

Semester 1 2026 Orientation

Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice

With

- BCCJ Program Director, A/Prof Sarah Bennett
- BCCJ/UQCCJS Students: Penina, Reina, Jasmin, Ryan

Acknowledgment of Country

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.



What's happening today?

1. Welcome Criminologists!
2. Get to know your peers and teaching staff
3. Understanding your program structure
4. Preparing for your courses
5. Settling into university life

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1. Welcome to your Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice





In your degree you will learn:

- Who, what, where, when, and how people commit crimes
- How the criminal justice system works
- How criminal laws are developed and applied in the real world
- How to develop evidence-based crime policies and practices
- How to best prevent and control crime problems
- Core and transferrable professional practice skills

The bad news ...



... society will always have crime problems

The good news ...



... as a criminologist, there are always interesting jobs

Criminologist (aka YOU)

Noun

Someone who studies crime and criminals¹

An expert in the scientific study of crime and criminals²

1. Definition by Oxford languages

2. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/criminologist>

2. Get to know your peers and teaching staff - Icebreaker!

Year 1 Compulsory core courses – meet your Course Coordinators

CRIM1000 Introduction to Criminology
(offered in S1 and S2)
– Amy Templar & A/Prof Suzanna Fay



CRIM1111 Introduction to Professional Practice in Criminology
(offered in S1 only)
– A/Prof Sarah Bennett



Academic Teaching Staff

Dr Emma Antrobus

A/Prof Sarah Bennett

Prof Adrian Cherney

A/Prof Suzanna Fay

Dr David Mount

Dr Tariro Mutongwizo

Dr Jonah Rimer

Dr Zoe Staines

Ms Amy Templar (CRIM1000)

Dr Rebecca Wallis (Law School)

A/Prof Renee Zahnow



Teaching Collaboration

- Continuing Criminology Academic Staff
 - All have a PhD (completed a Doctor of Philosophy – often noted as Dr Jones or Jones, PhD)
 - Range of disciplines and methodological approaches
 - 40% Teaching | 40% Research | 20% Service (mostly)
 - In Criminology, we normally prefer **first name** – e.g. Hi Sarah...Hi Suzanna.
Use formal greeting if not sure (Dr Bennett, Dr Fay)...not 'Miss' or 'Hey'
- Tutors and markers
 - PhD candidates/researchers
- Industry Adjunct Lecturers
- Student Admin Officers/Team

Industry teaching partners (Adjunct Professors and Lecturers)

Dr Jennifer Bell (Queensland Corrective Services | Director of Research & Eval)

Mr Martin McMillan (Department of Youth Justice)

Dr Ashnil Murray (Torrens University)

Dr Darren Green (Queensland Police Service | State Intelligence)

Mr Graham Newton (Partner | McGrathNicol)

Mr Ashley Phelan (Queensland Corrective Services | Group Facilitator)

Commissioner Debbie Platz (Queensland Human Rights Commissioner)

Mr David Ross (Australian Taxation Office | Transnational Crime Program)

Dr Greg Stevenson (Crime and Corruption Commission| Detective Inspector/Crime Operations)

Ms Mandy Turner (Senior Manager Cyber Security Operations | Rheinmetall Defence Australia & NZ)

Siobhan Glynn– BCCJ Student Representative

- Third year BCCJ + BA student.
- **2025 - 2026 HASS Student Representative** for the BCCJ Management Committee

Why your BCCJ student representative matters to you

- Contribute to collective BCCJ vision to provide learning experiences that equip students with the knowledge, skills and dispositions to shape the future and achieve success in their chosen careers.
- Represent student views/voice at Management Committee meetings.
- Partner to inform degree strategies for current and future students.

