



Bachelor of Forensic Science/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice (Domestic students)

Program code	Entry requirements	Prerequisites
1433	65.00	NIL
Available at	ATAR/RANK 2024	Assumed knowledge
Nathan Campus	(more)	Any General or Applied English subject (Units 3 and 4, C)
Duration	Commencing in	Mathematical Methods (Units 3 and 4, C)
4 years full-time	Trimester 1	
8 years part-time		
Credit points		
350		
Indicative fee		
\$11,500.00* per year (more)		
* 2024 indicative annual CSP fee		

Degree requirements: Students who started Trimester 1 - 2025

For Domestic and those International students not required to complete the English Language Enhancement course

For the award of *Bachelor of Forensic Science/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice (BCCJ/BForSc)*, you must successfully complete 350 credit points, made up of the core courses AND

- 100 credit points for the Forensic Chemistry major; AND
- 40 credit points for listed Criminology and Criminal Justice elective courses; AND
- 10 credit points of free-choice electives.

OR

- 100 credit points for the Forensic Molecular Biology major; AND
- 40 credit points for listed Criminology and Criminal Justice elective courses; AND
- 10 credit points of free-choice electives.

Other program requirements

You are also required to successfully complete:

- all the requirements for first, second and third year in the degree structure for the Bachelor of Forensic Science/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice before proceeding to the fourth year of the program
- the following required courses for the purposes of eligibility to continue in the program:
 - 1008NSC Principles of Forensic Investigation and
 - 2022NSC Forensic Laboratory Accreditation and Quality Systems and
 - 2002ESC Forensic Chemistry or 2003ESC Forensic Biology.
- all activities and projects related to the Criminology and Criminal Justice coursework - some courses require practical activity reports for the purpose of assessment (these may include visits to a court, parliament and to various work sites associated with justice administration such as police stations and correctional institutions)

This degree may be awarded **with Distinction** where a student achieves a minimum program GPA of 6.5 with no failed courses. The words "This award was achieved with Distinction" will be recorded on the testamur.

Designated courses for the purposes of exclusion

Trimester	Course code	Course title	CP
Tri 2	1008NSC	Principles of Forensic Investigation	10
Tri 1	2022NSC	Forensic Laboratory Accreditation and Quality Systems	10
Tri 2	2002ESC	Forensic Chemistry	10
		OR	
Tri 2	2003ESC	Forensic Biology	10

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level and Type

The **Australian Qualifications Framework** (AQF) is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. The Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Bachelor of Forensic Science are accredited as an AQF Level 7 - Bachelor Degree.

English Language Enhancement

Domestic students enrolled in this program whose first language is not English may complete the following **English Language Enhancement Course** as an elective.

- 5903LHS Language and Communication for Sciences

Students whose first language is English are not permitted to undertake this course.

Program learning outcomes

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Program Learning Outcomes communicate to the community the value of the Griffith educational experience as benchmarked against national qualification standards.

Program Learning Outcomes for the **Bachelor of Forensic Science** and **Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice** describe the knowledge, skills and the application of knowledge and skills you will acquire through studying the Griffith program of your choice.

Course list: Students starting Trimester 1 - 2025

Course offering information in program structures is a guide only. Please check the actual offering information in the Course Catalogue.

Note: Students must check the prerequisite and incompatible requirements before selecting any course within this program.

English Language Enhancement course

Students required to undertake the English Language Enhancement course must complete 5903LHS in their first trimester of study.

The English Language Enhancement course is to be taken in place of a Free-choice elective in your program.

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2,3	5903LHS	English Enhancement	Language and Communication for Sciences	10

Year 1

You must complete the following foundation courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	1000ESC	Core to Program	Introduction to Forensic Science	10
Tri 1,3	1021SCG	Core to Program	Chemistry 1A	10
Tri 1,3	1015SCG	Core to Program	Quantitative Reasoning	10
Tri 1	1001NSC	Core to Program	Human Biology: from Cells to Systems	10
Tri 1,3	1002CCJ	Core to Program	Developing Professionally 1	10
Tri 2,3	1012CCJ	Core to Program	Police, Courts and Corrections	10
Tri 2	1008NSC	Core to Program	Principles of Forensic Investigation	10
Tri 2	1022SCG	Core to Program	Chemistry 1B	10
Tri 2,3	1202SCG	Core to Program	Calculus I (Forensic Chemistry major)	10
			OR	
Tri 2	1042SCG	Core to Program	Genetics and Evolutionary Biology (Forensic Molecular Biology major)	10
Tri 2,3	1009CCJ	Core to Program	Doing Criminology (not offered from 2024)	10
			OR	
Tri 2	1015CCJ	Core to Program	Victims and Justice	10

