

Bachelor of Criminology

Course code: LBCR (Commencing 1B1 2025)

Course Requirements

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

- 96 credit points of First Year Core Studies
- 96 credit points of Professional Core Studies
- 96 credit points of Minor 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.

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

City Campus (CC)

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

Katherine Scanlon

Course Advice

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

Year 1

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
LCR1001	Introduction to Criminology	Core	1B1	12	CC	
BLB1101	Australian Legal System in Context	Core	1B2	12	CC	
LCR1002	Policing and Offending	Core	1B3	12	CC	
BLB1114	Legal Research Methods	Core	1B4	12	CC	
LLW1001	Criminal Law	Core	2B1, 2B2	12	CC	BLB1101 and BLB1114
LLW1002	Criminal Investigation, Procedure and Sentencing	Core	2B2	12	CC	BLB1101 and BLB1114
LLW1004	Legal Interpretation	Core	2B3	12	CC	BLB1114
LCR1003	Crime and Inequality	Core	2B4	12	CC	

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

Minor

A subject area that is the second focus of a degree, comprising a smaller set of units than a major within a particular discipline. At Victoria University a minor is made up of 48 credit points (equivalent to 4 units).

Year 2

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
LCR2001	Corporate Crime	Core	1B1, 1B2 1B1, 2B4	12	CC ORT	LCR1001
LCR2002	History of Criminal Law and Trials	Core	1B2, 2B2 1B2, 1B4, 2B4	12	CC ORT	
LCR2003	Criminological Theory	Core	1B1, 2B1 1B4	12	CC ORT	BLB1114 or ASL1003 or LCR1001 or ABA1003
LCR2004	Digital Criminology	Core	1B3 1B1, 2B2, 2B4	12	CC ORT	
LCR3001	Contemporary Issues in Criminology	Core	1B2, 2B1 1B2, 1B4	12	CC ORT	
	Minor 1 - Unit 1	Minor		12		
	Minor 1 - Unit 2	Minor		12		
	Minor 2 - Unit 1	Minor		12		

Year 3

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites			
LCR3004	Victims, Justice and the Law	Core	1B3, 2B3	12	CC, ORT				
LCR3901	Crime Research and Methods	Core	1B1, 2B1, 2B3	12	CC	LCR2003 or ASL2002 and LCR3001			
LCR3902	Research Project	Core	2B2, 2B4 1B2	12	CC ORT	LCR3901			
	Minor 1 - Unit 3	Minor		12					
	Minor 1 - Unit 4	Minor		12					
	Minor 2 - Unit 2	Minor		12					
	Minor 2 - Unit 3	Minor		12					
	Minor 2 - Unit 4	Minor		12					

Minors

Minor Selections

Approved Minors	
LMIHUM	Human Rights
LMIINT	Interpersonal Skills and Conflict Resolution
LMIPSY	Psychology
LMISEC	International Security

Human Rights - LMIHUM

This minor provides the basis for students to study in greater depth the criminal justice system and the law among disadvantaged in Australia and with a focus on human rights. It provides a good preparation for students wishing to work with the disadvantaged. Students may substitute LLW2002 International Law Practicum for any one of the units in the minor, subject to unit convenor approval and availability.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASL2003	Ethics	Minor		12	FP	
BLB4145	Human Rights Law	Minor		12	CC, ORT	BLB1101 and BLB1114
LCR3002	Crime Across Borders	Minor		12	CC, ORT	
LLW2009	Indigenous People of Australia and the Law	Minor		12	CC, ORT	

Interpersonal Skills and Conflict Resolution - LMIINT

This minor provides students with interpersonal skills, interviewing and negotiation and the means of conflict resolution. It provides skill development for students seeking to work in enforcement and corrections areas. Students may substitute LLW2002 International Law Practicum for any one of the units in the minor, subject to unit convenor approval and availability.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACC2004	Culture and Communication	Minor		12	FP	
ASC3095	Conflict Resolution in Groups and Communities	Minor		12	FP	
EDI3001	Rights, Advocacy and Discrimination	Minor		12	FP, ORT	
LLW3002	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Minor		12	CC, ORT	BLB1101

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Psychology - LMIPSY

This minor provides basic insight into human behaviour and is a popular combination with criminology.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
APP1012	Psychology 1A	Minor		12	FP	
APP1013	Psychology 2A	Minor		12	FP	APP1012
APP3027	Relationship and Family Wellbeing	Minor		12	FP	APP2013
HPP2001	Developmental Psychology	Minor		12	FP	APP1013

International Security - LMISEC

This minor provides students with a deeper understanding of security and political responses to migration, international crime and terrorism and how freedom of expression and privacy are balanced against security needs. Students may substitute LLW2002 International Law Practicum for any one of the units in the minor, subject to unit convenor approval and availability.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASP2007	Dictatorship and Democracy	Minor		12	FP	
ASP3002	International Security	Minor		12	FP	
ASS3050	Migration, Mobility and Globalisation	Minor		12	FP	
BLB4143	Public International Law	Minor		12	CC, ORT	BLB1101 and BLB1114 and LLW1001

Semester Dates

For accurate, up-to-date semester dates for these minors, please go to [MyVU](#).