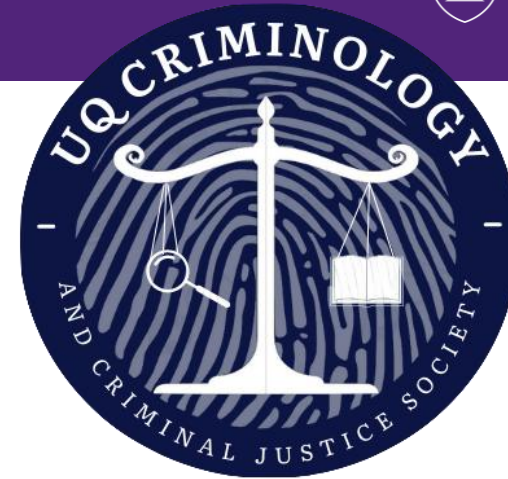
How can you help:

- Actively engage in conversations with me about your learning experience.
- Chat about issues/ideas to share with the Committee, individually or as a group of students.
- Take away message: We want YOU to be included & involved at UQ!

UQ Criminology and Criminal Justice Society

- Memberships range from \$5 to \$25 (with some including merch!)
- We hold social events and careers events throughout the year.
- Great way to meet people within your cohort and in other cohorts, as well as be involved in the UQ and BCCJ community!

<https://uqu.com.au/clubs-and-societies/uq-criminology-and-criminal-justice-society/>



3. Understanding your Program Structure

Important terms



Your University

Central

Faculty

School 😊



Your Degree

Program

Plan

- Minor
- Major
- Extended major



Your Courses

Course

- Compulsory
(Core)
- Elective
- Unit
- ECP
- Blackboard

Course Levels DO matter

Level 1 Courses (e.g., CRIM1000, CRIM1111)

Level 2 Course (e.g., CRIM2080, CRIM2140)

Level 3 Courses (e.g., CRIM3039, CRIM3111)

- **Level 1** courses designed to provide foundation knowledge and skills to build on in Level 2 and 3 Courses
- **Strongly suggest taking Level 1 courses before Level 2 and Level 3**
- Assessments in upper level courses assume foundation knowledge and skills (e.g., are harder)

Graduate with a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Three years full time or part time equivalent

Complete 48 units comprising:

28 units for all BCCJ **Core Courses**, and

4 units from BCCJ **Flexible Core Courses**, and

16 units from BCCJ **Elective Courses**

- Selected courses must include at most 24 units at level 1.
- First 4 units must be courses from the BCCJ Core Courses or BCCJ Flexible Core Courses sections.

Make sure to follow the rules and requirements of your program for the year you commenced! <https://hass.uq.edu.au/criminology-and-criminal-justice-program-advice>

Structure of the BCCJ

Core Courses – 28 units of compulsory courses

- 8 units (4 courses) of introductory **level 1 courses**
- 8 units (4 courses) of level **2 courses**
- 12 units (6 courses) of level **3 courses**

Flexible Core Courses – 4 units (2 course)

Choose from:

- CRIM2099 (Crime, Race & Gender),
- CRIM2100 (Punishment & Society),
- CRIM2200 (Policing & Society)

Program Electives – 16 units of elective courses

- 0 - 16 units from BCCJ Recommended General Electives
- 0 - 16 units from General Electives

Focus on completing
core first 😊
Factor in what Semester
core courses are offered

You can choose
any UQ course*
😊



BCCJ FIRST YEAR

Commencing Semester 2



Course offered in
both Semester 1 & 2

Core Courses

Flexible Core Courses

Elective Courses

YEAR 1					TOTAL UNITS
Sem 2	1&2 CRIM1000 Introduction to Criminology 2 units	CRIM1019 Introduction to Criminal Justice 2 units	LAWS1110 Law in the Criminal Justice System 2 units	Elective Course Level 1 2 units Click or tap here to enter text.	8 units

Wide choice of introductory electives...for example

PSYC1030 Introduction to Psychology (S1&2)		ABTS1050 Exploring Aboriginal Sites of Significance (S2)
SCIE1000 Theory & Practice in Science (S1&2)		SOCY1070 Inequity, Society & the Self (S2)
ANTH1008 Being Human (S1&S2)		

BCCJ SECOND YEAR

Core Courses

Flexible Core Courses

Elective Courses

YEAR 2					TOTAL UNITS
Sem 1	CRIM1111 Introduction to Professional Practice in Criminology 2 units	SOCY2019 Introduction to Social Research 2 units	Elective Course 2 units	Elective Course 2 units	8 units
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Sem 2	SOCY2339 Introducing Quantitative Research 2 units	Flexible Core Course 2 units	Elective Course 2 units	Elective Course 2 units	8 units
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Wide choice of electives...for example