Years 2, 3 and 4

You must complete the following core courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,3	1013CCJ	Core to Program	Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice	10
Tri 1,3	1008CCJ	Core to Program	Social Problems - (In)Equality and (In)Justice	10
Tri 2,3	1010CCJ	Core to Program	Mental Health, Psychology and the Criminal Justice System	10
Tri 1,3	1003CCJ	Core to Program	Law, Crime and Justice	10
Tri 1	2022NSC	Core to Program	Forensic Laboratory Accreditation and Quality Systems	10
Tri 1,3	2007CCJ	Core to Program	Crime, Society and Justice (not offered from 2025)	10
Tri 1,3	2009CCJ	Core to Program	Quantitative Methods for Social Research (Offered Tri 2,3 from 2025)	10
Tri 2,3	2000CCJ	Core to Program	Psychological Explanations of Criminal Behaviour (not offered from 2025)	10
Tri 2	3028NSC	Core to Program	Forensic Evidence and the Expert Witness	10
Tri 1,3	3012CCJ	Core to Program	Criminology and Criminal Justice Research Methods	10

You must complete the following:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2			Forensic Chemistry major	100
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Forensic Molecular Biology major	100
Tri 1,2			Listed Criminology and Criminal Justice electives	40
Tri 1,2			Free-choice elective	10

Bachelor of Forensic Science - Majors (2 available)

Forensic Chemistry

Year 2, 3 and 4

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2103NSC	Core to Major	Organic Chemistry	10
Tri 1	2101NSC	Core to Major	Inorganic Chemistry	10
Tri 2	2106NSC	Core to Major	Physical and Analytical Chemistry	10
Tri 2	2102NSC	Core to Major	Spectroscopic and Molecular Analysis	10
Tri 2	2002ESC	Core to Major	Forensic Chemistry	10
Tri 1	3105NSC	Core to Major	Advanced Organic Chemistry	10
Tri 1	3015NSC	Core to Major	Forensic Chemistry and Toxicology	10
Tri 1	3225ENV	Core to Major	NMR in Biological Systems	10
Tri 2	3102NSC	Core to Major	Advanced Analytical Chemistry	10
Tri 3	3027NSC	Core to Major	Instrumental Chemical Techniques	10

Forensic Molecular Biology

Year 2, 3 and 4

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,3	1041SCG	Core to Major	Biological Systems	10
Tri 2	1014NSC	Core to Major	Fundamentals of Biochemistry	10
Tri 2	2003ESC	Core to Major	Forensic Biology	10
Tri 2	2012NSC	Core to Major	Molecular Biology	10
Tri 1	3017NSC	Core to Major	Forensic DNA Profiling	10

Students should ensure that they complete a minimum of 60 credit points of courses at level 3 or higher to satisfy program requirements.

You must complete 50 credit points from the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2005NSC	Elective to Major	Protein Science	10
Tri 1	2007NSC	Elective to Major	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	10
Tri 1	2008NSC	Elective to Major	General Microbiology	10
Tri 2	2702ENV	Elective to Major	Botany	10
Tri 1	2416ENV	Elective to Major	Environmental Anthropology	10
Tri 2	2002NSC	Elective to Major	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	10
Tri 1	2006ESC	Elective to Major	Archaeology: Discovering the Human Past	10
Tri 2	2061ESC	Elective to Major	Artefacts in Archaeology	10
Tri 2	2010NSC	Elective to Major	Applied Microbiology	10
Tri 2	2013NSC	Elective to Major	Biotechniques Laboratory	10
Tri 1	2303ENV	Elective to Major	Zoology	10
Tri 1,2	3001NSC	Elective to Major	Molecular Cell Biology	10
Tri 1	3009NSC	Elective to Major	Biomedical Sciences Laboratory	10
Tri 3	3013NSC	Elective to Major	Forensic Evidence Imaging and Documentation	10
Tri 2	3002MSC	Elective to Major	Pharmacology	10
Tri 1	3030NSC	Elective to Major	Applied Bioinformatics	10
Tri 1,3	3002ESC	Elective to Major	Biomolecular Sciences Laboratory	20
Tri 2	3018NSC	Elective to Major	Microbiology Laboratory	10
Tri 2	3020NSC	Elective to Major	Techniques in Molecular Microbiology	10

