Master of Justice and Criminology

Gain highly sought-after skills in the fields of crime science and crime management. You will gain the analytical skills to better understand criminal problems, including those related to security and crime prevention.

This program is designed for students wishing to enter a career in the justice system, as well as for those already working in the industry that wish to update and extend their knowledge.

Designed by leading academics and industry professionals, you will develop the advanced skills and knowledge you need to effectively perform as a justice professional in areas such as:

— investigation
— human security
— crime management
— compliance
— criminology
— justice policy

This program reflects the latest debates, issues and approaches to global, national and local justice activities. Learn about new developments in the uses of technology in crime and to determine the ways in which contemporary ideas and practices enable, shape and limit the application of justice in contemporary Australia.

Learning and Teaching

Time Commitment
Full-time students, if attending face-to-face classes, will have approximately eight to 12 contact hours, combined with self-directed study and research.

Flexible Study Options
Core courses are also available online to offer students flexible study options.

Program Structure
You will build your knowledge of ethics and values in the justice sector. You’ll complete the following core courses:

— Crime Science
— Criminal Justice Systems
— Criminological Theory
— Foundations of Law
— Justice Management
— Global Crime
— Research Strategies – Social Sciences
— Advanced Justice
— Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
— Justice Research Project
— Law and Justice Policy
— Policy Making

Elective courses are lead by academic experts from a range of social science streams, including:

— psychology and human services
— global communities
— public policy and management
— human rights
— research

Industry Connections
Workplace learning is a key part of this program. Strong links have been established with the justice sectors at federal and state levels across Australia. You may undertake internships and field projects as well as design, implement and evaluate your own projects and simulated activities that represent real workplace scenarios.

Networking Opportunities
This is a career-oriented program, with many students already working in the field. As such, there will be opportunities to develop professionally through shared knowledge and networks, with the potential to find related employment after, or even before, graduating.

Thought leaders working in crime management and social research are regularly brought in as guest lecturers to provide you with knowledge of current best practice and prepare you to apply your skills immediately in your own chosen career.

Career
Crime management is a growth area and RMIT University sits at the cutting edge of preparing people for employment in this field.

Graduates are highly sought after and many gain employment in the justice sector and related fields including:

— public prosecution
— customs and border security
— forensics
— youth justice
— security management
— social research

Entry Requirements
An Australian bachelor degree or its equivalent. Applicants with significant work experience may also be considered. Applicants applying for entry on the basis of work experience must include a CV and direct applicant statement detailing their experience with their application.

If you have successfully completed a bachelor degree majoring in justice studies, criminology, criminal justice, legal studies, law or criminal justice administration, you may be eligible for one semester credit, shortening the duration to one-and-a-half years full-time or three years part-time. This will be determined upon application.
How to Apply

Direct Application
Apply online at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct.
Semester 1 timely applications for coursework programs open on Open Day (9 August) and are due by 10 November.*
Semester 2 (Midyear) applications open 1 May and are due by 31 May.*
*Applications will continue to be accepted until all places have been filled. You are encouraged to lodge your application early.

Fees Explained

Full-Fee Places
Students in full-fee places are required to pay a tuition fee that covers the full tuition costs of their program. The tuition fees vary according to each program and are adjusted on an annual basis. Financial assistance may be available through the FEE-HELP scheme (see right for details). Only students who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or hold an Australian Permanent Resident Visa are eligible for a domestic full-fee place. Students who do not meet these citizenship and residency requirements may be offered a place as an onshore international student.
Fees for 2016 are listed under each program in this booklet or visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees from October 2015.
Other Fees and Expenses
In addition to tuition fees, you will be charged a student services and amenities fee (SSAF), which is indexed annually. Eligible students can defer payment of the fee through SA-HELP. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/ssaf.

You may also be required to purchase items related to your program, including field trips, specified textbooks and equipment. These expenses vary from program to program. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees.

Financial Assistance

Scholarships
Before you let financial constraints or living arrangements get in the way of your decision to study, find out about the range of RMIT scholarships available.
Coursework Scholarships Office
Tel. +61 3 9925 2811
Email: scholarships@rmit.edu.au
www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships

FEE-HELP
FEE-HELP is an optional loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay all or part of their tuition fees. To learn more about FEE-HELP visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/helploans/fee-help.

Income Support
The Australian Government has approved this postgraduate program for student income support payments. The list of approved programs is available at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/highered/masters.
To check your eligibility for student income support or rent assistance, please contact Centrelink or visit www.humanservices.gov.au.

Income Tax Deductions
Students may be eligible to apply for income tax deductions relating to the education expenses that are linked to their employment. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) website at www.ato.gov.au provides guidance on the taxation treatment of your fees.

International Students
For information on fees, selection requirements and how to apply, please go to the program information on the RMIT website at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/mc223 (CRICOS code 079695D).

Student Profile

"I have gained a wide range of skills during this program – from my quality of writing to my time-management skills. I was lucky enough to have undertaken a work placement with Legal Aid Society in New York; this was definitely one of the highlights during my studies at RMIT.

"I strongly recommend postgraduate study if you want to excel in any chosen career pathway."

Jenny Goncalves (cover)
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Why Postgrad?

A Competitive Edge
Employment opportunities increase by 85% after completing a postgraduate qualification.*

Increase Your Earnings
On average, a postgraduate qualification will up your long-term earnings by more than 15%.

Turn Career Dreams into Reality
Almost 50% of people feel like they are in the wrong career. A postgraduate qualification will empower you to follow your passion.

Why RMIT?

1. Take your career to the next level
   RMIT was ranked 79th in the world by global employers for graduate employability in the 2014 QS World University Rankings.

2. Flexibility that works for you
   40% of RMIT’s 11,700 postgraduate students study part-time with many flexible learning options.

3. Broaden your horizons
   RMIT offers exchange opportunities at over 200 institutions across 41 countries.

4. Open doors to worldwide opportunities
   RMIT has over 200 research collaborations with overseas partners and industry. RMIT graduates are employed in more than 100 countries around the world.

5. Transform the future through research
   RMIT is ranked as one of the top five Australian universities for excellence in key research disciplines, and was awarded more than $19 million in research funding in 2014.

6. Education that packs a punch for your prospects
   RMIT is ranked as one of the world’s top 35 universities for key subject areas in the 2015 QS World University Rankings.

The information in this guide is specific to Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents of Australia.

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