ARCS2003 The Archaeology of Death & Crime Scenes (S1&Sum)

| CRIM2080 Criminology and Global Security (S2)

ABTS1000 Introduction to Aboriginal Studies (S1)

| SCIE2020 CSI UQ: Introduction to Forensic Science (S2)

CRIM2000 Youth and Deviance (S1)

| ANTH2270 Migration, Culture and Identity (S2)

POLS2101 Indigenous Politics & Policy (S1)

BCCJ THIRD YEAR

Core Courses

Flexible Core Courses

Elective Courses

YEAR 3					TOTAL UNITS
Sem 1	CRIM2140 The Policy and Practice of Crime Control and Crime Prevention 2 units	CRIM3201 * Applied Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice 1 2 units	LAWS2220 Criminal Law in Context 2 units	Flexible Core Course 2 units	8 units
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Sem 2	CRIM3202 * Applied Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice 2 2 units	LAWS3330 Transnational Crime and International Criminal Justice 2 units	Elective Course 2 units	Elective Course 2 units	8 units
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Wide choice of introductory electives...for example

CRIM3100 Correctional Practice (S2)

ABTS3050 Independent Project in Aboriginal & Torres Strait
Islander Studies (S1)

SOCY3039 Applied Quantitative Research (S2)

NEUR(1020) The Brain & Behavioural Sciences (S1&2)

ABTS3020 Working with Indigenous People (S2)
SOSC3600 Agency, Participation and Social Change (S2)

BCCJ FOURTH YEAR

Core Courses

Flexible Core Courses

Elective Courses

YEAR 4					TOTAL UNITS
Sem 1	CRIM3039 Advanced Criminological Theory 2 units	CRIM3111 Advanced Professional Practice in Criminology 2 units	SOCY3329 Qualitative Social Research 2 units	Elective Course 2 units	8 units
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CRIM3201 & CRIM3202: Applied Research in Criminology & Criminal Justice

- Third level course working with industry partners to conduct applied research on a meaningful criminal justice/social issue
- In S1 – working with industry and team to develop research proposal
- In S2 – working with industry and team to conduct/complete research and outputs
- CRIM3201 must be completed before completing CRIM3202
- Should therefore be completed in consecutive semesters



Structure of the BCCJ/BA (Dual degree)

Your BCCJ/BA comprises 64 units that you will complete over four years.

BCCJ Component Requirements (32 Units)

28 Core Courses:

- 8 units (4 courses) of introductory level 1 courses
- 8 units (4 courses) of level 2 courses
- 12 units (6 courses) of level 3 courses

Flexible Core Courses – 4 units

(Choose from: CRIM2099, CRIM2100, CRIM2200)

Bachelor of Arts (BA) components (+ 32 Units)

- **Option 1** – Two BA Majors (16 units each) OR
- **Option 2** – One BA Extended Major (24 units; + one BA Minor (8 units))*

*Please note: Due to course overlap with the BCCJ component, a student cannot undertake the Criminology Major or Legal Education Studies Majors or Minors in the BA component of the dual program.



Which Electives are best for me?

You can choose electives from any UQ courses*. We also provide a list of suggested electives on the course list pages.

***Check pre-requisites** (recommended and required) for your electives!

- For example, SCIE2020(CSI UQ: Introduction to Forensic Science) has a SCIE1000 and 2 units of Level 1 Chemistry pre-requisite – so you would want to add these as other electives that you take.

Should you wish to seek guidance as to which electives may best suit your study interests / career outcomes, please do not hesitate to reach out to Criminology teaching staff.

