



Graduate Diploma of Criminological Research Studies (Domestic students)

Program code	Admission requirements	Commencing in
4179	Related Bachelor degree or higher (5.0 GPA)	Trimester 1
Available at		Apply Now
Mt Gravatt Campus, Online	(more)	
Duration		
1 year full-time		
2 years part-time		
Credit points		
80		
Indicative fee		
\$26,500.00* per year (more)		
* 2024 indicative annual fee		

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Can I apply?

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission to the **Graduate Diploma of Criminological Research Studies**, a student must:

- hold an undergraduate degree in a related discipline from a recognised University (or another tertiary education institution of equivalent standing) with a minimum grade point average of 5.0 (using a 7.0 point scale) over the last two years of the Bachelor degree
- OR hold a Masters degree in a related discipline from a recognised University (or another tertiary education institution of equivalent standing)
- OR evidence of qualifications or learning equivalent to either of the foregoing categories.

As a condition of acceptance into the program, students will be required to find a suitable supervisor or supervisors and have their research project approved by the supervisor/s and the Program Director. Students requiring assistance in finding a suitable supervisor should contact a HDR Convenor in that discipline. The supervisor/s will be responsible for assessing and recommending applications for admission into the program and plans for programs of study and will act as the nominated student contact for any concerns and issues that arise in their study. The Program Director will have final approval for admissions into the program.

Language requirements

English language requirements apply to International applicants and other applicants whose previous study was undertaken in a language other than English. The minimum English language requirements for such applicants for entry to these programs are described [below](#).

Credit and recognition of prior learning

Griffith University awards credit for prior learning which may relate to prior formal learning or prior informal and non-formal learning. For more information see [below](#).

What is the application process?

How to apply

To apply, add this program to your shortlist at the top of this page or [apply for this program now](#) (a maximum of three preferences is allowed).

Griffith will assess your first preference and will **only** assess subsequent preferences if you are not successful.

Once you have submitted your application, you will be sent an email about how to track your application.

For a full list of your incomplete or submitted applications, please [view your application list](#).

Applications may be considered outside normal admission periods on a case-by-case basis

Extra information

Applicants for the Graduate Diploma of Criminological Research Studies also need to complete a [Nomination of Dissertation Topic and Supervisor form](#). If you are unable to arrange completion of this form at the time of submitting your application, you may still apply. However, approval to undertake the program will be conditional upon finding a suitable supervisor and submitting the form prior to enrolling. Students nominating a supervisor who is not a Griffith University staff member in the School offering the specialisation must arrange a co-supervisor from within the School and have both supervisors sign the form.

What are the language requirements?

Language requirements

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- A minimum overall band score of 6.5 on IELTS (Academic) with no sub-score of less than 6.0
- OR a minimum score of 575 on TOEFL
- OR an internet-based (iBT) TOEFL score of 79 (no sub-score less than 19)
- OR no score less than 3+ in each skill of the ISLPR (conducted by ISLPR Language Services only)
- OR a minimum overall score of 176 (no score less than 169) on C1 Advanced (formerly Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English) **or** C2 Proficiency (formerly Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English)
- OR an overall score of 58 in the Pearson Test of English (Academic) with no score less than 50.

English test results must be no more than two years old.

International students who successfully complete the [Direct Entry Program \(DEP\)](#) will satisfy the English Language requirements for this Griffith degree.

The Direct Entry Program (DEP) is not available for Domestic students.

Applicants should refer to the English language requirements section of the following University procedure for exceptions to these overall requirements:

- [Admission Procedure](#)

If you do not meet the University's specified English language requirements, you may wish to contact the Griffith English Language Institute to increase your eligibility for entering a Griffith University program. This Institute offers a number of English language and other courses at both its Brisbane and Gold Coast branches.

- [Griffith English Language Institute](#)

Note: Applicants should be aware that the above test scores are the minimum scores required by Griffith University for entry into the Graduate Diploma of Criminological Research Studies. Applicants intending to progress to Higher Degree Research studies should refer to the language requirements for those programs as they may require higher levels of proficiency.

Can I apply for credit?

Credit and recognition of prior learning

The University's [Credit and Recognition of Prior Learning Policy](#) will apply.

Students who have completed relevant prior postgraduate studies may be granted a maximum of 20 credit points of credit towards the 40 credit points of coursework. Credit will not be granted for the dissertation component.