Criminal Justice and Criminology

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What is Criminal Justice?

Study of the operation and effectiveness of the criminal justice system, incorporating the three C’s:

- **Cops** (law enforcement agencies)
- **Courts** (criminal law and court processes)
- **Corrections** (sentencing, punishment, rehabilitation)
What is Criminology?

Study of crime, offenders and victims, impact and responses from society.

• What is crime?
• What are the causes of crime?
• What are our responses to crime?
What is Crime?

• Determining what behaviours should/should not be considered crime – not always as easy as you might think

• Conducting field research and collecting data about crime

• Highlighting new and emerging criminal threats – e.g. cybercrime
What are the causes of crime?

- Developing and testing theories about crime causation
- Determining what makes crime better or worse
- Developing ideas and policies to reduce crime and its effects
What are our responses to crime?

- Critiquing the role of the criminal justice system – the three C’s (cops, courts and corrections)
- Helping improve police/government training, oversight and accountability
What does Criminal Justice and Criminology look like at Swinburne?
Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Criminology

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How will students learn?

• Most units have weekly lectures and tutorials (varying between 1-2 hours)
• Weekly readings
• Assessments (essays, quizzes and exams)
Career Opportunities

- **Law enforcement** – state and federal police, crime commission, customs, corporate regulators (ACC), corruption watchdogs
- **Justice administration** – working with courts, legal support, implementing policy, justice administration
- **Local government** – urban planning, environmental security design
- **Private security** – commercial anti-crime programs

- ** Corrections** – prisoner support, rehabilitation
- **Social work** – working with at risk youth, disadvantaged communities
- **Counselling** – in the areas of domestic violence; rehabilitation services; mental health
- **Academia** – learn, think and contribute to knowledge and understanding of crime, offenders, victims, the law, police and justice
The Job Market

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• The Victorian Government has committed billions of dollars in the next few years to the creation of new employment opportunities in this industry.

• In the 2017/2018 state budget, the Victorian government stated that it would recruit 2,700 new police officers and 100 new protective service officers. The government has also committed $1.9 billion to measures aimed to curb domestic violence, including $448 million to establish 17 Support and Safety Hubs; $270 million for victim assistance and counselling and $269.4 million to introduce specialist Family Violence Courts – including the provision of legal assistance.

• Funding has also been allocated to a new 1,300 prisoner prison in Melbourne’s west. Further, $70 million has been allocated in the 2017 budget for mental health services for people at risk of committing a criminal offence.
Criminal Justice and Criminology at Swinburne is the only degree of its type in Victoria that focuses on criminology and criminal justice:

- Emphasis on **industry knowledge** and **critical thinking skills** valuable to employers

The Swinburne Criminal Justice and Criminology degree is also distinctive because of its focus on:

- Technological advances which impact on the criminal justice sector, including an emphasis on predicting the commission of crime; detecting and stopping criminal behaviour and implementing effective and efficient criminal sanctions; and

- Forensic psychology in addition to other criminological sub-disciplines (social, environmental, cultural, gendered, economic, etc.)
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