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## CULT 2006 EVIDENCE, INVESTIGATIONS AND POLICE INTELLIGENCE

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101567

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**Description** This unit aims to provide an overview of police investigations with a specific focus on understanding the interaction of police powers and the investigative process. The unit will introduce the common criminal offences in order to outline the investigative process through scenario based case studies. The unit will refer to both NSW and Commonwealth legislation. The unit will also examine the role of the courts in applying the rules of evidence to determine whether or not evidence gathered by investigators is sufficiently reliable to be admitted into evidence at a trial. The unit will examine the impact of technological change on the investigative process including the impact of forensic science. Whilst NSW legislation will be a significant focus, the investigative process is universally applicable.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Criminology

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your HECS Band contribution amount via the Fees (https:// www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

ltem	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Case Study	500 Words	20	Ν	Individual
Brief of Evidence	1,000 words	25	Ν	Individual
Essay	1,500 words	30	Ν	Individual
Exam	2 hours	25	Ν	Individual

**Teaching Periods**