

2026 Bachelor of Criminal Justice Courses

(subject to change)

Core Courses

Semester 1

CRJU101	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRJU150	Legal Method in the Criminal Justice Context
HSRV104	Youth Realities
MAOR165	Tuakiri: Culture and Identity
PSYC105	Introductory Psychology – Brain, Behaviour and Cognition
CRJU201	Crime and Justice
CRJU202	Criminal Law for Criminal Justice
CRJU301	Sentencing Theory and Practice (LAWS366)

Coordinator

Jayson Ware
Isa Alde
Josephine Varghese

Marozane Spammers
Shea Esterling
Debra Wilson

Semester 2

CRJU160	Legal Issues in the NZ Criminal Justice System
HSRV103	Violence in Society
MAOR108	
	Te Patu a Maui: The Treaty of Waitangi – facing & overcoming colonisation
MAOR165	Tuakiri: Culture and Identity
PSYC106	Introductory Psychology – Social, Personality and Developmental
PHIL139	Ethics, Politics and Justice
HSRV210	Gender, Crime and Social Theory
MAOR219	Te Tiriti: The Treaty of Waitangi
SOCI293	The History of Gangs in New Zealand
CRJU302	Prisons and Corrections

James Mehigan
Josephine Varghese

Carolyn Mason
Nik Taylor

Jess Maclean

Elective Courses

Semester 1

CRJU211	Forensic Science for Criminal Justice
CRJU314	Serious Financial Crime (LLAW314)
HIST295 / HIST395	Crimes, Criminology & Policing in Modern Europe since 1750
HSRV201	Communication in the Human Services
HSRV311	Qualitative Research Methods (30 points)
LING225	Language and Social Justice
PSYC206	Research Design and Statistics
PHIL240/ PHIL324	Bioethics, Life, Death and Medicine
PSYC379	Introduction to Psychopathology P: PSYC206

Coordinator

Ian Shaw
Chat Le Nguyen
Heather Wolfram

Cindy Zeiher
Maria-Victoria Perez Y Perez
Forrest Panther

Carolyn Mason

Semester 2

CRJU222	Whakataka Nga Here: Colonisation and the Criminal Justice System
CRJU308	The Principles of Evidence (LAWS307)
CRJU315	Mental Health and Criminal Justice (LLAW315)
PSYC208	Cognition
PSYC211	Personality
PSYC216	Psychology and the Law
PSYC336	Industrial and Organisational Psychology P: PSYC206
PSYC330	Forensic Psychology

Jess Maclean
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Special Provisional Courses 2026

The Executive Dean of Law has approved BCJ students substituting a maximum of 45 points taken from the list below in lieu of BCJ Elective courses for 2026. This decision has been made on the grounds of exceptional circumstances in relation to the number of BCJ electives available in 2026.

Note: BCJ students are already permitted one “off-schedule” elective (BCJ Regulation 3(d)). The 45 points referred to above are in addition to that provision.

The majority of the courses below have a variety of pre-requisites, and students who do not have the pre-requisites will have to apply to the appropriate Head of School for a waiver.

Students must advise the Faculty of Law by emailing lawandjusticedegreeadvice@canterbury.ac.nz if they enrol in any of the courses below so that a Dean’s Resolution can be placed on their academic transcripts; this is required in order to confirm BCJ completion requirements.

Semester 1

HSRV216/ POLS206	Introduction to Public Policy and Policy Analysis	Lin Mussell
PACE225	Solving Wicked Problems with Industry	
MAOR317	Takahi: Colonisation (30 points)	Tiina Vares
SOCI363	Investigating Social Worlds (30 points)	

Semester 2

BIOS201	Issues in NZ Biosecurity	Cindy Zeiher
HSRV211	Community Development: Concepts, Practice and the Dynamics of Change	
SOWK212	Family Violence	
PSYC380	Risk and Resilience in Human Development P: PSYC206	
PSYC382	Culture & Cognition P: PSYC206	

BCJ summer school courses

Core courses

PSYC105	Introductory Psychology – Brain, Behaviour and Cognition	Nov/Dec Distance
MAOR108	Te Patu a Maui: The Treaty of Waitangi – facing & overcoming colonisation	Nov/Dec Distance
PSYC106	Introductory Psychology – Social, Personality and Developmental	Jan/Feb Distance

On schedule elective options

PSYC206	Research Design and Statistics	Nov/Dec Distance
PSYC330	Forensic Psychology	Jan/Feb Distance