

# CULT 3008 CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102038

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**Description** In Spring 2020 this unit replaced by 102708 - Crime Prevention and Drugs. This unit will examine the theory, politics and practice of crime prevention. It will address current approaches to crime prevention, evaluate their effectiveness and examine emerging strategies in the field. The unit will consider the diversity of crimes and the ways in which some are constructed as preventable and others are not, while discussing the challenges posed by unreported crime, fear of crime and the relation between patterns of victimisation and social disadvantage. The unit will draw on empirical literature linking individual, social and contextual factors to the production and prevention of deviant behaviours and explore the potential of crime prevention strategies for alleviating the social ills associated with crime and deviance.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Criminology

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** CULT 2014 - Victimisation and Crime Prevention

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Identify and explain key theoretical frameworks underpinning approaches to crime prevention
2. Critically evaluate traditional crime prevention policies and practices
3. Examine emerging innovations in crime prevention
4. Develop crime prevention solutions
5. Communicate crime prevention solutions to community and industry stakeholders

## Subject Content

Fear, insecurity, risk and governance - examining the construction of targets for control?

Defining crime prevention - the origins and theoretical foundations of crime prevention

Social prevention

Physical environment and neighbourhood crime prevention

Drugs, crime, and harm minimisation as crime prevention

Changing spaces for crime prevention

Planning and crime prevention partnerships

Crime control as industry ? a critical look at the growth of the crime prevention industry

## 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.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Quiz	Six quizzes ( five questions each)	30	N	Individual
Log/Workbook	1000 words	30	N	Group
Professional Task	2000 words	40	N	Individual

Prescribed Texts

- Sutton, A, Cherney, A and White R. 2014, Crime Prevention: Principles, Perspectives and Practices, 2nd Edn, Cambridge University Press, Melbourne.

Teaching Periods