

Bachelor of Justice Studies/Bachelor of Forensic Studies (249JA.1)

Please note these are the 2017 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Law School Academic Program Area - Science
UAC code	
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). View IELTS equivalences

International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you
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About this course

This double degree program brings together two areas that are valuable for anyone wishing to make a career in law justice or law enforcement. The Justice Studies elements of the course allow students to gain an understanding of social and cultural dimensions of the justice system, complement their forensic science studies with grounding in the legal rules of evidence and procedure, and prepare them for management and operational roles in the justice sector agencies. The Forensic Studies elements equip them with an undergraduate science qualification orientated to crime investigation and the preparation of evidence for justice processes. Forensic Science is the application of scientific principles and various scientific disciplines to the investigation of criminal acts. The role of a forensic scientist is to present objective evidence and opinions that will assist the court with their deliberation process. The Forensic Studies component of this double degree emphasises, in particular, the laboratory-based fields of forensic biology and forensic chemistry, and cover areas such as the collection and examination of trace evidence, toxicology, specialised chemical/biological analyses, and the interpretation and reporting of analytical results. Note: Students completing the forensic component of the double degree will qualify for a Bachelor of Forensic Studies award, not qualify for the Bachelor of Applied Science in Forensic Studies (142JA) unless additional units are completed in consultation with the Forensic Studies Course Convener.

Professional accreditation

None.

Admission requirements

Normal UC requirements for admission to an undergraduate course.

Additional admission requirements

None.

Assumed knowledge

For the Bachelor of Justice Studies, please refer to the individual course. For the Bachelor of Forensic Studies, assumed knowledge is ACT: Biology and/or Chemistry major(s), plus Mathematical Methods major; NSW: Biology and/or Chemistry, plus Mathematics.

Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#).

Course requirements

Bachelor of Justice Studies/Bachelor of Forensic Studies (249JA) | 96 credit points

Required - 72 credit points as follows

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Major in Justice Studies (MJ0147) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 21 credit points as follows

[Legal Methods and Skills \(6601\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Legal Systems \(6602\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Therapeutic Jurisprudence \(7917\) | 3 credit points — Level 3](#)

[Justice Administration and the Constitution \(8078\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Justice Policy and Community Engagement \(8359\) | 3 credit points — Level 3](#)

[Civil Justice \(8896\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Criminal Process \(9015\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Alternative Dispute Resolution in Law (9422) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Forensic Studies - 48 credit points as follows

Major in Forensic Chemistry (MJ0042) | 21 or 24 credit points

For the 21cp Major - Must pass 21 credit points as follows

Chemistry 1a (1516) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Chemistry 1b (1517) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Data Analysis in Science (1809) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Analytical Chemistry (8043) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Introduction to Pharmacology and Toxicology (8342) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Forensic Chemistry (8376) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Forensic Toxicology and Drug Analysis (8780) | 3 credit points — Level 3

For the 24cp Major - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

Chemistry 1a (1516) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Chemistry 1b (1517) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Data Analysis in Science (1809) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Analytical Chemistry (8043) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Environmental Forensic Science (8248) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Introduction to Pharmacology and Toxicology (8342) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Forensic Chemistry (8376) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Forensic Toxicology and Drug Analysis (8780) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Major in Forensic Biology (MJ0043) | 21 or 24 credit points

For the 21cp Major - Must pass 21 credit points as follows

Restricted Choice - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

Introduction to Microbiology (6510) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Forensic Biology (8379) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Population Genetics (8675) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Environmental and Forensic Genetics (10001) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Required - Must pass 15 credit points as follows

Concepts in Biology (483) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Human Biochemistry (6518) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Biochemistry (6530) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Biosecurity and Microbial Forensics (8665) | 3 credit points — Level 3

For the 24cp Major - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

Restricted Choice - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

Introduction to Microbiology (6510) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Forensic Biology (8379) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Population Genetics (8675) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Environmental and Forensic Genetics (10001) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Required - Must pass 18 credit points as follows

Concepts in Biology (483) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Human Biochemistry (6518) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Biochemistry (6530) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Molecular and Cellular Biology (8375) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Biosecurity and Microbial Forensics (8665) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Note:

- 8379 and 8675 have been replaced by 6510 and 10001 from the beginning of 2016. Students who have completed only one of the closed units should talk to the Course Convener for advice.

Required Units - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

Forensic Science 1 (8778) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Forensic Science 2 (8779) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Restricted Choice - Must pass 12 credit points from the following

Management - May select from

Introduction to Management (4207) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Managing Human Resources (6354) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Diversity and Organisations (7059) | 3 credit points — Level 3

[Leadership, Innovation and Change \(7075\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

[Organisational Behaviour \(7878\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

Indigenous Studies - May select from

[Indigenous Australia: Contemporary Issues \(6878\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

Law - May select from

[Student Law Internship \(7053\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

[Forensic Evidence and the Law \(8064\) | 3 credit points — Level 3](#)

Criminology - May select from

[Psychology 101 \(4309\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Violence, the Nation-State and Terrorism \(6603\) | 3 credit points — Level 3](#)

[Cybercrime \(7026\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

[Young People and Crime \(8507\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

[Women and the Law \(8523\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

Open Electives - 12 credit points as follows

- - Must pass 12 credit points at Level 2 or 3 from anywhere in the University.