Electives (2 available)

Listed Criminology & Criminal Justice electives

Students must complete 40 credit points of listed Criminology & Criminal Justice electives:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2003CCJ	Listed Elective	Introduction to Corrections	10
Tri 1	2008CCJ	Listed Elective	Situational Crime Prevention and Security Management (not offered from 2020)	10
Tri 1,3	2019CCJ	Listed Elective	Strategic Professional Development (not offered from 2023)	10
Tri 1	3007CCJ	Listed Elective	Developing Professionally (not offered from 2024)	10
			courseLineOperator	
Tri 1,3	2001CCJ	Listed Elective	Developing Professionally 2	10
Tri 1	3016CCJ	Listed Elective	Race, Crime and Justice (not offered from 2024)	10
Tri 1,3	3034CCJ	Listed Elective	Understanding Domestic and Family Violence	10
Tri 1,2	3002LFC	Listed Elective	Community Internship and Partnerships for SDGs (see Note 2)	10
Tri 1,2	3022CCJ	Listed Elective	Restorative Justice Practices	10
Tri 1	2002CCJ	Listed Elective	Introduction to Policing	10
Tri 1	2018CCJ	Listed Elective	White Collar Crime (not offered from 2019)	10
Tri 1,3	3015CCJ	Listed Elective	Youth Justice (not offered from 2024)	10

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
			courseLineOperator	
Tri 1	2022CCJ	Listed Elective	Youth, Crime and Justice	10
Tri 1,3	3025CCJ	Listed Elective	Developmental and Life Course Criminology (not offered from 2024)	10
Tri 2,3	1014CCJ	Listed Elective	Homicide	10
Tri 2	2013CCJ	Listed Elective	Crime and Media (not offered from 2023)	10
Tri 2	2014CCJ	Listed Elective	Victimology (not offered from 2021)	10
Tri 2	2017CCJ	Listed Elective	Forensic Science and Criminal Justice (not offered from 2023)	10
Tri 2	2020CCJ	Listed Elective	Counter-Terrorism Law	10
Tri 1	3001CCJ	Listed Elective	Environmental Criminology (not offered in 2022 and 2023)	10
Tri 2	3003CCJ	Listed Elective	Rehabilitating Offenders	10
Tri 2	3010CCJ	Listed Elective	Crime Prevention: Community and Development Approaches (not offered from 2024)	10
Tri 2,3	3026CCJ	Listed Elective	Fraud and Cybercrime	10
Tri 2	3008CCJ	Listed Elective	Professional Practice (see Note 1)	10
Tri 2,3	2015CCJ	Listed Elective	Gender, Crime and Justice	10
Tri 2,3	3006CCJ	Listed Elective	Punishment, Justice and Reform (not offered from 2024)	10

Note 1: Entry into 3008CCJ is restricted. Students must be in their final year of their program to be eligible to undertake Professional Practice and expect to graduate by the end of that year. Students must have participated in a formal application process during their 3007CCJ course for entry into 3008CCJ.

Note 2: This course is available to students who wish to complete a professional placement but were not successful in the competitive round for gaining a placement in 3008CCJ. It provides an opportunity to gain workplace experience in a criminal justice setting.

Free-choice electives

You may select free-choice electives from the list below or any Undergraduate free-choice elective/s offered across the University provided prerequisites are met. If you require guidance, please liaise with the Program Director.

