

COURSE DELIVERY PLAN 2026

Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Psychological Studies

COURSE CODE: ABCY (Commencing 1B3 2026)

CAMPUS	Footscray Park (FP)
COLLEGE	College of Arts, Business, Law, Education and IT
STUDY MODE	Full Time or Part Time
DURATION	3 years Full Time or Part Time equivalent
FEE TYPE	For information on course fees, refer to http://vu.edu.au/fees
APPLICATION METHOD	VTAC - https://vtac.edu.au Direct Application - https://gotovu.custhelp.com/app/landing
TIMETABLE	vu.edu.au/timetables
COURSE REQUIREMENTS	To attain the Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Psychological Studies students will be required to complete 288 credit points consisting of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 264 credit points of Core studies units including 24 credit points of Capstone Studies.• 24 credit points of Psychology Elective studies as required by APAC accreditation.
FURTHER INFORMATION	Unit and course information is available from the University course search site at http://vu.edu.au/course-search or go to https://askvu.vu.edu.au or Phone VUHQ on 03 9919 6100
COURSE CHAIR	Sue Zoghaib Romana Morda
COURSE ADVICE	AskCUA https://askvu.vu.edu.au/app/askcua

Note: Students are required to enrol in all units for semester 1 and 2, and are not permitted to enrol in more than 48 credit points per semester as a full-time load.

Core/Elective Core (a unit that must be completed) & Elective (you have some choice in what you select).

Prerequisites A number of units within the degree have 'prerequisites'. These prerequisites must be met before enrolment in the unit is permitted. Generally these prerequisites require the successful completion of a unit or units taken at an earlier stage in the course. Students should pay particular attention to these prerequisite requirements as failure to meet these can seriously hinder progression through the course.

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YEAR 1

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT TYPE	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
APP1016	Foundations of Psychological Research	Core	1B3	12	FP	
APP1017	Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology	Core	1B4	12	FP	
AEK1203	Indigenous Health and Wellbeing	Core	2B1	12	SA	
APP1012	Psychology 1A	Core	2B2	12	FP	
LCR1003	Crime and Inequality	Core	2B3	12	CC	
APP1013	Psychology 1B	Core	2B4	12	FP	APP1012

YEAR 2

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT TYPE	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
ASL1003	Criminal Justice Systems	Core	1B1	12	FP	
ASA1024	Applied Human Rights	Core	1B2	12	FP	
HPP2001	Developmental Psychology	Core	1B3	12	FP	APP1013
ECY3001	Working with Young People with Complex Issues	Core	1B4	12	FP	
APP2013	Psychology 2A	Core	2B1	12	FP	APP1012, APP1013
APP2014	Psychology 2B	Core	2B2	12	FP	APP2013
APP30XX	Psychology Elective 1	Elective	2B3	12	FP	APP2013
ASL2003	Ethics	Core	2B4	12	FP	

YEAR 3

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT TYPE	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
OPTION A (ECY3003 and ECY3004)						
ECY3004	Youth and Community Industry Placement	Capstone	1	12	FP	
ASL2006	Professional Practice in Justice Settings	Core	1B1	12	FP	
ASL2007	Alternative Approaches to Justice	Core	1B2	12	FP	



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APP3035	Research Methods in Psychology	Core	1B4	12	FP	APP2014
ASS3009	Sociology of Law	Core	2B1	12	FP	
ASL3003	Criminal Justice Reform	Core	2B2	12	FP	ASL1003, ASL2002
APP3037	Clinical Aspects of Psychology	Core	2B3	12	FP	APP2014, HPP2001
APP30XX	Psychology Elective 2	Elective	2B4	12	FP	APP2013
OR						
OPTION B (APP3023 and APP3028)						
ASL2006	Professional Practice in Justice Settings	Core	1B1	12	FP	
ASL2007	Alternative Approaches to Justice	Core	1B2	12	FP	
APP3023	Psychological Issues in the Workplace	Capstone	1B3	12	FP	APP2014
APP3028	Fieldwork	Capstone	1B4	12	FP	APP2014
ASS3009	Sociology of Law	Core	2B1	12	FP	
ASL3003	Criminal Justice Reform	Core	2B2	12	FP	ASL1003, ASL2002
APP3037	Clinical Aspects of Psychology	Core	2B3	12	FP	APP2014, HPP2001
APP30XX	Psychology Elective 2	Elective	2B4	12	FP	APP2013

YEAR 4

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT TYPE	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
OPTION A (ECY3003 and ECY3004)						
APP3034	History, Theories and Practice of Psychology	Core	1B1	12	FP	APP2014; and HPP2001
ECY3003	Youth and Community Industry Preparation	Capstone	1B2	12	FP	
OR						
OPTION B (APP3023 and APP3028)						
APP3034	History, Theories and Practice of Psychology	Core	1B1	12	FP	APP2014; and HPP2001
APP3035	Research Methods in Psychology	Core	1B2	12	FP	APP2014



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Psychology Electives

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT TYPE	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
APP3015	Counselling Theory and Practice	Elective	1B4, WB, 2B3, 2B4	12	FP	APP2013
APP3016	Group Behaviour	Elective	2B3, 2B4	12	FP	APP2013
APP3018	Organisations and Work	Elective	1B4, 2B4	12	FP	APP2013
APP3019	Psychobiology	Elective	1B1, 1B3, 2B3, 2B4	12	FP	APP2013
APP3027	Relationship and Family Wellbeing	Elective	1B2, 1B3, 2B1	12	FP	APP2013

Further information regarding placement units:

ABCY students need to complete **one set** of capstone units, either ECY3003 and ECY3004 **or** APP3023 and APP3028.

ECY3003 and ECY3004

Placements can occur at any time throughout the academic year dependent on host organisation needs and student availability. Students negotiate their placement schedule with the workplace supervisor.

[Criminal Justice Industry Placement web page](#) (further information on selection process for placement can be found here)

Contact: hanna.maxwell@vu.edu.au (Senior Partnerships Officer)

APP3023 and APP3028

Students will undertake a mandatory fieldwork placement, consisting of 60 hours of placement and in-class course work. All placement activities for this unit must be pre-approved and authorised by the Undergraduate Psychology Placement Officer. Credit will not be applied retrospectively for unauthorised activities. Students may be required to complete a proportion of the placement hours before undertaking the unit in the enrolled block. Students are required to complete APP3023 before APP3028.

[Psychology \(Fieldwork\) web page](#) (placement overview can be found here)

Contact: sally-ann.free@vu.edu.au (Fieldwork Coordinator, Undergraduate Psychology)



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