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing (2015)

Year 1

Semester 1

[Chemistry 1a \(1516\)](#)

[Concepts in Biology \(483\)](#)

[Forensic Science 1 \(8778\)](#)

[Legal Systems \(6602\)](#)

Semester 2

[Chemistry 1b \(1517\)](#)

[Data Analysis in Science \(1809\)](#)

[Legal Methods and Skills \(6601\)](#)

Restricted Choice Unit

Year 2

Semester 1

[Biochemistry \(6530\)](#)

[Forensic Science 2 \(8779\)](#)

[Introduction to Pharmacology and Toxicology \(8342\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Analytical Chemistry \(8043\)](#)

[Human Biochemistry \(6518\)](#)

[Justice Administration and the Constitution \(8078\)](#)

Restricted Choice Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

[Alternative Dispute Resolution in Law \(9422\)](#)

[Civil Justice \(8896\)](#)

[Forensic Chemistry \(8376\)](#)

Semester 2

[Criminal Process \(9015\)](#)

[Molecular and Cellular Biology \(8375\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Restricted Choice Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

[Environmental and Forensic Genetics \(10001\)](#)

[Therapeutic Jurisprudence \(7917\)](#)

Restricted Choice Unit

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Forensic Toxicology and Drug Analysis \(8780\)](#)

[Introduction to Microbiology \(6510\)](#)

[Justice Policy and Community Engagement \(8359\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

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[Chemistry 1a \(1516\)](#)

[Concepts in Biology \(483\)](#)

[Forensic Science 1 \(8778\)](#)

[Legal Systems \(6602\)](#)

Semester 2

[Chemistry 1b \(1517\)](#)

[Data Analysis in Science \(1809\)](#)

[Legal Methods and Skills \(6601\)](#)

Restricted Choice Unit

Year 2**Semester 1**

[Biochemistry \(6530\)](#)

[Forensic Science 2 \(8779\)](#)

[Introduction to Pharmacology and Toxicology \(8342\)](#)

Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

[Analytical Chemistry \(8043\)](#)

[Human Biochemistry \(6518\)](#)

[Justice Administration and the Constitution \(8078\)](#)

[Research Methods in Social Science \(10086\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

[Alternative Dispute Resolution in Law \(9422\)](#)

[Civil Justice \(8896\)](#)

[Forensic Chemistry \(8376\)](#)

Semester 2

[Criminal Process \(9015\)](#)

[Molecular and Cellular Biology \(8375\)](#)

Restricted Choice Unit

Open Elective Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

[Population Genetics \(8675\)](#)

[Therapeutic Jurisprudence \(7917\)](#)

Restricted Choice Unit

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Forensic Biology \(8379\)](#)

[Forensic Toxicology and Drug Analysis \(8780\)](#)

[Justice Policy and Community Engagement \(8359\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Course information

Course duration

Standard eight semesters full-time or equivalent. Maximum twenty semesters.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
The Bachelor of Justice Studies equips students with broad theoretical and technical knowledge about many areas of the justice sector, including policy development and administration, court administration, law enforcement and security, corrective services,	2. Analysis and inquiry

criminological research, community legal centres and law reform bodies.	The ability to gather information, and to analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.
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The aim of the Bachelor of Justice Studies is to develop graduates who have the relevant cognitive, technical and communication skills to undertake professional roles in research, operations, policy or advocacy in the justice sector. Graduates are expected to understand the social, legal, economic and political environment affecting the justice sector and to be able to analyse and evaluate information to complete a range of activities relevant to the sector; analyse generate and transmit solutions to sector problems and transmit knowledge and ideas relevant to the sector to others.

1. Communication

The ability to present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries.

Graduates are expected to be able to apply their knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed judgment and responsibility. They will be able to work both individually and collaboratively to investigate justice sector issues and creatively solve problems that arise in that sector.	3. Problem solving The ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations; to identify and analyse problems then formulate and implement solutions. 4. Working independently and with others The ability to plan their own work, be self-directed, and use interpersonal skills and attitudes to work collaboratively. 5. Professionalism and social responsibility The capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefit of others and the environment.
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- Graduates will be able to demonstrate a broad and coherent theoretical and technical knowledge with depth in forensic science or the application of science to legal matters.

AQF: Knowledge

Graduates will have developed the following skills and attributes:

1. The ability to present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively to the legal community and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries;
2. The ability to gather scientific information, and to analyse and evaluate that information in a systematic way;
3. The ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations; to identify and analyse problems then formulate and implement solutions;
4. The ability to plan their own work, be self-directed, and use interpersonal skills and attitudes to work collaboratively;
5. The capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefit of the legal community and for the administration of justice.

Graduates will have well-developed cognitive, technical and communication skills to select and apply methods and technologies to:

- analyse and evaluate information to complete a range of activities in the field of forensic science;
- analyse, generate and transmit scientific solutions to unpredictable and sometimes complex legal problems;
- transmit knowledge, skills and ideas to those involved in the legal system including judges and juries

AQF: Knowledge, Skills and Application of knowledge and skills.

As above

Graduates will be able to apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed judgement of knowledge and responsibility:

As above.

- for problem solving and decision making in professional practice;
- in contexts that are unfamiliar and require self-directed work and learning;
- to provide specialist scientific advice with respect to legal matters

AQF: Application of knowledge and skills

Majors

- [Major in Justice Studies \(MJ0147\)](#)
- [Major in Forensic Biology \(MJ0043\)](#)
- [Major in Forensic Chemistry \(MJ0042\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Forensic Studies	B ForSt
Bachelor of Justice Studies	B JusticeSt

Honours

Refer to individual courses.

Alternative exits

See individual courses.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Current and Commencing Students	In person, Student Centre Building 1 (take a BGL Faculty course advice ticket) or Email bglstudent@canberra.edu.au

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