

Bachelor of Justice Studies/Bachelor of Forensic Studies (SCNP01.1)

Please note these are the 2021 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.
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). View IELTS equivalences
Duration	4.0 years
UAC code	367036
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Law School Academic Program Area - Science
Location	UC - Canberra, Bruce
Fees	2021: Commonwealth Supported Place 2022: Commonwealth Supported Place Disclaimer: Annual fee rates The fees shown are the annual fee rates for the course. The annual rate is the fee that applies to standard full-time enrolment, which is 24 credit points. The final fee charged is based on the proportion of 24 credit points in which a student enrolls. Students enrolled in a Commonwealth Support Place (CSP) are required to make a contribution towards the cost of their education, which is set by the Commonwealth Government. Information on Commonwealth Supported Places, HECS-HELP and how fees are calculated can be found here .

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
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entry requirements, visit our [academic entry requirements page](#).

[View UC's academic entry requirements](#)

English language requirements

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CRICOS code

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Faculty

Faculty of Business, Government & Law

Discipline

Canberra Law School
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Location

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Duration

4.0 years

Fees

2021: \$32,900 per year

2022: \$33,600 per year

Disclaimer:

Annual fee rates

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About this course

Build a future in forensic law enforcement

Develop an eye for forensic detail and lead crime investigations with UC's Bachelor of Justice Studies/Bachelor of Forensic Studies double degree. We'll give you real world opportunities to apply your scientific knowledge in the areas of crime investigation and the analytical preparation of evidence, and the legal know-how to cross examine expert witnesses and communicate confidently with judges and juries.

You'll be able to demonstrate broad theoretical and technical knowledge in the application of science in legal matters, cross-examine witnesses and master forensic biology and chemistry. The course will build your understanding of the social and cultural dimensions of the justice system and prepare you to influence and protect your local community.

Career paths? How about working in federal law enforcement agencies, DNA testing labs, the medical, quarantine and research industries, or as government policy advisor? Tick!

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

- learn the ins-and-outs of Australia's legal system in a broader context.
- understand the social, theoretical, legal, economic and political environment affecting the justice sector
- apply your knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed judgment and responsibility
- individually and collaboratively analyse information, investigate problems and generate solutions
- develop cognitive, technical and communication skills that will equip you for professional roles in research, operations, policy or advocacy
- be able to demonstrate a broad and coherent theoretical and technical knowledge in forensic science or in the application of science to legal matters
- learn to cross examine expert witnesses across a range of forensic disciplines
- be able to transmit knowledge, skills and ideas to people within the legal system including judges and juries
- master forensic biology and chemistry for criminal investigations
- learn analytical techniques for collecting and examining trace evidence.

Career opportunities

UC's Bachelor of Justice Studies/Bachelor of Forensic Studies will prepare you to hit the ground running or move up the ladder through numerous careers, from lab technician, researcher, law enforcer and policy advisor to researcher and even environmental protection.

Graduates will have the justice and forensic skills and qualifications required to explore roles or progress careers in:

- policy development
- court administration
- law enforcement and security
- corrective services and police forces in each state and territory
- criminology research
- laboratories, including DNA and diagnostic testing labs
- customs, quarantine and other protection services
- medical and research services
- public and private hospitals and healthcare sector businesses, including those that provide forensic, medical or research services.

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

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

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2021	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 1	08 February 2021	✓	✓
2021	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 2	02 August 2021	✓	✓
2022	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 1	07 February 2022	✓	✓
2022	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 2	01 August 2022	✓	✓
2023	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 1	06 February 2023	✓	✓
2023	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 2	31 July 2023	✓	✓

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](#). Credit is not permitted towards completion of a graduate certificate.

Course requirements

Bachelor of Justice Studies/Bachelor of Forensic Studies (SCNP01) | 96 credit points

Required - 96 credit points as follows

Forensic Studies - 48 credit points as follows

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

For the 21cp Major - Must pass 21 credit points from the following

[Concepts in Biology \(483\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 1

[Introduction to Microbiology \(6510\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 2

[Human Biochemistry \(6518\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 2

[Biochemistry \(6530\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 2

[Genetics \(6531\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 2

[Forensic Biology \(8379\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[Biosecurity and Microbial Forensics \(8665\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[Population Genetics \(8675\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[Environmental and Forensic Genetics \(10001\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[Genetics and Genomics \(10223\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 2

For the 24cp Major - 24 credit points as follows

Required - Must pass 3 credit points as follows

[Molecular and Cellular Biology \(8375\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Restricted Choice - Must pass 21 credit points from the following

[Concepts in Biology \(483\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Microbiology (6510) | 3 credit points – Level 2
Human Biochemistry (6518) | 3 credit points – Level 2
Biochemistry (6530) | 3 credit points – Level 2
Genetics (6531) | 3 credit points – Level 2
Forensic Biology (8379) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Biosecurity and Microbial Forensics (8665) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Population Genetics (8675) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Environmental and Forensic Genetics (10001) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Genetics and Genomics (10223) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Note:

- 21 credit points major is restricted to students enrolled in double degrees.

