



PAMIBIA UNIVERSITY
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Faculty of Human Sciences

Department of Social Sciences

Bachelor of Criminal Justice Programme



BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Bachelor of Criminal Justice (BCJ) programme is purposefully designed to facilitate the acquisition of knowledge, competences and skills in the field of criminal justice with specific focus on Namibia, the SADC region and English speaking African countries.

The programme provides a systematic and coherent introduction to main theories, broad principles, concepts, data, as well as critical thinking and problem-solving skills in the main cognate areas of learning. The BCJ programme will enable students to acquire a blend of cognitive and intellectual, as well as hands-on practical and key transferable skills, and to address a wide range of criminal justice issues.

UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The BCJ programme addresses the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, first and foremost Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Goal 16 (Peace and Justice - Strong Institutions). This makes the programme especially attractive for many African countries. NUST makes provision for a growing foreign demand for this programme, which, as from 2021, will be exclusively offered online.

CONTACT

Prospective students can visit the NUST website at www.nust.na for information on the Bachelor of Criminal Justice programmes and the admission requirements. Application forms can be downloaded from the NUST website. Completed application forms, all required documentation and proof of payment can be sent to the Registrar's office.

All administrative enquiries can be addressed to the faculty officer indicated below.

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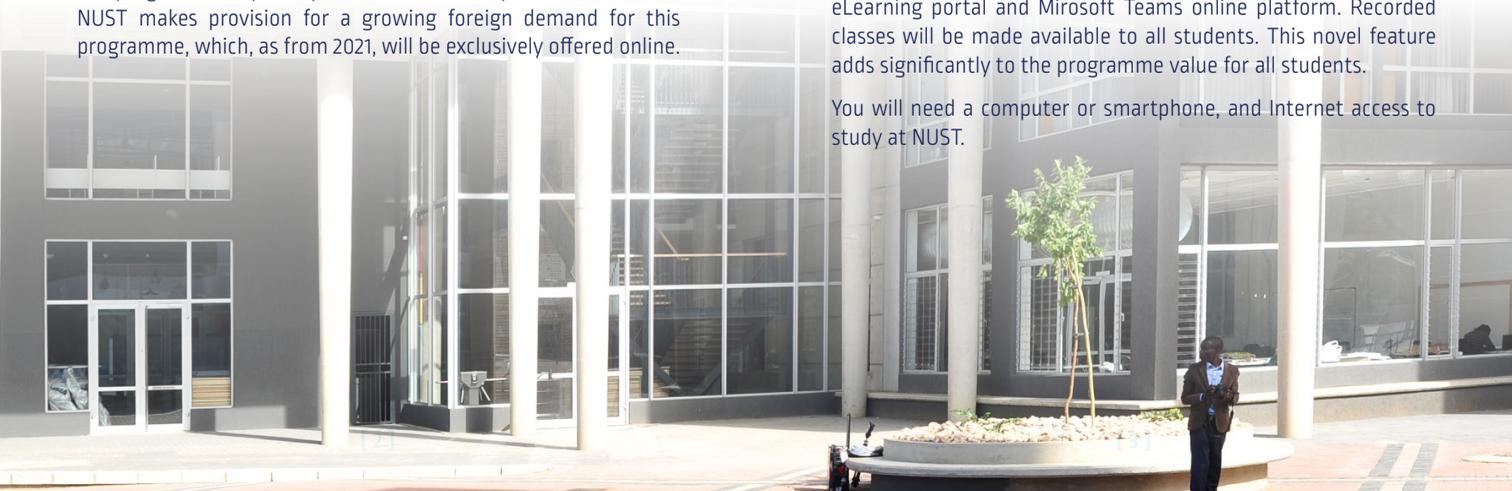
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ONLINE TEACHING AND LEARNING

As from the 2021 academic year, the Criminal Justice programmes will be delivered online. Lectures will be offered on MyNust eLearning portal and Microsoft Teams online platform. Recorded classes will be made available to all students. This novel feature adds significantly to the programme value for all students.

You will need a computer or smartphone, and Internet access to study at NUST.



DEGREE RELATED ENQUIRIES

Should there be a need to have a discussion on any of the Criminal Justice programmes, you are welcome to contact any of the programme coordinators below, or request a virtual meeting (MS Teams / Zoom) with us.

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Bachelor of Criminal Justice in Correctional Management

The Bachelor of Criminal Justice in Correctional Management compares penal and correctional systems from a global perspective. Students examine modern-day issues and gain advanced knowledge of the philosophies and theories that guide correctional systems, policies, structures and functions. The programme enable students to apply best practices, administrative and legal principles in the correctional environment. The degree offers a comprehensive study on legal principles and leadership within the correctional system. The focus is on public protection, incarceration, community corrections, rehabilitation, restorative justice, and the reintegration of offenders into the society. The degree further provides and equips students with essential knowledge on day-to-day operational, safety and security, and technological aspects in the correctional system. The programme also enable students to demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the role of prisons and correctional services as a sub-system of the Criminal Justice Sector in a modern society.

