Overview
Understanding, preventing, detecting and reducing crime requires a comprehensive understanding of civil liberties, human rights, national security, technology, psychology and sociology. The University of Western Sydney (UWS) offers comprehensive training for current and future police officers, criminologists and forensics specialists that builds on these diverse discipline areas.

This expertise is delivered to clients from academic staff in the School of Social Sciences and the School of Natural Sciences.

Areas of Research Activities
UWS has several prominent researchers in policing, criminology and justice, and the social and cultural aspects that impact on policing and justice policy. The research culture is distinctive in that it encourages synergies across disciplines and collaboration amongst staff, students and community partners. Current areas of research include:

- Police Leadership in the 21st Century: Redesigning Roles and Practices
- The City After Dark: the governance and lived experience of urban night-time culture
- Development and Trial of a National Sexual Assault Prevention Education Framework

Teaching, Learning and Training
Students undertake Policing, Criminology and Forensics degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate degree level. Courses are developed in collaboration with the NSW Police and include the following features:

- Based on real-life, practical experience
- Focused on problem solving and analytical skills
- Senior Police act as Adjunct Professors for the program

The Bachelor of Policing degree can be studied with majors in related areas such as sociology and community education, as well as the disciplines of psychology and education, humanities and engineering. To follow a career in the NSW Police, parts of the third year of the degree is completed at the NSW Police College, Goulburn. Other careers are available in national intelligence agencies, border protection authorities, juvenile justice, corrections and corporate sector crime prevention.

The Bachelor of Social Science (Criminology) provides a critical understanding of the incidence of different types of crime, deviance and victimisation, as well as their economic, social and policy contexts. It is especially focused on understanding the formulation of crime policy, the operation of criminal justice and juvenile justice systems, and the role of government bodies and international agencies responsible for preventing, detecting and correcting crime.

The Bachelor's degree in Forensic Science provides practical forensic science skills such as detecting and analysing footprints, fingerprinting, blood splatter, hairs and fibres, and glass and other forms of physical evidence. The UWS Hawkesbury Campus has the ‘Crime Scene House’ as a dedicated training facility. Specialist UWS academic staff can lead training sessions using materials, such as blood, that are typically found at the crime scenes. Participants reconstruct a crime scene and extract evidence such as DNA and fingerprints for court evidence.
Resources
The UWS School of Social Sciences and the School of Natural Sciences have full-time academic staff who specialise in the following areas:

- Violent crime; hate crime; crime and masculinities
- Youth crime, drugs and drinking
- Forensic science
- Criminal justice and policy
- Punishment and corrections
- Social theory and critical ethnography
- Imprisonment and policy with emphasis on violence prevention
- Crime prevention, psychological aspects of crime
- Policing in Australian society.

The courses are backed up with Forensic facilities that include:

- Imaging laboratory for investigations and reconstruction
- Polarisation microscopy systems to examine hairs and fibres
- Instrumentation laboratory for analysing/identifying glass types
- Fingerprint analysis machines
- Cutting-edge forensic photography and monochromatic light technology

Previous Clients and Projects
Policing, Criminology and Forensic academics at UWS are engaged in a collaborative effort with law enforcement organisations, community groups and research partners. Previous projects and clients include:

- NSW Police
- Australian Federal Police

Areas of International Activity
The UWS Policing and Forensics has established strong regional and international networks including:

- Ministry of Police, People’s Socialist Republic of Vietnam
- Cambodian National Police
- New Zealand Police

How to Become Involved as a Partner with UWS Policing and Forensic Experts
UWS operates commercial engagement with government and the business community through UWS Innovation & Consulting. This provides business partners with a single clear point of access to UWS leading edge research and delivery of projects utilising high calibre staff. This dedicated unit comprised of professionals with extensive corporate experience, can be the catalyst to help your business keep in touch and up-to-date.

Our team of dedicated business support professionals are available to discuss your specific needs. For information on consultancy services, assistance in finding a policing, criminology or forensic specialist to meet your particular needs, or information on study tours or other opportunities please contact:

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