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Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2003NSC	Free-choice Elective	Metabolism	10
Tri 1	2005NSC	Free-choice Elective	Protein Science	10
Tri 1	2007NSC	Free-choice Elective	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	10
Tri 1	2008NSC	Free-choice Elective	General Microbiology	10
Tri 1	2101NSC	Free-choice Elective	Inorganic Chemistry	10

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2103NSC	Free-choice Elective	Organic Chemistry	10
Tri 1,3	2107ENV	Free-choice Elective	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	10
Tri 2	2201NSC	Free-choice Elective	Linear Algebra and Applications	10
Tri 1	2205NSC	Free-choice Elective	Calculus II	10
Tri 1	2291ENV	Free-choice Elective	Applied Data Science	10
Tri 1	2416ENV	Free-choice Elective	Environmental Anthropology	10
Tri 1	3009NSC	Free-choice Elective	Biomedical Sciences Laboratory	10
Tri 3	3013NSC	Free-choice Elective	Forensic Evidence Imaging and Documentation	10
Tri 1	3201NSC	Free-choice Elective	Advanced Differential Equations and Modelling	10
Tri 1	3431ENV	Free-choice Elective	Water Pollution Chemistry	10
Tri 1,2	3001NSC	Free-choice Elective	Molecular Cell Biology	10
Tri 2	3002MSC	Free-choice Elective	Pharmacology	10
Tri 1	3030NSC	Free-choice Elective	Applied Bioinformatics	10
Tri 1,3	3002ESC	Free-choice Elective	Biomolecular Sciences Laboratory	20
Tri 1,2 or 3	2043IBA	Free-choice Elective	Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship	10
Tri 1,2 or 3	3900ESC	Free-choice Elective	Work Integrated Learning Placement	20
Tri 1,2 or 3	3911ESC	Free-choice Elective	Work Integrated Learning Special Topic	10
Tri 1,2 or 3	3922ESC	Free-choice Elective	Research Special Topic	10
Tri 2	2002ESC	Free-choice Elective	Forensic Chemistry	10
Tri 2	2002NSC	Free-choice Elective	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	10
Tri 2	2003ESC	Free-choice Elective	Forensic Biology	10
Tri 1	2006ESC	Free-choice Elective	Archaeology: Discovering the Human Past	10
Tri 2	2061ESC	Free-choice Elective	Artefacts in Archaeology	10
Tri 2	2010NSC	Free-choice Elective	Applied Microbiology	10
Tri 2	2012NSC	Free-choice Elective	Molecular Biology	10
Tri 2	2013NSC	Free-choice Elective	Biotechniques Laboratory	10

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	2051ENV	Free-choice Elective	Ecology	10
Tri 2	2102NSC	Free-choice Elective	Spectroscopic and Molecular Analysis	10
Tri 2	2106NSC	Free-choice Elective	Physical and Analytical Chemistry	10
Tri 2	2202ENV	Free-choice Elective	Physical and Analytical Chemistry	10
Tri 2	2204NSC	Free-choice Elective	Introduction to Mathematical Modelling	10
Tri 2	2209ENV	Free-choice Elective	Environmental Chemistry	10
Tri 2	2303ENV	Free-choice Elective	Zoology	10
Tri 2	2702ENV	Free-choice Elective	Botany	10
Tri 2	3002MSC	Free-choice Elective	Pharmacology	10
Tri 1	3030NSC	Free-choice Elective	Applied Bioinformatics	10
Tri 1,3	3002ESC	Free-choice Elective	Biomolecular Sciences Laboratory	20
Tri 2	3014NSC	Free-choice Elective	Advanced Physiology	10
Tri 2	3018NSC	Free-choice Elective	Microbiology Laboratory	10
Tri 2	3020NSC	Free-choice Elective	Techniques in Molecular Microbiology	10
Tri 2	3119MED	Free-choice Elective	Environmental Toxicology and Risk Assessment	10
Tri 2,3	2212ENV	Free-choice Elective	Ecotox and Impact Assessment	10
Tri 1	1216QCA	Free-choice Elective	Introduction to Art Theory	10
Tri 1,3	1613QCA	Free-choice Elective	Introduction to Photography	10
Tri 1,3	1251QCA	Free-choice Elective	Introduction to Painting	10
Tri 1,3	1252QCA	Free-choice Elective	Introduction to Sculpture	10
Tri 1	2690QCA	Free-choice Elective	Painting and Observation	10
Tri 2	2009QCA	Free-choice Elective	Public Art 1	10
Tri 2	2010QCA	Free-choice Elective	Public Art 2	10
Tri 2	1324QCA	Free-choice Elective	Drawing Foundations	10
Tri 2	1253QCA	Free-choice Elective	Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art Foundations	10
Tri 2	1319QCA	Free-choice Elective	Print Foundations	10

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Tri 2	1320QCA	Free-choice Elective	Jewellery and Small Objects Foundations	10