

# **Bachelor of Human Services/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice (Domestic students)**

Program code 1263

**Commencing in** For Continuing Students Only

Available at

Gold Coast Campus, Logan Campus, Mt Gravatt Campus, Nathan Campus, Z~Distance Education

Duration

4 years full-time 8 years part-time

Credit points

320

# About this program

## FUEL YOUR PASSION FOR HELPING PEOPLE.

In this double degree, you'll develop an understanding of the vital importance of human services within Australia's legal and social systems.

Through the human services component, you'll learn how to build a better future for individuals and families. You'll also be empowered by a greater understanding of the principles of social justice and social inclusion. In the criminology and criminal justice component, you'll learn about the causes of crime and how society responds to them through the justice system.

#### **Industry and expert connections**

Your study will include courses about policing, working with offenders and victims, and analysing and preventing crimes. You'll hear from academic and professional experts about how crime can be prevented and reduced.

You'll also undertake a range of courses to prepare you as a human services practitioner to create a more socially just world.

You'll receive plenty of hands-on experience in your final year of study. Within a genuine human services environment, you'll put theory into practice in a supervised setting. This experience will enhance your skills in the workplace and get you ready to graduate job-ready.

#### **Graduate outcomes**

You may find opportunities in policing and security, intelligence, probation and parole, child protection, crime analysis, courts and justice services, crime prevention and regulatory agencies.

You will be prepared for a career in areas such as law enforcement, working directly with offenders in welfare and counselling roles and in criminological research and policy roles.

#### Flexibility

**Take control of your time** - This degree has intakes in Trimester 1, 2 and 3. So, whenever you're ready to study, we're ready to get you started.

#### **Global mobility**

An array of inspiring overseas study opportunities, ranging from a few weeks to a year, are available for students in this degree. Find out more about going global at Griffith.

# My attendance during the program

#### Attendance information

The Bachelor of Human Services/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice is offered full-time and part-time on campus.

There are two modes of study for this program.

#### **On-campus**

As a full-time on-campus student, you will generally attend 10-15 hours of scheduled classes per week throughout the trimester. Classes may be scheduled during the day and evening throughout the week. The program includes a practical professional placement during which you must be available for five working days each week. Some of the courses in this program may be run in trimester 3 or in an intensive block format. It is important to check course profiles and your timetable carefully to ensure that all course requirements are fully understood.

#### **Distance Education**

As a Distance Education student, you will study online which may include online coursework, readings, research, discussions and other course related study. You should check the minimum computer specifications for studying online and the complete the short self-assessment test "*Are you ready to study online*?" which can be found on the New students website.

Students can enrol in the external offering of the **Human Services** program and **will be able to complete the program online** with the exception of three courses which have compulsory five-day face-to-face intensives which are offered at the Gold Coast campus.

Your compulsory attendance is in the form of one five-day intensive course per year held **at the Gold Coast campus** as follows:

- Year 1 1008HSV Interpersonal Skills (offered in T3 only)
- Year 2 2027HSV Group Facilitation (offered in T3 only)
- Year 3 3020HSV Counselling Individuals and Families (offered in T1 only)

Domestic students studying off-shore will be required to attend the compulsory face-to-face intensives on-campus in Australia.

#### **Criminology component**

In this program, almost all the courses in the Criminology component of this degree are delivered in a variety of ways and you can choose how you wish to undertake a course - with only a very small number of courses limited to on-campus delivery. If you enrol in an on-campus offering of a course you will be required to attend 2-3 hours of classes per course per week throughout the trimester on campus.

If you enrol in a Distance Education offering of a course you will be provided course materials via a variety of means including printed materials and via Learning@Griffith. You may be required to use the internet or other electronic media during your enrolment in this course and access to a reliable computer with internet connection is advantageous. Alternative arrangements can be made for students who cannot access the internet. There will be no requirement for on-campus attendance for an Distance Education student.

Some listed elective courses are offered in trimester 3 which allows you to study in intensive mode.

#### Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the Australian Government website for more details.

#### Work-integrated learning

Work-integrated learning activities (professional placements) integrate theoretical learning with its application in the workplace. The inclusion of work-integrated learning activities in the degree program demonstrates Griffith's commitment to preparing its graduates for success in their working life.

In this program, you will spend 400 hours (four days per week) in the work/professional environment during trimester six of the full-time program or equivalent. Placements may be outside of the Brisbane metropolitan/Gold Coast area including Northern New South Wales and (by negotiation) interstate or overseas.

#### My career opportunities

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#### Key employment sectors\*

- Health Care and Social Assistance
  - Child protection
  - Welfare services
  - Family support
  - Mental health services
  - Social services
  - Rehabilitation services
- Public Administration and Safety
  - Policing and security
  - Intelligence
  - Justice services
  - Probation and parole
  - Government agencies
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
  - Criminology research organisations

#### Potential job outcomes

- Community welfare officer
- Youth worker
- Mental health support worker
- Probation and parole officer
- Child Safety Officer
- Crime analyst

\*Source: Australian Government Job Outlook.

# Program accreditation

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The Bachelor of Human Services is accredited by the Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA).

# Professional recognition

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Bachelor of Human Services graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA) subject to meeting any additional requirements that may be stipulated by the ACWA. As these requirements may change from time to time, students should contact the ACWA to confirm registration requirements.

## Placement requirements

#### **Professional Practice requirements**

There are placements associated with this program and before undertaking professional experience placements, all students in this program are required to have completed the following by the end of their first trimester of study:

- Vaccinations and Health Tests
- Licenses and Certificates
- Online Training
- Health Placement Requirements

Students should refer to the **checklist of professional practice requirements for their Health discipline** on the Health Placement Support Hub for full details of the requirements regarding professional placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

If you are enrolled in the Distance Education offering of the program, you must be aware that if you live in a remote or rural area, you may be expected to travel to a professional placement and this may also incur accommodation and living expenses to you. A Griffith University Placement Officer will work with you to find a suitable local placement. However, this cannot always be guaranteed. Domestic students studying off-shore can complete the placement (by negotiation) interstate or overseas.

# What are the fees?

#### **Commonwealth supported students**

• The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student

contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.

• Find out more...

#### Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

# Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- Find out more...

#### FEE-HELP

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

• Higher Education Loan Program (HELP)

#### **Further information**

- Calculating tuition fees
- Calculating your EFTSL
- Fees and Charges Procedure
  - 3.2 Fees for Undergraduate Students (Non-international)
  - Fees and Charges Schedules
- Financial help and support