BCCJ Study Planner

The Study Planner is a tool that allows you to plan courses for your program and ensure that the plan meets the program's completion rules and chosen structure (2026):

<https://hass.uq.edu.au/criminology-and-criminal-justice-program-advice>



4. Preparing for your courses

Our vision

To equip students with the knowledge, skills and dispositions to shape the future and achieve success in their chosen careers

The degree as a sum of many parts

UQ as a resource for/beyond the degree

Cohort as current and future network

Trigger warning

- The study of crime and justice engages a multitude of prevalent themes and topics;
- Across courses in the program there may be triggering content for many reasons, particularly for those who have lived experience;
- As criminologists we seek your understanding, respect, partnership and support to explore complex issues in a professional manner;
- Our expectation is that we will **all** work together to promote a culture of safety, respect and care.

Mandatory *Respect at UQ* module

Commencing students enrolled at UQ in Semester 2 2026 and students who last completed the training in Semester 2, 2024 must complete the module by **5pm on Sunday 16 August 2026**.

Students who do not complete the module by the deadline will have their access to Blackboard removed.

Support and adjustments to the module are available. You can find a link to the module, along with information about what's included in the module and support available at respect.uq.edu.au/respect-at-uq.



Common Q & A

- **Course profiles & Blackboard:** What is Blackboard and Course Profile? How do I access my lecture recordings and modules?
- **Timetabling:** What do I do if I have a timetable clash?
- **Assessment:** Is it compulsory to attend a lecture/tutorial and will I be graded on attendance?
- **Textbooks:** Where do I find information about required readings/textbooks? Should I wait until Week 1 to buy reading materials?

Course enrolment & tutorial sign-on

- Log into [Starting at UQ](#). Go to mySI-net to enrol in courses.
- Once you are enrolled in a course, you should be able to see if tutorial sign-on is required. If not, this will be covered in your first lecture.
- If you have a problem with sign-on, email your school admin team.

Textbooks

Wait until Week 1 to work out what textbooks you should get

- **Buy:** [The School Locker](#) or [Second-hand Texts & Stationary](#)
- **Print:** [UQ Print](#)
- **Borrow:** [UQ Library](#)

Your course profile

A course profile gives you the key information about a course. It outlines the course aims and learning objectives, required resources, assessment criteria and due dates, and other important information.

Secure Assessment

This assessment is designed to protect academic integrity and assess your understanding of course concepts. You must only use the approved materials and tools for this assessment task. Use of prohibited materials in this task may be investigated and treated as academic misconduct. See assessment instructions for more details.

- Restricted materials only
- Designed to protect academic integrity
- Shows *your* individual understanding
- Examples: exams, supervised quizzes

