BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE/ BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (1713)

Approved Abbreviation: BCrim&CtyJust/BSW
Western Sydney University Program Code: 1713
AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 088186B

This program applies to students who commenced in 2015 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

Commencement Year 2014 - 1713.1 Bachelor of Criminal and Community Justice/Bachelor of Social Work (http://handbook.uws.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1713.1)

This dual degree combines a critical perspective on theories and practices from social work, as well as criminology. There is a strong focus on practice for students who wish to pursue a career in social work, community corrections, or other sectors of the criminal justice system, including private providers as well as the not for profit sector included in probations. It is an applied degree pathway, and links theory to practice, and contains two field education placements.

The Associate Degree in Social Science (exit) is an early exit point from the Bachelor of Social Work. As detailed below, qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points of Social Work subjects.

The Diploma in Social Science Studies (exit) is an early exit point from the Bachelor of Social Work. As detailed below, qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points of Social Work subjects.

Early Exits

Students may exit this program on completion of 160 credit points with a 1918 Associate Degree in Social Science (exit only) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/associate-degree-social-science-exit-only/) or on completion of 80 credit points with a 1919 Diploma in Social Science Studies (exit only) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-social-science-studies-exit-only/).

Students may exit the double degree with the 1709 Bachelor of Criminal and Community Justice (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-criminal-community-justice/) on completion of 240 credit points as specified in Bachelor Criminal and Community Justice program. https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-criminal-community-justice/#sequencetext (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-criminal-community-justice/#sequencetext)

Study Mode

Five years full-time or ten years part-time.

Program Advice

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Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/)| Local Admission (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/) | International Admission (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Liverpool Campus*	Full Time	Internal	Dr Benjamin Joseph (https://directory.westernsydney.edu search/profile/71330/)
Liverpool Campus*	Part Time	Internal	Dr Benjamin Joseph (https://directory.westernsydney.edu search/profile/71330/)

* Programs delivered through an agreement with another party

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Social Work component of this double degree meets the specifications for eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Admission
Admission 2024 and prior

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

http://www.uac.edu.au/
https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

International students currently completing an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) level 3 must apply via UAC International.

http://www.uac.edu.au/

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Admission from 2025

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

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http://www.uac.edu.au/

https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/

International students who have not completed a Year 12 or equivalent secondary school level qualification or higher qualification in the English language consistent with the requirements for admission to AQF Level 7 degree courses in Australia must have a minimum score of 7.0 or higher in each component (listening, reading, writing and speaking) of the Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test, or equivalent.

International applicants must apply directly to the Western Sydney University via the International Office. International students applying to The University through the International Office can find more details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (http://pubsites.uws.edu.au/international/)

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Alternate Entry Pathways:

- Students can apply via the HSC True Reward Program:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward/)

- Students can apply via
WSU's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Program overseen by the Office of Pro-Vice Chancellor (Engagement and Advancement)

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward/)

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 400 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

Recommended Sequence

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10
CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10
BEHV 2008	Mental Health in the Community	10
CULT 1024	Introduction to Criminal Justice	10
	Credit Points	**40**
Spring session		
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10
WELF 1002	Context of Human Services	10
WELF 1003	Human Services Intervention Strategies	10
CULT 1022	Working with Cultural Differences	10
	Credit Points	**40**
Year 2		
Autumn session		
HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10
WELF 2002	Community Work & Development	10
WELF 2017	Working with Individuals and Families	10
WELF 2006	Fields of Practice 1	10
	Credit Points	**40**
Spring session		
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10
WELF 2008	Human Rights, Human Services and the Law	10
WELF 2007	Group Work in Social Work	10
CULT 1005	Crime, Deviance and Society	10
	Credit Points	**40**
Year 3		
Autumn session		
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10
WELF 3006	Family Violence: Policy and Practice	10
WELF 3020	Field Education 1	20
	Credit Points	**40**
Spring session		
JUST 3002	Assessment and Treatment of Offenders	10
CULT 3025	Prisons, Punishment and Criminal Justice	10
WELF 3001	Child Abuse as a Social Issue	10
JUST 3014	Creating Criminal Justice Solutions	10
	Credit Points	**40**

Year 4

Autumn session

WELF 2010	Lifespan Development and the Human Services	10
CULT 3018	Perspectives in Criminology	10
CULT 2017	Youth Justice and Practice	10
Select one elective		10
	Credit Points	**40**

Spring session

WELF 3014	Social Work and Social Policy	10
WELF 2001	Community Management and Organisations	10
HUMN 2015	Community and Social Action	10
WELF 3009	Managing Offenders in the Community	10

Students may exit at this point with a Bachelor of Criminal and Community Justice

	Credit Points	**40**

Year 5

Autumn session

WELF 3013	Social Work and Health	10
WELF 4006	Ideologies of Practice in Social Work	10
WELF 4007	Practice skills for social work	10
WELF 4008	Professional Decision Making in Social Work	10
	Credit Points	**40**

Spring session

WELF 4005	Field Education 2	30

Note: Subject WELF 4005 Field Education 2 may be offered in 2H session.

WELF 4001	Contemporary Social Work Practice	10
	Credit Points	**40**
	Total Credit Points	**400**

Equivalent Core Subjects

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2022 or earlier.

HUMN 1041 (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/humn1041/#text) People, Place and Social Difference, replaced by HUMN 1060 (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/humn1060/) Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2020 or earlier.

WELF 4003 Critical Practice in Social Work (Direct), replaced by WELF 4007 Practice skills for social work
WELF 4004 Critical Practice in Social Work (Indirect), replaced by WELF 4008 Professional Decision Making in Social Work
CULT 1007 Introduction to Crime and Criminal Justice, replaced by CULT 1024 Introduction to Criminal Justice
CULT 2009 Juvenile, Crime & Justice, replaced by CULT 2017 Youth Justice and Practice
JUST 3004 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice and Policing, replaced by JUST 3014 Creating Criminal Justice Solutions
WELF 2005 Field Education 1, replaced by WELF 3020 Field Education 1
CULT 2011 Prisons, Punishment and Criminal Justice, replaced by CULT 3025 Prisons, Punishment and Criminal Justice

HUMN 2049 Social Research Methods, replaced by HUMN 2066 Investigating and Communicating Social Problems