

Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice co-operative degree FAQs

What are the key features of the new co-operative degree?

In the second semester of second year, students will complete COOPK2204 Professional Identity (Criminology and Criminal Justice), a 15–credit point unit that will prepare them for placement.

In third year, students will undertake 60 days of paid placement with a justice-related organisation, equivalent to two 30–credit point units: COOPK2205 Cooperative Placement 1 (Criminology and Criminal Justice) and COOPK2206 Cooperative Placement 2 (Criminology and Criminal Justice).

But there's placement in the current degree. What's the difference?

In the current degree structure, students complete the pre-placement unit CRJUS 3204 Work Integrated Learning: Professional Knowledge (15 credit points) in the first semester of third year then do CRJUS 3205 Work Integrated Learning: Professional Practice (15 credit points) in the second semester of third year. This placement is shorter (200 hours or about 26 days) and students do not get paid.

Will I have to find my own placement?

No, the University's Co-operative team will find a placement opportunity for you.

What if I already work in a justice-related organisation?

If you're already working in a justice-related organisation or have recent experience doing so, you may be eligible for [Recognition of Prior Learning](#).

Is the co-operative course structure different?

Yes. In the new co-operative degree, students choose either:

- one major consisting of 6 units (Sociology, Community and Human Services, Behavioural Studies, or IT Security)
OR
- one minor consisting of 4 units (Indigenous Studies, Sociology, Writing, Community and Human Services, Behavioural Studies or IT Security) plus two elective units.

In the current degree, students choose either:

- one major consisting of 8 units (Sociology, Community and Human Services, Behavioural Studies, or IT Security)

OR

- two minors consisting of 4 units (Indigenous Studies, Sociology, Writing, Community and Human Services, Behavioural Studies or IT Security).

Do I have to transition to the new co-operative degree?

No. It's your choice.

How do I opt in or out of the new co-operative degree?

All you need to do is [complete the survey](#).

Who can I talk to if I have other questions?

Please contact the Criminology and Criminal Justice Course Coordinator, Dr Cassie Pedersen, via c.pedersen@federation.edu.au