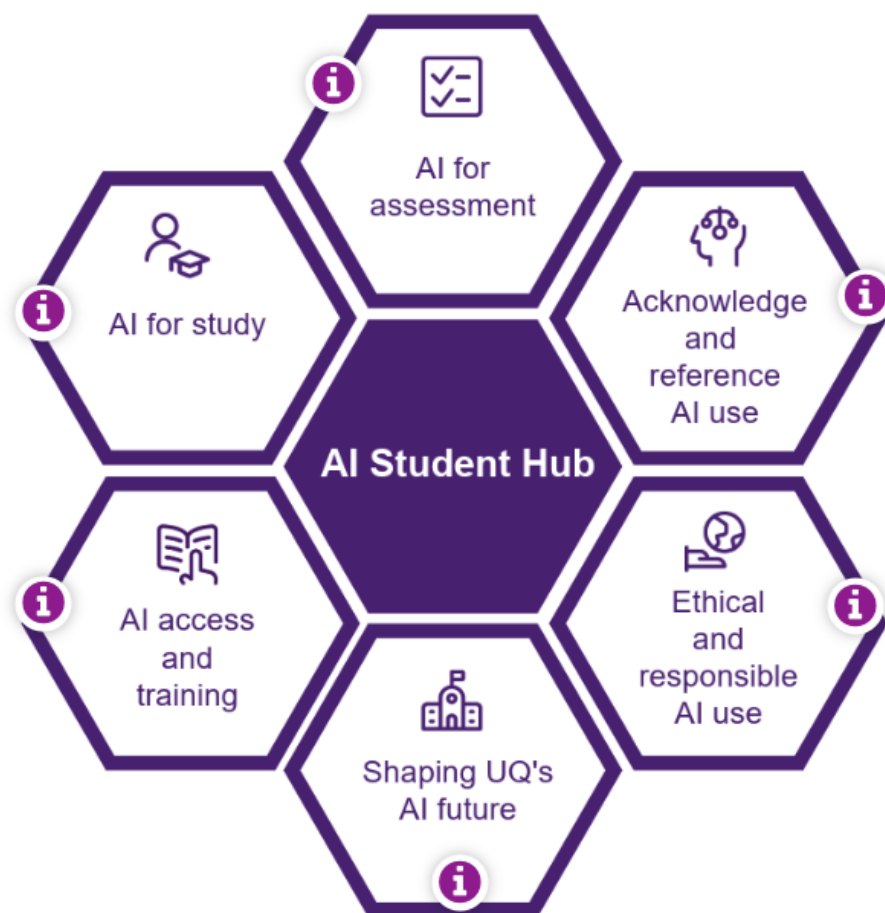
Open Assessment

In this assessment you can use resources such as your notes, course materials, and other tools, including AI, while completing the task. The focus is not on memorising information, but on understanding, applying judgement, and demonstrating your own thinking

- Use notes, course materials, and responsible use of AI
- Focus on judgement & application
- Demonstrate your own thinking
- Examples: reports, projects, take-home tasks

AI Student Hub

Learn how to use AI responsibly and effectively in your studies.



Acknowledge and reference AI use

- **Acknowledgement** is where you describe how you used AI in your assessment, such as:

ChatGPT was used for suggestions, brainstorming and editing within this work.

- **Referencing** is where you follow a specific referencing style e.g. APA and include your AI use as in-text references or footnotes and in a reference list in your work.

You might be required to use **one or both methods** in your assessment.

Broad suggestions

- **Come to class when well and able**
- **Check your student emails ☺**
- Develop YOUR plan for success (program planning, calendar, work/life balance)
 - Each class ~ 10 hours a week (prep + class + assessments)
 - 4 classes = 40 hours
- Develop and practice self-care (take advantage of the MANY resources on campus)
- Student Access Plans available
- University, Faculty, School, and Staff can help...don't hesitate to reach out!

Important dates

Monday 20 July - Friday 24 July

Orientation Week for Semester 2, 2026

Monday 27 July

First day of classes for Semester 2, 2026

Sunday 9 August

Last date for addition of courses or alteration of enrolment

Monday 31 August

Census Date

Last date to **drop** Semester 2, 2026 courses or cancel enrolment without **financial** liability

Wednesday 30 September

Last date to **drop** a course for Semester 2, 2026 or cancel enrolment without **academic** penalty

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, & SAFETY

- My name is **Dr Renee Zahnow**. I am the **Diversity and Equity Officer** at the School of Social Science.
- At the School of Social Science we are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment and a positive culture for everyone.
- I am available to help any students or staff who need help or information in relation to issues of equity, grievances, complaint processes, bullying, sexual harassment or assault.
- If you have any concerns or queries, are unsure who to talk to or what your options are please reach out to me. I will help you find the information or support you need. You can email me (r.zahnow@uq.edu.au) directly to find out more or make a time for a confidential discussion.



Renee Zahnow
r.zahnow@uq.edu.au

- Equity issues
- Grievances
- Complaint processes
- Bullying
- Sexual Harassment
- Assault

Student Access Plans (SAP) and Exam Adjustments (EA)

It is important you arrange your SAP or EA as soon as possible. **Aim for the first four weeks of semester.**

Who?

Students who:

- have a disability
- are neurodivergent (i.e. ADHD/Autism)
- have a mental health condition
- have a medical condition
- have an illness or injury
- have caring responsibilities

Or:

- are experiencing exceptional circumstances
- are an elite athlete
- have commitments to religious observance
- are engaged in defence service

What?

Student Access Plans:

- extension to assignments
- occasional absences
- alternative assessment formats
- placements, pracs, and lab adjustments
- accessible formatting
- assistive technology

Exam Adjustments:

- additional examination working time
- rest breaks
- use of a computer or a writer
- ergonomic furniture
- food or drink
- a separate room

Other adjustments based on your needs

How?

