

# WELF 3009 MANAGING OFFENDERS IN THE COMMUNITY

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102065

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**Description** Managing Offenders in the Community is a subject that draws links between the theory and practice of working with offenders in a variety of roles and settings. It provides a legal and policy framework for this work and covers the main theoretical perspectives and research insights into what is effective practice in this work. The subject takes a practical, applied approach linking the material directly to work with offenders and will be of particular interest to current or future practitioners in community justice, corrections, social work and policing.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Criminology

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

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

## Restrictions

Successful completion of 100 credit points in the currently enrolled program. This subject is designed to be taken in the third year of the program.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Recognise the main theoretical perspectives and research insights that inform work with offenders in the community - Integrate theoretical knowledge;
2. Identify legislative and policy requirements that are relevant to work with offenders in the community - demonstrate understanding of crime etc;
3. Differentiate and compare the various approaches to working with offenders in the community - critically evaluate community justice principle: basic research and analysis;
4. Construct a principled and theoretically informed argument for taking particular approaches in response to offending behaviour, with a particular focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - produce clear written evaluations of crime; knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and ways of knowing;
5. Assess the main issues in working with an individual offender in the community and recommend approaches to work with him or her - exercise critical skills to solve problems of crime;
6. Formulate a planned intervention for working with an offender in the community, based on theory and research - evaluate and apply criminological knowledge to solve applied problems.

## Subject Content

Community Justice in Australia  
 Working with Adult Offenders in Australia  
 Working with Young Offenders in Australia  
 Theories of Offending and Evidence-Based Practice  
 Restorative Justice and Victims  
 Risk Management and Public Protection  
 Diversity: Criminal Justice work with particular groups  
 Organisation and Management of Criminal Justice  
 Technology and Criminal Justice  
 Facilitating Desistance and Building Good Lives  
 Values and Ethics in Community Justice  
 Practice Skills: Assessing and Engaging with Involuntary Clients

## 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	10 questions	20	N	Individual	N
Report	1,000 words	40	N	Individual	N
Presentation	500 words	40	N	Individual	N

## Prescribed Texts

- Stout, B. (2023) 'Community Justice in Australia', Routledge: London & New York

## Teaching Periods

### Spring (2025)

#### Liverpool

##### On-site

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#### Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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