Bachelor of Criminal Justice in Policing

The Bachelor of Criminal Justice in Policing is purposefully designed to address specific competencies and standards for effective Policing. Students will be equipped with theoretical knowledge, analytical and practical skills of police operations, administration, and governance in the context of the criminal justice system of Namibia and beyond. Furthermore, the programme will enable students to demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the role of policing as a sub-system of the Criminal Justice System in a modern society, as well as that of other law enforcement agencies such as Prison and Correctional Services, Municipal Police, Immigration Services, Defence Force, Security Institutions and the Banking / Insurance Industries (Forensic Investigators).

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Bachelor of Criminal Justice Honours

The Bachelor of Criminal Justice Honours is a specialisation degree, designed to consolidate and deepen the knowledge and skills of students in the main area of learning, with an emphasis on relevance in the Criminal Justice System in the local and regional context. Honing already existing analytical skills shall enable students to contribute to the optimisation of effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice agencies (police, courts, prisons / corrections), with high-order skills in research, management of organisational change, reasoning and analysis, and communication. The research component shall develop a students' capacity to conduct supervised research of an applied nature. The Bachelor of Criminal Justice Honours will enable students to reflect on emerging questions about the root causes of crime in various contexts, the lack of evidence-based information regarding the prevalence of crime and management of offenders in developing countries.

SUMMARY: CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMMES

In the remainder of this brochure you will find a summary of the content of all the courses presented in the Bachelor of Criminal Justice in Correctional Management and the Bachelor of Criminal Justice Honours.

QUALIFICATIONS

The Department of Social Sciences offers the following criminal justice qualifications:

Qualification	NQF Level
Certificate in Criminal Justice	5
Bachelor of Criminal Justice in Correctional Management / Policing	7
Bachelor of Criminal Justice Honours	8

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BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN CORRECTIONAL MANAGEMENT

YEAR 1: SEMESTER 1

Introduction to Criminology

- Crime and delinquency
- Deterrence theory
- Criminological theories of crime
- Classifications of crimes
- Victimisation

Introduction to Criminal Justice Studies

- The history of the Criminal Justice System
- Retribution
- Community Policing
- Alternatives to imprisonment
- Juvenile Justice

Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

- Conflict resolution strategies
- Conflict analysis and intervention strategies
- Restorative Justice
- ADR in the CJS and other areas of society

Principles of English Language Use

- Language usage
- Reading comprehension
- Paragraph and essay writing
- Listening and note-taking

Computer User Skills

- Basic concepts of computers
- Internet and E-mail usage
- Computers and operating systems
- Word processors, spreadsheets and databases

Basic Mathematics

- Numbers and the four basic operations
- Basic numeric and algebraic expressions
- Equations and inequalities
- Arithmetic and geometric progressions
- Basic financial mathematics



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YEAR 1: SEMESTER 2

Human Rights for Criminal Justice

- Human rights and the Constitution
- Interpretation of legislation and Constitution
- Human rights and the administration of justice
- Application of fundamental rights and freedoms
- Law enforcement agents

Introduction to Policing - Theory and Practice

- Concepts: Police, policing and police science
- Origin and evolution of policing
- Importance of social media and technology in policing
- Crime prevention and community policing
- Stakeholders in policing and their roles

Introduction to Corrections - Theory and Practice

- The correctional system and offender rights

- Community corrections
- Pre-trial detention
- Treatment of special offender populations

English in Practice

- Advanced language usage
- Writing skills
- Critical reading
- Presentation skills

Information Competence

- Searching for information
- Using logic, search engines, web 2.0 culture
- Evaluating information
- Researching contentious topics

Basic Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

YEAR 2: SEMESTER 1

Criminal Law 1

- The history of criminal law
- The sources of criminal law
- Theories of punishment
- Principles of criminal liability
- Participants in crime
- Attempts, conspiracy and incitement

Law for Public Managers 1A

- Basic legal concepts
- Differences between Criminal and Civil Law, and
- Private and Public Law
- Operations of the law courts, legal profession, sources of law as well as the classification of law
- Basic principles of Administrative Law

Introduction to Organisational Psychology

- Principles of basic Psychology
- Human behaviour, abilities and personality types
- Stress, alcoholism and drug addiction in the workplace
- Cultural differences and social perceptions
- Groups and group dynamics in the workplace

English for Academic Purposes

- Language usage
- Library and information skills
- Academic reading and writing
- Text organisation
- Introduction to research and report writing

YEAR 2: SEMESTER 2

Criminal Law 2

- Elements of and requirements for specific crimes
- Crimes against life, property and bodily integrity
- The state and administration of justice
- Crimes against public welfare and family
- Sexual offences

Correctional Treatment

- History and evolution of correctional treatment
- Criminal conduct from a psychosocial perspective

- Dimensions of variation in correctional programming
- Types of correctional treatment strategies
- Case management and basic counselling skills
- Rehabilitation programmes

Correctional Management 1

- The evolution of prison management and principles
- Correctional management theory and principles
- Basic management and supervisory principles
- Managing correctional facilities and staff



Sustainability and Development

- Sustainable development
- Politics and governance
- Economic sustainability
- Sustainable knowledge management
- Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