Meet with a Student Adviser

- visit Student Central
 - Building 42 St Lucia
 - Google: UQ Student Adviser
- contact Student Services
 - student.services@uq.edu.au
 - (07) 3365 1704

Get in touch as soon as possible if you need support for your study.

Support can be provided throughout semester.

5. Settling into university life

School of Social Science Student Admin Team

Level 3, Michie Building (#9)
student.socsci@uq.edu.au

- Enrolment planning
- Questions about courses
- Assessment – SoSS extension requests, deferred examination applications
- How to contact academic staff
- UG Social Science Events
- Anything really – we can help point you in the right direction!

Our main office is on level 3 of the Michie Building

Open 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm Mon-Fri.



Access support

HASS Student Administration Team

- Program requirements
- Academic progress
- Overseas study approval

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/contact

School Student Administration Team

- Course questions
- Timetables
- Assessment

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/your_academic_resources

HASS Student Futures Team

- Volunteer opportunities
- Career mentoring
- Community events

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/enrich-your-study-experience

UQ Student Central

- Student administration
- Student counselling
- Accessibility and welfare
- Careers and employability

Contact

<https://my.uq.edu.au/contact/student-central>

UQ Library

- Course Reading Lists
- Referencing Guides
- Find and Borrow Study Resources
- Book a Study/Practise Space

Contact

<https://web.library.uq.edu.au/about/contact-us>

Enrichment Experiences @ <https://employability.uq.edu.au/>

Global Experiences



Student-Staff Partnerships



Summer/Winter Research



Career Development



Internships



Employability Award



Other avenues: Clubs and Societies, Leadership, Volunteering or Mentoring programs, UQ Sport, Entrepreneurship, Faculty and School programs

Employability Development



University experience:
Degree and co-curricular activities

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Enrichment experiences:
Activities in your life outside the classroom

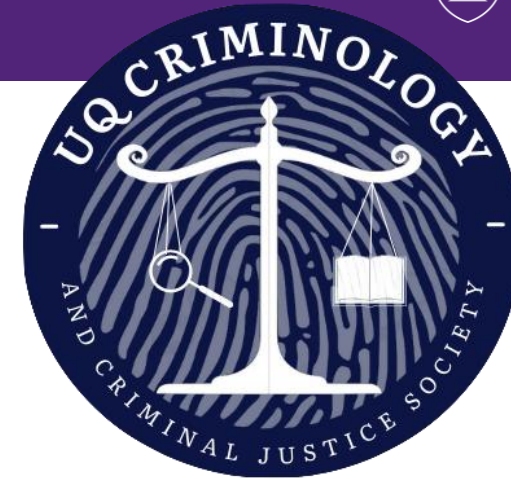
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Learning from experiences:
Reflecting on experiences to realise your employability

= EMPLOYABILITY DEVELOPMENT

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UQ Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

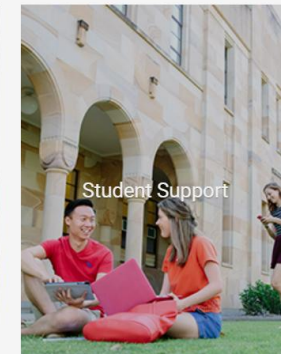
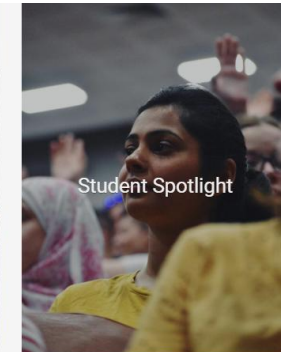
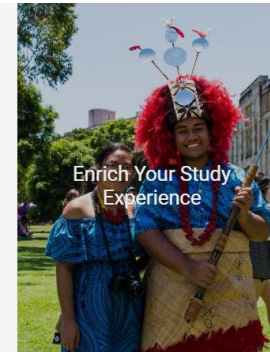


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Quick Survey

We really value your feedback as it allows us to improve for the future.
Please complete this 2-minute survey.



Any questions????

Email: student.socsci@uq.edu.au

Web: www.social-science.uq.edu.au

GOOD LUCK!!!!

