## **102-DB Master of Arts in Criminology (Thesis)**

Year and Campus:	2009		
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees		
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate		
Duration & Credit Points:			
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Course Overview:	The masters degree is designed for students to develop advanced skills in carrying out independent and sustained research in criminology. The thesis should demonstrate a critical application of specialist knowledge and make an independent contribution to existing scholarship in the area of research. Candidates may advance to the Doctor of Philosophy degree after successful completion of the masters or may apply to convert to the PhD at an earlier stage. An honours grade of at least H2B (70%) must be attained to qualify for the award of the masters degree.		
Objectives:	<ul> <li>Students who complete the masters will:</li> <li># develop advanced understanding of theories of crime, deviance and social control;</li> <li># acquire specialised skills in research including ability to summarise and critically assess and develop sophisticated theory and to collect and analyse large amounts of quantitative and/or qualitative data;</li> <li># independently plan and execute a major original research project, and the ability to present sophisticated and complex arguments and ideas in systematic and coherent ways;</li> <li># emerge with an advanced understanding of relevant cultural, policy and political issues;</li> <li># confidence in their capacity to undertake PhD and other advanced research.</li> </ul>		
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Notes:	Candidates must submit an outline of their project of 2000-3000 words after six months of full- time candidature and an annual report of 1000 words on their research.
	Candidates must also give a formal presentation in one of the following ways:
	# a twenty-minute paper on their topic at a Departmental seminar;
	# thesis-related material as part of a formal lecture for criminology or a related subject;
	# a paper at an academic conference.