

2026 Honours Information Session

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Acknowledgement of Country

Artwork: "U gonna listen now?" Leilani Tallulah Knight, Wiradjuri and Kamilaroi Queer artist and Bachelor of Fine Arts/Arts student.

Life After Honours: Alumni Perspectives on the Program

**Yssy Burton-Clark
Grace Gardiner**

What Does Honours Involve?

Entry requirement: 70 WAM or above

Program consists of 48 UOC, of which 18 UOC is comprised of coursework and 30 UOC of thesis courses

Coursework:

[ARTS4266](#) - Puzzles, Planning, and Presentation for Honours in the Social Sciences (T1) (6 UOC)

[ARTS4268](#) - Methodologies in the Social Sciences: Questions and Quandaries (T1 and T2) (12 UOC)

The thesis is an extended written piece (15,000 to 20,000 words) on a specific subject demonstrating the capacity to conduct original research. Developed in consultation with an academic supervisor.

Students are usually allocated one supervisor (although sometimes two are allocated). Supervisors can be in any School or Faculty, or even external to UNSW (rare).

Supervisors are responsible for providing timely advice, support, and feedback; monitoring your progress; and being available for consultations.

Final Honours Result (40% Coursework; 60% Thesis).

Sample Full-Time Honours Structure

	Enrolment	UOC Requirement	Indicative UOC
Term 1	Full-time	18 UOC	ARTS4266 (6 UOC) (Term 1) ARTS4268 (6 UOC) (Term 1) Thesis (6 UOC) (Term 1)
Term 2	Full-time	18 UOC	ARTS4268 (6 UOC) (Term 2) Thesis (12 UOC) (Term 2)
Term 3	Full-time	12 UOC	Thesis (12 UOC) (Term 3)

Please Note: Thesis course codes are determined by the program and stream of your enrollment

You can study part-time!

Please discuss with Joyce joyce.wu@unsw.edu.au or Kev k.dertadian@unsw.edu.au if you are considering a part-time option.

Also, let your potential supervisor know that this is your plan, and to check for their availabilities in 2027.

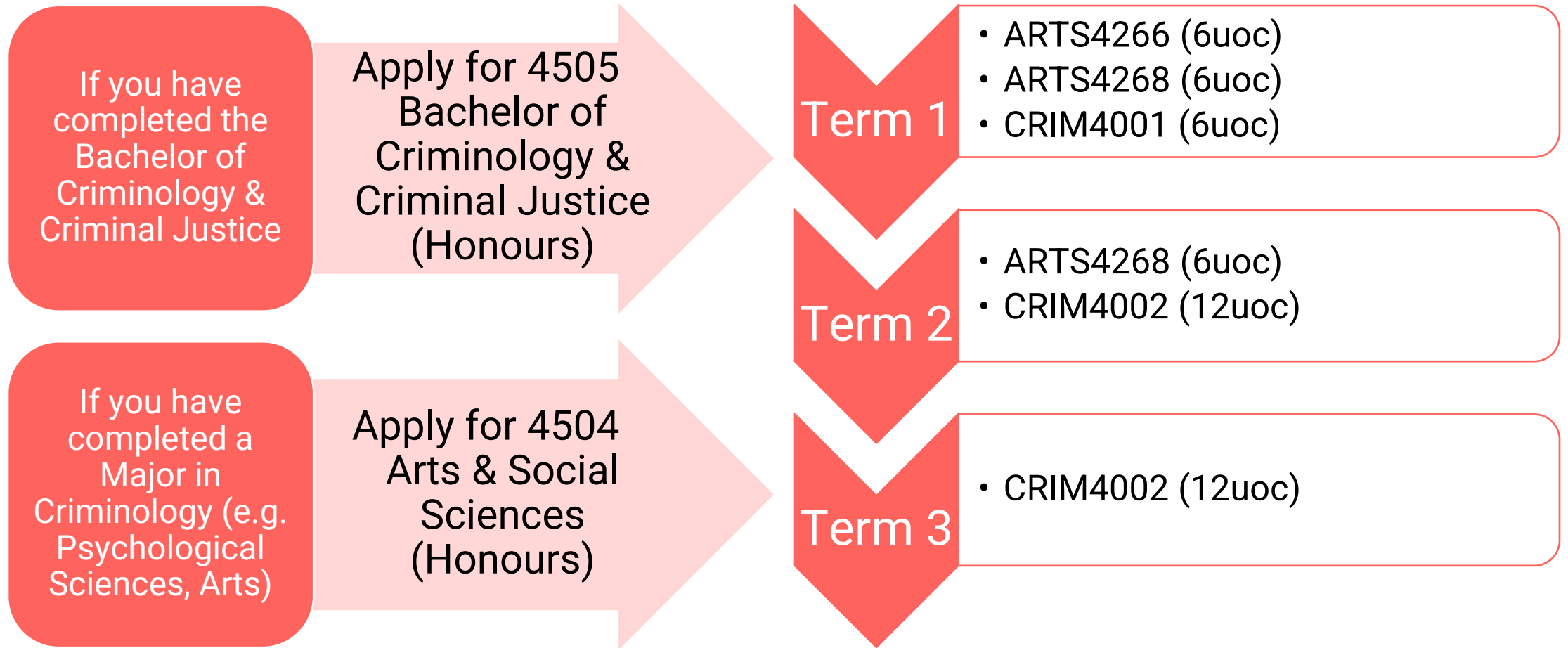


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Honours in Criminology

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Two Pathways, Same Program of Study



Eligibility

- Completed relevant degree/major (see previous slide).
- Dual degree students: must have completed 144uoc, including all Criminology requirements.
- If you've finished your Criminology degree (e.g. BCCJ, BA) but not your second degree, you can:
 - Pause the second degree to do Honours, or
 - Complete Honours after finishing both degrees.
- Minimum WAM of 70 in your Criminology program/major.
- A supervisor who has agreed to supervise your thesis.
 - Reach out early to discuss your ideas.
 - Unsure who to approach? Email the Criminology Honours Convenor.



Good to Know: Due Dates and Timelines

What	When
Applications Open	Open now
Applications Close	Late November 2026
Successful applicants receive official offer	Early to mid-January 2027

This UNSW page has the general application information:

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/arts-design-architecture/study-with-us/applying-for-honours>

Honours Program Application Portal (all current UNSW students and external): <https://applyonline.unsw.edu.au/login>

How to find my research topic?

- Identify a general area, problem or issue that you'd like to explore
- If you're having difficulty, consider any undergraduate courses, assignments or lecturers that stood out or inspired you.
- Some students wish to pursue projects that overlap with their professional interests (or future career pathways).

Finding Your Honours Thesis Supervisor

Check the list of academic staff with their research interests and their online research profiles can be circulated.

Some academics also have [special projects](#) in which they welcome Honours students to participate. Those special project information and contact details are also included in the linked document (see above).

Suggested steps on finding your supervisor:

1. Email them directly
2. Introduce yourself, including a few paragraphs about your research interests and chosen topic – plus some research questions that interest you in that area if possible.
3. Ask if they would consider meeting you online or in person. If they are unavailable or able to supervise you, ask for suggestions about other suitable supervisors.
4. Ask what their supervision style is and whether it meets your supervisory needs (you might need to compromise).



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Questions?

Or email us!

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