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Master of Arts (Investigations Management)



About policing studies at CSU

For the last 20 years Charles Sturt University (CSU) has led policing graduate education in a range of programs in numerous countries. Our investigations programs are designed by academics and industry professionals with proven expertise in managing complex operations.

International drug cartels, people smugglers, money launderers, intellectual property thieves, internet pornographers, sophisticated tax avoidance schemes, trade-based theft, bribery and corruption of public officials and company executives are some of the increasingly challenging criminal activities facing law enforcement professionals around the globe.

As serious and organised crime has become remote from traditional police strategies, investigations have become ever more complex and dependent on the professionalism, expertise, dedication and knowledge of detectives and investigation agencies.

Why study Investigations Management at CSU?

CSU's Master of Arts (Investigations Management) aims to produce graduates capable of successfully completing research that results in a distinct contribution to knowledge. Graduates should be capable of performing a range of research, policy and planning roles within the police and other law enforcement agencies. Graduates will be expected to identify and research current issues impacting on their work environment and transform the findings of their research into 'best practice' policy.

The course aims to produce graduates with the ability to critically assess current policies and evaluate new and emerging trends in investigation practice. This program will engage students in a study of practical investigative methodology, within Australia and throughout the world.

Upon completion of the Master degree, graduates will be able to:

- demonstrate a critical understanding of 'action research' and research methodologies.
- demonstrate a critical appreciation of current issues and investigative practices in their area of expertise
- develop focused research in an area of interest that can be of value to their organisation and the wider law enforcement community
- produce objective research that will enhance the 'best practice' procedures and policies of modern investigation.

Some reasons for studying Investigations Management at CSU:

- graduates will be able to evaluate emerging trends in investigation practice
- practical investigative methodology taught in the course is applicable both within Australia and internationally
- the teaching and research interests span a broad range of key global issues.





Distance education at a glance

Distance education gives you the flexibility to study from home, work, or anywhere in the world, at a time that suits you and your lifestyle.

Distance education students gain the same qualifications as those studying on campus, completing the same subjects and with access to many of the same teaching staff.

The advantages of studying by distance education include the ability to:

- change or enhance your career prospects wherever you are – rural, metropolitan or overseas locations
- fit study around work, social or family commitments
- develop and demonstrate your autonomy through self-motivation and self-direction of your degree
- be included in uni life through contact with other students through CSU's online learning environment, residential schools and through direct contact with your lecturers via the forum, email or phone
- have time to review your study materials without having to rush off to the next class
- often have both full-time and part-time study options available so you can vary your study load to fit in with your schedule – from one subject per session to four or five.

For more information, visit:

www.csu.edu.au/distance-education

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CSU's Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma in Investigations Management

These courses progressively aim to develop experienced operational investigators and competent practitioners to the level of strategic managers of investigations. They will be able to manage staff appropriately, efficiently and effectively, and manage resources (personnel, equipment, budget and time) economically, so that the investigations that they are responsible for are accomplished in an effective and innovative fashion.

The courses will raise the level of awareness of operational and management issues and the factors which combine to affect the outcome of an investigation.

Upon completion, graduates will be able to:

- manage human resources to maximise motivation and achieve successful investigative outcomes
- evaluate staff performance and reflect upon the investigative methodology used at the conclusion of an investigation
- demonstrate understanding of legal responsibilities in relation to investigations generally, and specifically to resource and budget allocations
- ensure that investigations are conducted and managed in an ethical manner and in accordance with the law
- discuss investigative techniques and methodologies to illustrate extension of knowledge utilised in a strategic approach to crime management
- demonstrate ability to operate as independent and autonomous learners
- show acquisition of those skills necessary for conduct of independent research in their own area of interest, and extension of their knowledge of their special area.

The Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master of Arts (Investigations Management) are fully articulated, facilitating re-enrolment in higher Investigations Management awards, with full credit being given for studies already completed.

Admission requirements

To be eligible to enrol, applicants must be currently employed in an investigation management role either in the police or private sector.

You must also have ONE of the following:

- an undergraduate degree in a relevant field
- more than five years' experience as a police designated detective with associated in-service training
- more than five years of non-police investigative experience and associated training.

The Australian Graduate School of Policing

Established in 1993, CSU's Australian Graduate School of Policing (AGSP) is globally recognised as a leading provider of postgraduate research and education for professionals in law enforcement, regulation, emergency management and security.

Our graduates have the creative intellectual capacity and skills that are required to fill senior positions in policing, compliance, security, emergency management, regulators and blue chip companies. Our graduates occupy numerous senior level positions in agencies around the world.

AGSP's teaching and research interests range across a broad spectrum of key global issues including international terrorism, organised crime, drug trafficking, financial crime, corruption, cyber-crime, people trafficking and natural disaster emergency management. Our staff are leaders in their fields, combining significant professional experience with academic expertise.



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