



Bachelor of Forensic Science (Domestic students)

Program code 1264	Entry requirements 14 Overall position (OP) 2019 68 Rank 2019 OR VET qualification Certificate III (Additional requirements)	Prerequisites English (4SA)
Available at Nathan Campus		Assumed knowledge Maths B (4SA)
Duration 3 years full-time 6 years part-time		OP 1-6 Guarantee If you receive an OP 1-6 or equivalent and meet subject prerequisites, you are guaranteed a place in this program.
Credit points 240	Offered in Trimester 1	
Indicative fee \$9,359.00* per year (more) * 2019 indicative annual CSP fee Calculate your fees		

Why choose this program?

Forensic investigators are skilled, dedicated professionals with the ability to keep an open mind and concentrate on hard evidence. In this degree, you will explore science in real life and receive training in handling criminal casework in forensic biology and forensic chemistry.

You will develop in-depth knowledge of new forensic analysis methods and innovations, and gain valuable experience from real casework. You will practise presenting expert evidence in moot courts. You will learn from academic staff who have been called to work on projects such as the forensic identification of victims of the Asian tsunami and the Bali bombings, and who provide expert evidence in Australian courts.

In your first year, you will take core courses in biology, chemistry, molecular genetics and forensic investigation. In your second and third years, you will focus on your chosen major and continue to develop your skills in core areas.

Majors

- Forensic Chemistry
- Forensic Molecular Biology

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Bachelor of Forensic Science is offered full-time on campus at the Nathan campus. You may choose to study approved elective courses at other campuses if or where the program structure allows.

As a full-time student you will generally attend 10-15 hours of scheduled classes per week throughout the trimester. Classes may be scheduled during the day and evening throughout the week. Some scheduled classes are held off-campus during the evenings; for example, moot court sessions in [2011NSC Forensic Evidence and the Expert Witness](#) are held at the Brisbane Magistrates Court one evening per week over eight weeks.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

Work-integrated learning

Work-integrated learning activities integrate theoretical learning with its application in the workplace. The inclusion of work-integrated learning activities in the degree program demonstrates Griffith's commitment to preparing its graduates for success in their working life. In this program you will engage with forensic scientists and allied professionals from Queensland Health Scientific Services and the Queensland Police Service in several core courses. This will be achieved through their provision of key lectures, and through their participation in problem classes, moot courts and other assessable student presentations to expose you to the core needs of accredited forensic laboratory organisations in terms of service provision and research.

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You will be prepared to work as a DNA expert, a forensic molecular biologist, forensic chemist or forensic toxicologist and as an acknowledged expert in these or a variety of other roles within the criminal justice system. You will also be able to pursue scientific careers not directly related to forensic organisations, in areas such as molecular biology, analytical chemistry and biomedical science.

Professional recognition

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Professional recognition will vary depending upon your choice of major:

- Forensic Chemistry: The [Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society \(ANZFSS\)](#) and the [Royal Australian Chemical Institute \(RACI\)](#) recognise graduates of this award.
- Forensic Molecular Biology: The [Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society \(ANZFSS\)](#) and the [Australian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology \(ASBMB\)](#) recognise graduates of this award.

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You may choose to undertake a fourth-year research honours degree, which can lead to a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

What are the fees?

Commonwealth supported students

- The fee is indicative of an annual full-time load (80 credit points) in a program categorized to one of the Australian Government's three broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets [student contribution amounts](#) on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)