

Legal & Criminal Justice

Courses (Victoria)

2017

This document has been developed to assist students and parents in researching undergraduate legal and criminal justice TAFE and university courses in Victoria. It isn't an exhaustive list, and students are encouraged to research their options and to attend tertiary information seminars throughout the year. This brochure is designed to assist students who are interested in legal studies but don't want to study law.

Exploring courses

You can search the state-based Tertiary Admission Centre websites for information about courses. Please be aware that this information is for the **2017 selection period** and some **courses may change in 2018**.

ATARs are for the 2017 selection period and may rise or fall in the 2018 selection period. Please only use them as a guide.

To search for Victorian courses, use the Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) course search function

- <http://www.vtac.edu.au/>
- Click on Course Search and enter in key terms such as legal, criminal, justice etc.

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- Criminology website, <http://bit.ly/2lgWkdu>
- Criminology@Deakin blog – <http://bit.ly/1S0rzmp>

Bachelor of Criminology, 2017 ATARs – Geelong: 64.50, Melbourne: 67.7, Cloud: no ATAR listed. You can combine the Bachelor of Criminology with one of the following degrees:

- Cyber Security (Geelong – 61.9, Melbourne – 60.45)
- Law (Geelong – 84.35, Melbourne – 91.05)
- Psychological Science (Geelong – 60.80, Melbourne – 70.65, Cloud – not listed)
- Forensic Science (Geelong – 66.10)

Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Criminology), 2017 ATARs – Geelong: 55.90, Melbourne: 63.90, Cloud: no ATAR listed. You can combine the Bachelor of Arts with one of the following degrees:

- Commerce (Geelong – 62.75, Melbourne – 64.05)
- International Relations (Melbourne – 61.65)
- Law (Geelong – 85.50, Melbourne – 91.05, Cloud – ATAR not listed)
- Science (Geelong – ATAR not listed, Melbourne – 60.02)
- Health Science (Melbourne – 60.75)
- Secondary Teaching (Melbourne – 60.50)

Example study plan – Bachelor of Criminology:

First year

Sem. 1	Introducing Crime & Criminology	Elective	Elective	Elective
Sem 2.	Introducing Crime & Criminal Justice	Elective	Elective	Elective

Second year

Sem. 1	Issues in Criminal Justice	Crime, Victims & Justice	Crime Prevention & Security	Elective
Sem 2.	Criminology Theory	Crime, Media & Justice	Elective	Elective

Third year

Sem. 1	International & Comparative Criminal Justice	Criminology Practicum	Elective	Elective
Sem 2.	Criminology Research	Crime, Terrorism & Security	Elective	Elective

Criminology website, <http://bit.ly/2nEmavw>

Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Criminology): 2017 ATAR – Caulfield – 81.05, Clayton – 85.05. You can combine the Bachelor with one of the following degrees (2017 ATARs in brackets):

- Visual Arts: 85 + additional selection criteria
- Music: 85 + additional selection criteria
- Commerce Specialist- Actuarial Science (93.30), Economics (92.10), Finance (92).
- Commerce (92.60)
- Business Specialist (Accounting, Banking & Finance, International Business, Marketing) (85.05)
- Business (85)
- Education (Honours) (Primary – 85.25), (Secondary – 85.10)
- Laws (Honours) (98)
- Information Technology (86.55)
- Science (85)
- Engineering (Honours) (92)

Bachelor of Arts (Law Pathway): 2017 ATAR: 90 + additional selection criteria

Bachelor of Arts (Indigenous Entry): other selection criteria besides just the ATAR

Example study plan – Bachelor of Arts (major in Criminology):

First year

Sem. 1	Understanding Crime – an Introduction	Elective (Gateway)	Elective	Elective
Sem 2.	Criminal Justice – an Introduction	Elective (Gateway)	Elective	Elective

Second year

Sem. 1	Crime, Control & Policing	Crime, Media & Culture	Elective	Elective
Sem 2.	Victims, Justice & the Law	Social Research Methods	Elective	Elective

Third year

Sem. 1	Crime, Risk & Security	Study Tour – USA	Global Crime & Justice	Elective
Sem 2.	Punishment, Power & Prisons	Sex, Gender & Crime	Elective	Elective

Criminology website, <http://bit.ly/2k7ldX0>

Bachelor of Criminology: Melbourne campus. 2017 ATAR – 60.20.

Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Crime, Justice and Legal Studies): Melbourne campus. 2017 ATAR – 50.

You can combine the Bachelor of Arts with one of the following degrees:

- Health Sciences (55.5)
- Science (60.75)
- Master of Teaching (Secondary) (ATAR not listed)
- Laws (90.05)

Example study plan - Bachelor of Criminology:

First year

Sem. 1	Dispute Resolution	Legal Institutions & Methods	Law, Order & Justice	Elective
Sem 2.	Criminal Law for Criminal Justice Professionals	From Prisons to Detention Centres	Understanding Crime	Elective

Second year

Sem. 1	Victimology	Sentences & Corrections	Introduction to Forensic Psychology & the Law	Elective
Sem 2.	Introduction to Forensic Science & the Law	Policing, Society & Democracy	Law & Practice of Customs & Border Protection	Elective

Third year

Sem. 1	Introduction to Socio-Legal & Political Research	International Criminal Law	Criminology Elective	Elective
Sem 2.	Criminal Law, Ethics & Accountability	Law, Policy & Community	Criminology Elective	Elective

Criminal Justice Website, <http://bit.ly/2nEmTwZ>

Courses:

- Advanced Diploma of Legal Practice (Victoria Polytechnic)
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice, Footscray Park. No ATAR listed.
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Psychological Studies, Footscray Park. No ATAR listed.
- Bachelor of Legal Services, Footscray Park. No ATAR listed.

Law & Justice (Chancellor's Scholarship) program: For high achieving students. Must achieve an ATAR of at least 90. Will receive \$5000 per year up to four years. Eligible course - Bachelor of Legal Studies, <http://bit.ly/1QNBBGF>

Example study plan - Bachelor of Criminal Justice

Can minor in Psychology, Gender Studies or History

First year

Sem. 1	Foundations of Social Science Research	Introduction to Sociology	Aboriginal Traditions & Policy	Sociology of Social Control
Sem 2.	Criminal Justice Systems	Australian Legal Systems in Context	Legal Research Methods	Introduction to Public Law

Second year

Sem. 1	Ethics	Forensic Investigation in Social Context	Sociology of Law	Minor study elective
Sem 2.	Making Modern Identities	Child & Safety	Criminal Law	Minor study elective

Third year

Sem. 1	Law & Governance	International Security	Inquiring into the Social Sphere 1	Minor study elective
Sem 2.	Criminal Law 2	Space, Knowledge & Power	Inquiring into the Social Sphere 2	Minor study elective

Criminology website, <http://bit.ly/2IUW7jv>

- **Vocational Courses:** Swinburne offers the Certificate IV and Diploma of Legal Services and the Certificate IV and Diploma of Justice through their TAFE division.
- **Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Criminology),** 2017 ATAR – 60.25. You can combine the Bachelor with one of the following degrees: Business, Science, Law, or Secondary Teaching.
- **Bachelor of Arts (Professional) (Criminology):** This degree is for high achieving students (ATAR of at least 80). You will be guaranteed access to 12 months of paid work experience, extending the degree by only 6 months.
- **UniLink Arts & Communication Diploma-** 8-month course for students who don't receive the required ATAR to get directly into their desired course. 2017 ATAR – 52.35. Once students have successfully completed the Diploma, they will be guaranteed entry into second year of the Bachelor of Arts.

