

# CULT 2018 CRIME PREVENTION AND DRUGS

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102708

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**Description** This subject will examine the theory, politics and practice of crime prevention while exploring how this relates to alcohol, illicit drug use and criminalisation. In particular, this subject will explore key elements of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) research, service delivery and policy approaches that are framed, both practically and symbolically as crime prevention measures. It will address current approaches to crime prevention, evaluate their effectiveness and examine emerging strategies in the field. Some key case studies in the field of critical drugs studies will be used throughout this subject to demonstrate some principles of crime prevention introduced in the first part of the subject.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Criminology

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 2 subject

**Incompatible Subjects** CULT 3008 - Crime Prevention and Community

**Restrictions**

Successful completion of 40 credit points.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Identify and explain key theoretical frameworks underpinning approaches to crime prevention.
2. Analyse the concept of criminalization and its relationship to drug use and crime prevention.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the link between critical drugs studies and crime prevention principles.
4. Communicate crime prevention strategies to community and industry stakeholders.

## Subject Content

Origins and theoretical foundations of crime prevention.  
Types of crime prevention (i.e. social, physical, neighbourhood).  
Planning and crime prevention partnerships.  
Crime and drugs nexus.  
Drugs, crime and harm minimisation as crime prevention.  
Criminalisation, decriminalisation and legalisation of drugs.

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	Six quizzes (five questions each)	30	N	Individual	N
Professional Task	1500	35	N	Individual	N
Essay	1500	35	N	Individual	N

## WSU Online

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Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	Six quizzes (five questions each)	30	N	Individual	N
Proposal	2000 words	35	N	Individual	N
Essay	1500 words	35	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- Sutton, A, Cherney, A and White R. 2014, Crime Prevention: Principles, Perspectives and Practices, 2nd Edn, Cambridge University Press, Melbourne.

Teaching Periods

## Sydney City Campus - Term 1 (2025)

### Sydney City

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## WSU Online TRI-2 (2025)

### Wsu Online

#### Online

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## Spring (2025)

### Penrith (Kingswood)

#### On-site

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## Liverpool

### On-site

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