

# HUMN 7022 GLOBAL CRIMINOLOGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102200

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**Description** Global criminology is concerned with the process of respecting and fostering ideals of justice, the rule of law and human rights in an expanding range of transnational and domestic locations. These include stable, divided and post-conflict societies that are variously dealing with issues of discrimination, exploitation, insecurity and violence via international agreements, judicial and political means. The global development of justice initiatives has challenged the traditional criminological concern with individual offenders prosecuted by the sovereign nation state acting on behalf of a sole victim. In this unit students will gain a critical understanding of theories and concepts of global criminology, detail of the key aspects and uses of international criminal law, and the potential of alternative modes of attaining social justice. Case studies from around the globe will be analysed along with an emphasis placed on assessing the significance of issues, rights and justice reforms in developing regions.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Studies In Human Society

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

**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

## Assumed Knowledge

Undergraduate degree in criminology, criminal justice or a related social science area, or equivalent.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Explain key terms and issues in global criminology;
2. Distinguish theories of global criminology and globalisation;
3. Assess key literature and research evidence demonstrating a critical understanding of policy implications;
4. Design and successfully complete a research project in International Criminology.

## Subject Content

Theory and scope of global criminology  
 State crimes and legal liability  
 Transitional justice  
 The globalisation of law and human rights  
 Victimology and international victim rights  
 Crime, Human Rights and the UN  
 Gender and international justice  
 Health and human security  
 Human rights and worker exploitation  
 Criminalisation versus protection of refugees

Strengths and weaknesses of international criminal justice (the ICC)  
 Justice initiatives in developing regions

## 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
Opinion Piece (Op-ed)	1,000 words	20	N	Individual
Book Review	1,000 words	20	N	Individual
Applied Project: Research project	3,000 words	60	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

## 1st Half

### Online

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## Spring

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