Scholarships

- Vice Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship (Arts & Social Sciences), <http://bit.ly/2nTFkLj>
- Deans Outstanding Achievement Scholarship (Arts & Social Sciences), <http://bit.ly/2o6ygKL>

Example study plan - Bachelor of Arts (Majoring in Criminology)

First year

Sem. 1	Criminology: Theory & Practice	Elective	Elective	Elective
Sem 2.	Introduction to Forensic Psychology	Elective	Elective	Elective

Second year

Sem. 1	Policing: Systems & Practice	Deviance Difference & Conformity	Elective	Elective
Sem 2.	Conflict Resolution	Elective	Elective	Elective

Third year

Sem. 1	Advanced Topics in Criminology	Social Research Design: Principles & Methods	Elective	Elective
Sem 2.	Corrections – Systems & Practice	The Grand Challenges	Elective	Elective

Justice and Legal Website, <http://bit.ly/2dmXDm3>

Legal courses (2017 ATARs in brackets)

- Advanced Diploma of Legal Practice (TAFE Division)
- Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation (Legal) (TAFE pathway course)
- Associate Degree in Legal Practice (Paralegal) (55.05)
- Bachelor of Legal & Dispute Studies (70.45)

Justice courses (2017 ATARs in brackets)

- Certificate IV, Diploma & Advanced Diploma of Justice (TAFE Division)
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice (80.05)
- Bachelor of Criminology & Psychology (87.65)

Example study plan- Bachelor of Criminal Justice

First year

Sem. 1	Introduction to Law	Introduction to Criminal Psychology	Foundations of Criminology	Introduction to Criminal Justice
Sem 2.	Foundations of Policing	Criminological Theory	Intercultural Communication	Criminology elective

Second year

Sem. 1	International Human Rights & Law	Public Policy	Corrections	Criminology elective
Sem 2.	Foundations of Social Research	Crime Prevention	Global Crime	Elective

Third year

Sem. 1	Organisational Studies	Contemporary Criminology	Criminology elective	Elective
Sem 2.	Professional Ethics & Conduct	Justice & Legal Internship	Justice & Legal Internship	Criminology elective

There are 41 criminology electives to choose from.

Federation University

Open Access Program: Open Access programs are those whose entry is based on applicants meeting prerequisite units (and their study scores) rather than a minimum Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). For current Year 12 students this means that, provided you have met the prerequisites of your chosen program of study, your achieved ATAR is not a factor in the University's decision to offer a place; therefore, your study scores will indicate your eligibility for a place when you receive your school results in December, <http://bit.ly/1U7fAlx>

Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice): Gippsland and Mount Helen (Ballarat), <http://bit.ly/2nEvDDh>

Example study plan

First year

Sem. 1	Crime, Theory & Practice	Arts Minor Subject	Elective	Elective
Sem 2.	The Criminal Justice Process	Arts Minor Subject	Elective	Elective

Second year

Sem. 1	Comparative Criminal Justice: An International Perspective	Policing in Practice	Victims of Crime	Arts Minor Subject
Sem 2.	Human Rights: Conventions to Practice	Indigenous History	Elective	Arts Minor Subject

Third year

Sem. 1	Myths & Massacres	Elective	Elective – Advanced	Elective – Advanced
Sem 2.	Offender Profiling	Crime and Violence: Town and Country	Crime Prevention, Reduction & Control	Elective – Advanced

Can minor in Sociology, History, Indigenous Studies, English/Literature, Media & Screen Studies, Japanese, Philosophy, Community & Human Services, Behavioural Studies, Psychology, Global & International Studies, or Writing.

University of Melbourne

- **Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Criminology)**, 2017 ATAR – 89.30 (Access Melbourne students - 80), <http://bit.ly/2nEGXPu>
- **Bachelor of Arts (Extended) (majoring in Criminology)**. Indigenous entry. Range of selection criteria for entry, <http://bit.ly/2o6S3JH>
- **Bachelor of Arts (Chancellor's Scholars Program)**: For students who achieve an ATAR of 99.9. Students will receive a guaranteed place in the graduate program of their choice and a range of other benefits.

No sample study plan available.

Other

Navitas College of Public Safety, Melbourne, <http://www.ncps.edu.au/>

- Bachelor of Criminology & Justice

Holmesglen Institute, Waverley, <http://bit.ly/1Q68dJr>

- Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma of Justice

Kangan Institute, Broadmeadows and Essendon, <http://bit.ly/2nKXphY>

- Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma of Justice
- Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice)
- Certificate IV Legal Services
- Advanced Diploma of Legal Practice