

Bachelor of Justice Studies (SCB001.2)

Please note these are the 2024 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	65 Note: The selection rank is the minimum ATAR plus adjustment factors required for admission to the program in the previous year. This is an indicative guide only as ranks change each year depending on demand.
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	3.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Law School
UAC code	367035
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 meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page .
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[View UC's academic entry requirements](#)

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Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	3.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Law School
CRICOS code	095941B
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). View IELTS equivalences

About this course

Do your career justice in the nation's capital

The Bachelor of Justice Studies will equip you with an in-depth understanding of the structure, concepts and underlying principles of the justice system. Within the unique legal context of the nation's capital – which covers both ACT and federal jurisdictions – you'll explore the practical and theoretical issues that arise in developing, managing and administering justice policy.

Choose to study the specialist electives which interest you, including human rights, judicial administration in civil and family law, or criminal justice issues. You'll gain skills in advocacy, communication, problem solving, negotiation and mediation, and will graduate work-ready for a range of professional roles in the civil and criminal justice sectors, responsible for developing and implementing justice policy and improving access to justice.

Study a Bachelor of Justice Studies at UC and you will:

- learn the fundamentals of the Australian justice system – its core concepts, structure and principles
- understand the social, legal, economic and political environment affecting the justice sector
- broad theoretical and technical knowledge about many areas of the justice sector
- analyse and generate solutions to problems and transmit knowledge and ideas relevant to the sector to others
- apply your knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed judgement and responsibility
- analyse and evaluate information to complete a range of activities relevant to the justice sector

- work both individually and collaboratively to investigate issues and creatively solve problems that arise within the justice sector
- develop the relevant cognitive, technical and communication skills to undertake professional roles in research, operations, policy or advocacy.

Work Integrated Learning

As part of the course's Work Integrated Learning (WIL) component, you'll undertake an internship placement of 75 hours in an area of your choosing. You'll apply practical skills, including analysis, research, problem solving and writing, in a law or justice workplace. Past student internship examples have included time at community legal centres, courts, the Commonwealth Ombudsman, federal and ACT government departments (including Justice and Community Safety), the Australian Federal Police Association, and community organisations, such as Victim Support ACT and Legal Aid ACT.

You'll also participate in a virtual work experience program where you will study highly practical units, such as dispute management. The program will draw together theoretical, practical and professional skills and knowledge in a capstone project, where you will focus on your real-world area of interest or potential future employment goal.

Career opportunities

- Probation and parole officer
- Police officer
- Policy Officer
- Border protection officer
- Community corrections officer
- Public servant
- Course-specific information

The Bachelor of Justice Studies is not an accredited course, but is taught in conjunction with the Bachelor of Laws degree, which is accredited by the ACT Law Society.

Join our Law & Justice webinar

Get the inside scoop on Law and Justice studies at UC, at an upcoming course information webinar. Connect with faculty staff, chat with a current student and learn how the program can pave the way to a range of rewarding careers in law and justice.

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Professional accreditation

None.

Admission requirements

Admission to this course is based on an entrance rank. A rank can be achieved by the following means:

- Year 12 ATAR
- other Australian Qualification
- work experience
- overseas qualification

We also offer a number of entry initiatives that give you the opportunity to gain entry to the University via alternate pathway programs and admissions schemes.

More information is available on our Alternative Entry page: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/applications/apply-now/alternative-entry>

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	03 February 2025	✓	✓
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	28 July 2025	✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	16 February 2026	✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	10 August 2026	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	15 February 2027	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	09 August 2027	✓	✓

Credit arrangements

A credit transfer arrangement is available for this course for the following institutions:

Defence Registered Training Organisation

[Diploma of Business \(33227\)](#)

Course requirements

Bachelor of Justice Studies (SCB001) | 72 credit points

Required - Must pass 48 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

Core Major in Justice Studies (CM0011) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 15 credit points from the following

[Foundations of Law and Justice \(11251\) | 6 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Dispute Management \(11252\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Capstone Law and Justice \(11254\) | 3 credit points – Level 4](#)

[Law and Society \(11257\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

Restricted Choice - Must pass 9 credit points as follows

Part C - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Criminal Justice \(11256\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Crime, Criminology and Criminal Justice \(12105\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

Note:

- From Sem 2, 2024 unit 12105 Crime, Criminology and Criminal Justice replaces 11256 Criminal Justice

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Law and Justice Internship \(11253\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[BGL Internship A \(12046\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

Note:

- From Sem 2, 2024 unit 12046 BGL Internship A replaces 11253 Law and Justice Internship

Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Civil Justice \(11255\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Social Justice \(12104\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

Note:

- From Sem 2, 2024 unit 12104 Social Justice replaces 11255 Civil Justice

Specialist Major in Justice Studies (SM0029) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 21 credit points as follows

Investigating and Explaining Society (11236) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Advocacy and Communication (11258) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Gender and the Legal System (11259) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Human Rights Law (11784) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Current Issues in Criminology (12101) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Environmental Justice (12102) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Indigenous Justice (12103) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Workplace Law in Context (11195) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Comparative Law (11262) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Current Issues in Law and Justice (11263) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Environmental and Planning Law (11264) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Family Law (11265) | 3 credit points — Level 3

International Law (11267) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Law Reform and Social Change (11269) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Law, Innovation and Technologies (11271) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Law and Justice Research Project (11272) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Negotiation (11319) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Current Issues in Law and Justice B (11782) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Open Electives - 24 credit points as follows

- - Must pass 24 credit points from anywhere in the University, as a breadth major, a breadth minor and/or as individual units.

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

Year 1

Semester 1

[Dispute Management \(11252\)](#)

[Foundations of Law and Justice \(11251\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Crime, Criminology and Criminal Justice \(12105\)](#)

[Investigating and Explaining Society \(11236\)](#)

[Law and Society \(11257\)](#)

[Social Justice \(12104\)](#)

Year 2**Semester 1**

[Advocacy and Communication \(11258\)](#)

[Gender and the Legal System \(11259\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

[BGL Internship A \(12046\)](#)

[Human Rights Law \(11784\)](#)

One Restricted Choice Elective Unit

One Open Elective Unit

Year 3**Semester 1**

[Current Issues in Criminology \(12101\)](#)

[Indigenous Justice \(12103\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

[Capstone Law and Justice \(11254\)](#)

[Environmental Justice \(12102\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

[Foundations of Law and Justice \(11251\)](#)

[Investigating and Explaining Society \(11236\)](#)

[Law and Society \(11257\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Dispute Management \(11252\)](#)

Three Open Elective Units

Semester 2

[Crime, Criminology and Criminal Justice \(12105\)](#)

[Social Justice \(12104\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

One Restricted Choice Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

[Advocacy and Communication \(11258\)](#)

[Gender and the Legal System \(11259\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

[BGL Internship A \(12046\)](#)

[Environmental Justice \(12102\)](#)

[Human Rights Law \(11784\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

[Capstone Law and Justice \(11254\)](#)

[Current Issues in Criminology \(12101\)](#)

[Indigenous Justice \(12103\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Course information

Course duration

Standard 3 years full time or part-time equivalent. Maximum 10 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Demonstrate a broad theoretical and technical knowledge of the justice sector, and the social, legal, cross-cultural, economic and political forces that shape it.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives; behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; evaluate and adopt new technology.</p> <p>UC graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing: Use local Indigenous histories and traditional ecological knowledge to develop and augment understanding of their discipline; communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways; apply their knowledge to working with Indigenous Australians in socially just ways.</p>

Analyse justice sector issues, both autonomously and collaboratively, and creatively propose or evaluate solutions to justice sector problems.

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Communicate justice sector knowledge effectively and persuasively, both orally and in writing, for varying audiences across professional and socio-cultural boundaries.

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<p>Reflect critically on personal and professional practices, and justice sector concerns, to enhance personal performance, self-awareness and adaptability.</p>	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; evaluate and adopt new technology.</p> <p>UC graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing: Use local Indigenous histories and traditional ecological knowledge to develop and augment understanding of their discipline; communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways; apply their knowledge to working with Indigenous Australians in socially just ways.</p>
<p>Apply relevant skills and a multifaceted understanding of justice to undertake diverse professional roles in the justice sector and promote justice in the community.</p>	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures;</p>

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Majors

- [Specialist Major in Justice Studies \(SM0029\)](#)
- [Core Major in Justice Studies \(CM0011\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Justice Studies	B JusticeSt

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective 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
Bruce 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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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.