your course.

Capstone Units

This course includes capstone units, which are third-year level units that are completed at the end of your last year of study. They involve demonstrating the skills and knowledge you have acquired through your course, usually through a large research project or an internship. They have the study load of 2 units, and are worth 24 credit points upon completion.

Further Information

Unit and course information is available from the University course search site at <http://vu.edu.au/course-search> or go to <https://askvu.vu.edu.au> or Phone VUHQ on 03 9919 6100

Campus

Footscray Park (FP)

College

College of Arts, Business, Law, Education and IT

Study Mode

Full Time or Part Time

Duration

3 years Full Time or Part Time equivalent

Fee Type

For information on course fees, refer to <http://vu.edu.au/fees>

Application Method

VTAC - <https://vtac.edu.au>

Direct Application - <https://gotovu.custhelp.com/app/landing>

Timetable

vu.edu.au/timetables

Course Chair

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Course Advice

AskCUA - <https://askvu.vu.edu.au/app/askcua>

Year 1

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASL1003	Criminal Justice Systems	Core	1B1	12	FP, ORT, W	
AEK1105	Aboriginal Traditions and Policy	Core	1B2	12	FP, ORT, W	
ASA1024	Applied Human Rights	Core	1B3	12	FP, ORT, W	
AYW1002	Youth and Community Contexts	Core	1B4	12	FP, ORT, W	
BLB1101	Australian Legal System in Context	Core	2B1	12	CC, ORT	
ASW1000	Working in Human Services Organisations	Core	2B2	12	FP	
AEB1804	Young People in a Global Community	Core	2B3	12	FP, ORT, W	
LCR1002	Policing and Offending	Core	2B4	12	CC	

Pattern of study for 2025 Semester 2 Block 1 Intake:

2B1: ASL1003

2B2: AEB1804

2B3: ASW1000

2B4: LCR1002

2026

1B1: BLB1101

1B2: AEK1105

1B3: ASA1024

1B4: AYW1002

Year 2

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
AYW2002	Disability, Ableism and Youth Work	Core	1B1	12	FP, ORT, W	
ASL2002	Criminal Justice Systems 2	Core	1B2	12	FP, ORT, W	
ASA2034	Project Design and Implementation	Core	1B3	12	FP, ORT	
ECY2001	Young People and Substance Abuse	Core	1B4	12	FP, ORT	
ACW2024	Gender in Public Life	Core	2B1	12	FP, ORT	
ASC2005	Change and Community Justice	Core	2B2	12	FP, ORT, W	
AEB2803	Holistic Practice with Young People	Core	2B3	12	FP, ORT, W	
ASL2003	Ethics	Core	2B4	12	FP	

Prerequisites

A number of units within the degree have 'prerequisites'. These prerequisites must be met before enrolment in the unit is permitted. Generally these prerequisites require the successful completion of a unit or units taken at an earlier stage in the course. Students should pay particular attention to these prerequisite requirements as failure to meet these can seriously hinder progression through the course.

Core

A unit that must be completed

Year 3

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ECY3003	Youth and Community Industry Preparation	Core	1B1	12	FP, ORT, W	
ECY3004	Youth and Community Industry Placement	Core	1B2	12	FP, W	
ASL3001	Criminal Justice 3	Core	1B3	12	FP, ORT, W	ASL1003 and ASL2002
ASC3007	Research in the Community	Core	1B4	12	FP, ORT, W	
EDI3001	Rights, Advocacy and Discrimination	Core	2B1	12	FP, ORT, W	
ASS3009	Sociology of Law	Core	2B2	12	FP, ORT, W	
ECY3001	Working with Young People with Complex Issues	Core	2B3	12	FP, ORT, W	
ECY3000	Supporting Young People in Dual Diagnosis Settings	Core	2B4	12	FP, ORT, W	

Placement

ABCJ students need to complete **both capstone units ECY3003 and ECY3004**.

In third year students enhance the skills and knowledge previously developed, requiring them to exercise a higher degree of autonomy and responsibility.

In this industry placement the students complete 200 hours in the one organisation.

The priority is to have students involved in placement that further develops their professional practice and engagement within the sector and provides an opportunity to apply the level of expertise they are rapidly developing within their academic studies.

Placements can occur at any time throughout the academic year dependent on host organisation needs and student availability. Students negotiate their placement schedule with the workplace supervisor.

[Criminal Justice Industry Placement webpage](#) (further information on selection process for placement can be found here)

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