

CRIM90019 Advances in Criminological Research

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week for 12 weeks. Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Entry to the Master of Criminology (100-point program), Postgraduate Diploma or 4th year Honours in Criminology. Entry to the Master of Criminology (100-point program), Postgraduate Diploma or 4th year Honours in Criminology.
Corequisites:	This subject is a compulsory component of the 100-point Master of Criminology course.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Criminology at Undergraduate level
Non Allowed Subjects:	none
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	Criminology draws its frameworks for inquiry and understanding from a wide-range of intellectual traditions and contemporary conceptualisations. This subject provides accounts of contemporary developments in the construction and application of theory in criminal justice and related settings. It is axiomatic that practice in criminal justice ought to be founded on strong theoretical grounds, but this often is not the case. Drawing upon a range of enduring and emerging formulations, the subject explains and tests the relationships between theory and practice in criminal justice. Topics to be covered are drawn from a list which includes restorative justice, offender rehabilitation and desistance, developmental crime prevention, surveillance and control, community and intersectoral policing developments, risk prediction and offender classification, and anti-social behaviour orders.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # To comprehend the sources and varieties of theory formation of relevance to criminological inquiry. # to develop a sophisticated understanding of the relationships between theory construction, research and criminal justice practices. # to explore in detail topical criminal justice practices and interventions in the context of their underlying theoretical and research foundations. # to be able to analyse and articulate critically the nexus between theory, research and practice in criminal justice across a wide range of settings.
Assessment:	Written work totalling 5000 words, comprising a 1500 word essay (30%) due mid-semester and a 3500 word research essay (70%) due during the examination period.
Prescribed Texts:	A Subject Reader will be available for purchase from the University Bookshop.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.

Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"># have highly developed cognitive, analytical and problem-solving skills.# have an advanced understanding of complex concepts and the ability to express them lucidly in writing and orally.# have sophisticated awareness of cultural, ethnic and gender diversities and their implications.# have an ability to plan work and to use time effectively.
Related Course(s):	Master of Criminology (CWT)
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Criminology Criminology