YEAR 3: SEMESTER 1

Ethics for Criminal Justice Professionals

- Evolution of ethics in criminal justice organisations
- Theoretical basis for ethics
- Employee misconduct
- Ethics and professional conduct
- Types of ethical dilemmas
- Detecting and preventing ethical violations

Correctional Management 2

- Managing modern correctional facilities
- Managing the correctional services setting
- Creating a safe, secure and humane environment
- Unit and case management
- Physical and mental health care services

Correctional Project Planning and Management

- Project planning and management in corrections
- Group and team dynamics

Professional Writing

- Business Letter Writing
- Memo Writing
- Questionnaires
- Persuasive Writing
- Proposal Writing

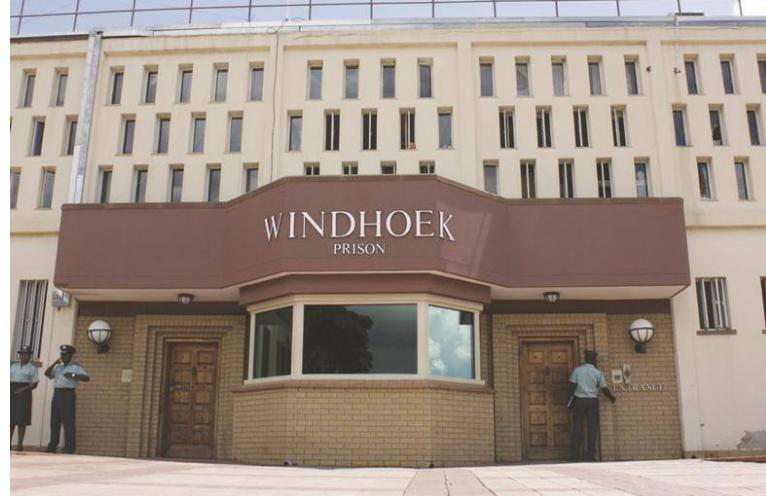
- Problem-solving and decision making
- Dealing with risk and uncertainty
- Monitoring and evaluation

Practical Research for Criminal Justice

- Basic research concepts and principles
- Proposal and report writing
- Formulation and clarification of research topics
- Literature reviews and theoretical frameworks
- Research designs, strategies and methods
- Ethical principles, challenges and approvals

Professional Communication

- Communication styles
- Intercultural communication
- Oral and online presentations
- Meeting conduct
- Communicating on the Web
- Conflict in the workplace
- CV writing and job interviews



YEAR 3: SEMESTER 2

Evidence-Based Corrections

- Translating evidence-based theory into practice
- Which correctional programmes work best?
- Dealing with Special Offender Populations (SOP)
- Community corrections (Probation)
- Emerging frameworks for correctional programming
- Staff recruitment, career development and retention

Leadership in Criminal Justice

- Context and challenges in leadership
- Knowing yourself as a leader

- Developing and leading people
- Leadership direction and strategy
- Influential leadership

Work Integrated Learning

- Application of correctional management theories and principles in the workplace
- Carry out efficient and effective information retrieval and processing
- Analyse data pertaining to challenges experienced by correctional services
- Apply basic research methods, techniques and technologies and conduct practical research

BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE HONOURS

SEMESTER 1

Seminar (Criminal Justice)

- Crime Picture
- Judiciary, Police and Corrections
- Youth
- Victims in Criminal Justice
- Criminal and Social Justice

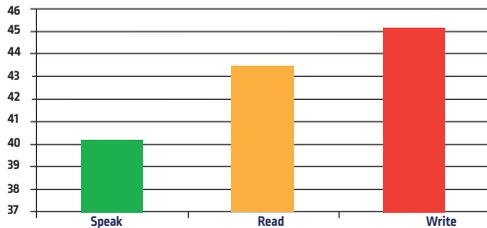
Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice

- Interagency coordination
- Use of new technologies
- Workforce issues
- Identifying and adapting new knowledge
- Public policy and sentencing trends
- Community alternatives to prison

Advanced Academic Writing

- Introduction to academic writing
- The paragraph (cohesion and sequence)

- Literature Review
- Summarising techniques
- Essay-writing (the different types of essay)
- Review and editing
- **Research Methodology**
- Scientific research and the research process
- Research proposal
- Research ethics in social research
- Quantitative, qualitative and mixed research paradigms in social research
- Research designs and sampling strategies
- Data collection methods
- Data analysis methods



Cannot speak, read or write English
From Analysis to Action: A snapshot on the Namibian Offender Population

SEMESTER 2

Advanced Criminological Theories

- Social Science, Paradigms and Theories
- Foundations of Criminology
- Neo-classical Criminology & Modern Deterrence Theory
- Modern Biological Paradigm
- Psychological Paradigm

Mini-Thesis

- Undertake the research project
- Data collection, information retrieval and processing
- Data analysis and interpretation
- Produce a well-structured mini-thesis
- Present research findings

Strategic Planning in Criminal Justice

- The context and process of strategic change
- Components of effective vision/mission statements
- Analysing organisational strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT)
- Developing a strategic action plan
- Executing the strategic plan





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