

Bachelor of Criminology & Criminal Justice (Hons) Exchange Fact Sheet

What do I need to do?

1. Start planning early!!

You need to start preparing for exchange at least 12 months prior:

- **Visit** the [UQ Abroad website](#) for information on eligibility, the application process, links to seminars and to read about others' experiences.
- **Attend** an information session conducted by [UQ Abroad](#).
- Refer to the [BCCJ \(Hons\) Exchange planner](#) that demonstrates how an exchange semester can be incorporated into your program. As this is a structured program you must undertake **exchange in Year 2 Semester 2**.
- **Remember** to save 6 to 8 units of electives for your exchange semester.
- **If you need help** with planning your program, contact the [Faculty of HASS](#)

2. Consider Course Constraints

- Students in the BCCJ (Hons) must go on **exchange in Year 2, Semester 2**, and for the duration of **one semester only**, as the program is structured where course prerequisites must be met before progression to more advanced courses, and the honours (fourth) year which commences from Semester 1 only and must be studied at UQ.
- It is **strongly recommended** that you **save 2 to 4 units of Part B Introductory electives and 2 to 4 units of Part B Later Year electives** and undertake these while on exchange to give yourself the most choice and flexibility when choosing universities and should your pre-approved courses at your host university not be available on arrival.
- In order to undertake an exchange semester in this program it may be necessary for you to undertake the equivalent of 2 units of core courses while on exchange hence the list of host institutions that are known to offer relevant material is reasonably restrictive.
- If for any reason, a suitably equivalent core course and/or a Part B Later Year elective equivalent is not available or cannot be completed during your exchange semester, you may need to lengthen your program (see below) to accommodate course offerings and prerequisite requirements.
- Where a core course needs to be included, sufficiently detailed course profiles must be provided to demonstrate that the content covered within the course is sufficiently equivalent to content studied in the course at UQ. **Course profiles should include information about the extended syllabus, aims and objectives, contact hours, texts and references and assessment.**

3. Decide on a Host University

- It is recommended that students attend one of the following host universities, however, other universities will be considered. You should refer to the [Find a host university link](#) provided on the UQ Abroad website, take heed of additional advice specific to host and choose those that offer courses in your desired elective areas.
 - Only universities that offer the study areas you require, whose semesters align with UQ and who can provide detailed course profiles will be considered.

Country	Host institution	Notes
Austria	Uni of Vienna	
Canada	Uni of Calgary	
Ireland	Uni College Dublin	Suitable for broader electives rather than criminology specifically
New Zealand	Uni of Auckland	
Norway	Uni of Oslo	
UK	Uni of Birmingham	
	Uni of Manchester	
	Uni of Nottingham	
	Uni of Surrey	
USA	Uni of Sussex	
	Uni of Massachusetts	Best for broader electives such as in sociology rather than criminology specifically
	Rutgers (State U of NJ)	
	Uni of South Carolina	Criminal justice courses available
	University of Virginia	

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4. Applying for Exchange

Please refer to the [UQ Abroad website for application details and deadlines](#). Documentation to be submitted **must include** the following:

- Completed UQ Abroad exchange Study Plan form.
- Relevant Host course profiles detailing the extended syllabus, aims and objectives, contact hours, texts and references and assessment for each of the courses listed on the study plan so that they can be assessed.
- The completed [BCCJ \(Hons\) exchange study planner](#).

Remember while an exchange semester is a great opportunity, you should be prepared for experiences outside your comfort zone. You may have setbacks such as approved courses not being available when you arrive, so a flexible attitude is important, and while UQ Abroad and the Faculty will try to assist, be ready to take responsibility for resolving challenges that arise as well as taking advantage of the exciting experiences in front of you.

Important Things to Consider

An exchange semester may add time to complete your program

- You should understand that undertaking a semester on exchange may add up to one year onto your program subject to the prerequisite requirements of your UQ courses and the sequence of study required. Requests for program variations will not be approved due the completion of exchange and the scheduling of courses. It is up to you to ensure you plan your program requirements around your exchange semester.
- If you are a student who is on a scholarship, requires Centrelink funding, or any other funding where continuous full time enrolment is required we ask that you carefully consider taking an exchange semester and be aware that subject to circumstances that may arise, when you return you may not be able to enrol full-time due to the prerequisite requirements of your courses.

International students only

As complications during an exchange semester may add time onto the completion of your program, due to stringent visa requirements international students should think very carefully before undertaking an exchange semester and if you choose to do so, plan your program and select host institutions very carefully.

Applying for credit for previous studies

If you are eligible, think carefully before applying for credit for previous studies towards the elective component of your degree. Elective courses provide the most flexibility while on exchange, so it is recommended that you keep 6 to 8 units of electives for your exchange semester.

Short Term Global Experiences

If you are unable to undertake a semester long exchange, an alternative is to participate in a short-term global experience (e.g. 4-6 weeks over winter or summer semester). Some global experiences may be for credit such as towards unspecified electives. More information is available from the Student Employability Centre website – [Global Experiences](#).

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