

# CRIMINOLOGY

## WHY STUDY CRIMINOLOGY?

Crime. Punishment. Justice.  
Law. Social harms.

Study Criminology and you'll try to answer some of society's biggest questions. Criminology is concerned not just with crime, but with the broader issues of social control and deviance and how these affect punishment and criminal justice.

Are you concerned about inequality in the criminal justice system? Criminology gives you the tools to identify and challenge systemic beliefs and pursue a career that will allow you to make a difference.

## CAREER POSSIBILITIES

Whether you want to join the justice system, work in a community-based setting with children and young people, or work with victims, a degree in Criminology will help you get there.

*"I was always interested in social issues such as crime, housing, homelessness and unemployment, and chose to study Arts because problem-solving is my passion. My study helped me to think through problems and to develop and flesh out my ideas in a logical and rational manner."*



**Victor Faletutulu**  
**Policy Adviser, Auckland Council**  
**(Social Wellbeing)**

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Criminology  
Master of Public Policy



*"Students will join in the search for a better system of criminal justice. They will learn to think critically about the way laws are created and enforced, about the causes of crime, and about society's responses to crime."*

**James Oleson**  
**Associate Professor**



## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Explore the wider issues that affect punishment and criminal justice. Learn about restorative justice, cybercrime, victimology, the criminal mind, gender, cultural criminology, indigenous perspectives, policing, prisons and justice policies. Courses focus on both national and international study, as well as historic issues and our modern challenges.

Get excited about your course options:



### Stage 1 Course\*

#### CRIM 100 – Big Ideas in Criminology

Introduces a range of big ideas in criminology that inform contemporary research and justice, both locally and globally. Presents the main concepts and theoretical foundations that inform the field. Critically analyses topical issues and debates related to crime, justice, deviance, and social harm.

### Stage 2 Course\*

#### ARTHIST 230 – Art Crime

Explores the growing trend of art crime through a focus on five primary areas: theft, fraud, smuggling, forgery, and vandalism. These will be examined within the context of international and New Zealand case studies, including the theft of the Mona Lisa in 1911, Nazi looting in the Second World War, and thefts during the Iraq War in 2003. Ways to curb such crime, particularly the development of art crime squads, will also be discussed.

### Stage 3 Course\*

#### CRIM 307 – Doing Time: Incarceration and Punishment

Examines punishment and incarceration as a complex social institution informed by a range of social relations and cultural meanings. Explores the way political, social and economic factors shape notions of law and order. Topics include: history of punishment and theories of incarceration, experiences of imprisonment and prison cultures, and various controversial issues in imprisonment, for example, privatisation, the use of solitary confinement, immigration detention, and prison abolition.

## Courses you could study\*

Ethics and Justice

Aotearoa New Zealand Social Policy and Social Justice

Foundations of Western Politics & Law

Hate Crime

## Complementary majors include:

Criminology



Anthropology

Politics and International Relations

Psychology

Sociology



*“My majors go hand in hand with each other. I’ve learned a lot about how our mind works and how it can affect our thought processes when put into a dangerous situation.*”

*“It has opened pathways I never knew existed and I have designed a degree that fits with my future career plans.”*

### Samia Ali

Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Criminology + Psychology

\*Course availability may be subject to change. For a full list of courses and up-to-date information visit the Arts website. Published August 2023

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