

BACHELOR OF POLICING (1844)

Approved Abbreviation: BPol

Western Sydney University Program Code: 1844

AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 044801C

This program applies to students who commenced in 2019 or later.

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

For Commencement Year 2017 to 2018 - please refer to 1844.1 Bachelor of Policing (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1844.1>)

This program introduces students to policing as a distinct area of academic study and provides the foundation for careers in policing and other criminal justice organisations. Students study social science and criminology subjects, and a range of specialist policing subjects to equip graduates with a broad understanding of the role of police in society. The curriculum recognises the complexities and challenges of contemporary policing and explores the application of policing practice to a changing Australian society.

NB: Students seeking a policing career will be required to satisfy the entrance requirements for these policing or criminal justice organisations. Completion of this degree does not guarantee entry into these selective positions.

Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 160 credit points of Policing subjects with a 1930 Associate Degree in Policing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/associate-degree-policing-exit-only/>).

Study Mode

Three years full-time or six years part-time.

Program Advice

APApolicing@westernsydney.edu.au

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	Program Advice (APApolicing@westernsydney.edu.au)
Liverpool Campus	Part Time	Internal	Program Advice (APApolicing@westernsydney.edu.au)
Penrith Campus	Full Time	Internal	Program Advice (APApolicing@westernsydney.edu.au)
Penrith Campus	Part Time	Internal	Program Advice (APApolicing@westernsydney.edu.au)

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 an optional work component available in this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should be aware that if an elective is a requirement of the program but the work itself was not registered with CRICOS, students can still complete these electives but it would be counted towards the work limitation. For more details, refer to the 'Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students' website.

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

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.

Special Requirements Prerequisites

Students enrolled in JUST 3012 Policing Leaders Internship (by selection only, 20 student max.) are required to receive a clear National Police Check before placement with NSW Police Force, the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Border Management (AIPM), or other criminal justice agencies. Students placed with the AIPM may also be subject to random drug testing. This subject is a core for Bachelor of Policing (Leadership), and positions for Bachelor of Policing students will be by invitation only and selection based on GPA.

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 240 credit points including the subjects listed below.

Recommended Sequence

Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10
CULT 1024	Introduction to Criminal Justice	10
BEHV 2008	Mental Health in the Community	10
CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10
HUMN 1041	People, Place and Social Difference	10
CULT 1005	Crime, Deviance and Society	10
JUST 1003	Policing Practices	10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10
CULT 2017	Youth Justice and Practice	10
CULT 3017	Legislation, Courts and Policing	10
JUST 2020	Criminal Law for Policing	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10
CULT 2016	Evidence and Investigation	10
CULT 2018	Crime Prevention and Drugs	10
Select one elective		10
Associate Degree in Policing (exit only)		
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Credit Points		40
Year 3		
Autumn session		
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10
CULT 3013	Gender, Crime and Violence	10
Select two electives		20
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
CULT 3007	Contemporary Social Issues and Professional Practice	10
JUST 3014	Creating Criminal Justice Solutions	10
JUST 3006	Governance in Policing	10
Select one elective		10
Recommended Elective:		
NATS 2015	Evidence and Crime Scene Management	
OR		
Note: this subject is available only in Summer session		

JUST 3012	Policing Leaders Internship	
Note: this subject is available only by invitation		
	Credit Points	40
	Total Credit Points	240

Full-time mid-year intake

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Year 1		
Spring session		
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10
HUMN 1041	People, Place and Social Difference	10
CULT 1005	Crime, Deviance and Society	10
JUST 1003	Policing Practices	10
Credit Points		40
Autumn session		
BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10
CULT 1024	Introduction to Criminal Justice	10
BEHV 2008	Mental Health in the Community	10
CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Spring session		
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10
CULT 2016	Evidence and Investigation	10
CULT 2018	Crime Prevention and Drugs	10
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Credit Points		40
Autumn session		
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Total Credit Points	240

Equivalent Core Subjects

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

CULT 1020 - Working with Communities, replaced by HUMN 1060
Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies
HUMN 2049 - Social Research Methods HUMN 2066 Investigating and
Communicating Social Problems

Elective Minor

Humanitarian Action in Practice, Minor (0327) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/humanitarian-action-practice-minor/>)

Minor elective spaces

Elective subjects may be used toward obtaining an additional approved minor (40 credit points). Western Sydney University offers minors in a range of areas including Sustainability and Indigenous Studies.

Global Sustainability Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-sustainability-minor/>)
Indigenous Australian Studies Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-minor/>)

Sustainable Futures, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/sustainable-futures-minor/#structuretext>)

Western Sydney University also offers the following innovative transdisciplinary Challenge Minors (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) which we encourage those students who have elective space to consider.

Equitable Technologies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/equitable-technologies-minor/>)
Urban Evolution (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/urban-evolution-minor/>)
Migration and Global Change (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/migration-global-change-minor/>)
Personal Innovation (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/personal-innovation-minor/>)
Innovating, Creating and Problem Solving (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-creating-problem-solving-minor/>)
Eco-Socially Conscious Design and Manufacturing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/eco-socially-conscious-design-manufacturing-minor/>)
Water for Life (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/water-life-minor/>)
Climate Justice (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/climate-justice-minor/>)
Creative and Visual Communication (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-visual-communication-minor/>)
Global Workplaces (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-workplaces-minor/>)
Innovating For Humans (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-humans-minor/>)
Creative Living for Cultural Wellbeing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-living-cultural-wellbeing-minor/>)

Ideate.Strategise.Innovate. (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/ideate-strategise-innovate-minor/>)
Humanising Data (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/humanising-data-minor/>)

For more information, visit the Challenge Minor (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) website.

Search for majors and minors (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/>)

Students can apply for an elective minor via Western Now.

WesternNow (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/westernnow/>)