Major in Forensic Chemistry (MJ0042) | 21 credit points

Required - Must pass 18 credit points as follows

Chemistry 1a (1516) | 3 credit points – Level 1
Chemistry 1b (1517) | 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

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Molecular and Cellular Biology (8375) | 3 credit points – Level 2
Environmental and Forensic Geochemistry (10002) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Note:

- From 2019, unit 8375 has replaced unit 10002 in this major. Students who are required to undertake 8375 elsewhere in their course should select an open elective unit instead.

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

Justice Studies - 48 credit points as follows

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

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

Foundations of Law and Justice (11251) | 6 credit points – Level 1
Dispute Management (11252) | 3 credit points – Level 1
Law and Justice Internship (11253) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Capstone Law and Justice (11254) | 3 credit points – Level 4
Civil Justice (11255) | 3 credit points – Level 1
Criminal Justice (11256) | 3 credit points – Level 1
Law and Society (11257) | 3 credit points – Level 1

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

Required - Must pass 12 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

Vulnerability and the Law (11260) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Restricted Choice - Must pass 12 credit points from the following

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

Advanced Criminal Justice (11261) | 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

Human Rights in Context (11266) | 3 credit points – Level 3

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

Law and Justice Internship Extended (6cp) (11268) | 6 credit points – Level 3

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

Law, Culture and Creativity (11270) | 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

Law and Justice Internship Extended (12cp) (11380) | 12 credit points – Level 3

BGL Research Internship (11571) | 3 credit points – Level 3

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

Typical study pattern

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Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Chemistry 1a (1516)

Concepts in Biology (483)

Foundations of Law and Justice (11251)

Semester 2

Chemistry 1b (1517)

Forensic Science 1 (8778)

Investigating and Explaining Society (11236)

Law and Society (11257)

Year 2

Semester 1

Biochemistry (6530)

Dispute Management (11252)

Semester 2

Analytical Chemistry (8043)

Civil Justice (11255)

Gender and the Legal System (11259)

Genetics and Genomics (10223)

Year 3

Semester 1

SM0029 Two Restricted Choice Units

Forensic Science 2 (8779)

Introduction to Pharmacology and Toxicology (8342)

Year 4

Semester 1

SM0029 Restricted Choice Unit

Advocacy and Communication (11258)

Environmental and Forensic Genetics (10001)

Law and Justice Internship (11253)

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

Forensic Science 1 (8778)

Foundations of Law and Justice (11251)

Investigating and Explaining Society (11236)

Year 2

Semester 1

Chemistry 1a (1516)

Concepts in Biology (483)

Dispute Management (11252)

Gender and the Legal System (11259)

Year 3

Semester 1

Advocacy and Communication (11258)

Biochemistry (6530)

Forensic Science 2 (8779)

Genetics and Genomics (10223)

Human Biochemistry (6518)

Molecular and Cellular Biology (8375)

Semester 2

Biosecurity and Microbial Forensics (8665)

Criminal Justice (11256)

Forensic Chemistry (8376)

Introduction to Microbiology (6510)

Semester 2

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Forensic Toxicology and Drug Analysis (8780)

Vulnerability and the Law (11260)

Semester 2

Chemistry 1b (1517)

Civil Justice (11255)

Introduction to Microbiology (6510)

Law and Society (11257)

Semester 2

Analytical Chemistry (8043)

Biosecurity and Microbial Forensics (8665)

Criminal Justice (11256)

Human Biochemistry (6518)

Year 4

Semester 1

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

SM0029 Two Restricted Choice Units

[Law and Justice Internship \(11253\)](#)

Semester 2

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

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

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

[Vulnerability and the Law \(11260\)](#)

Year 5

Semester 1

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

SM0029 Two Restricted Choice Units

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

Course information

Course duration

Standard 4 years full time or equivalent. Maximum 10 years.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Refer to individual courses.	-

Majors

- [Major in Forensic Chemistry \(MJ0042\)](#)
- [Core Major in Justice Studies \(CM0011\)](#)
- [Specialist Major in Justice Studies \(SM0029\)](#)
- [Major in Forensic Biology \(MJ0043\)](#)

Awards

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

Honours

Refer to individual courses.

Related courses

- [Bachelor of Applied Science in Forensic Studies \(142JA\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Justice Studies \(SCB001\)](#)

Enrolment data

2020 enrolments for this course by location. Please note that enrolment numbers are indicative only and in no way reflect individual class sizes.

Location	Enrolments
UC - Canberra, Bruce	27

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
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
Prospective Domestic Students	Email: study@canberra.edu.au or Phone: 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)

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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.