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General Information

Overview

This unit introduces you to the basic elements of criminology and criminal justice. The nature and trends associated with crime are examined, together with how it relates to dimensions such as social class, age, gender and ethnicity. You will examine crime in the context of contemporary criminology theory. This unit also introduces you to the institutional response to Criminal Justice in Australia, how society responds to offensive behaviour and the roles of key agencies and individuals within the justice system.

Details

Career Level: Undergraduate

Unit Level: Level 1 Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 10

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

There are no requisites for this unit.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2024

Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

Regional Campuses

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

Metropolitan Campuses

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. Online Quiz(zes)

Weighting: 15%

2. Written Assessment

Weighting: 35%

3. Written Assessment

Weighting: 50%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the <u>University's Grades and Results Policy</u> for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the CQUniversity Policy site.

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the <u>CQUniversity Policy site</u>.

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from SUTE survey

Feedback

Students do not want to be compelled to participate in learning activities.

Recommendation

Assessment allow choices about level of participation but still provide encouragement to engage in the learning community.

Feedback from SUTE survey

Feedback

Some students found the assessment tasks confusing

Recommendation

This was not substantially raised via the multiple methods of contact with the UC - there were a few typical questions that were immediately answered. Students will be encouraged to become more autonomous learners and ask questions and express themselves before the end of term SUTE survey.

Feedback from Feedback from markers.

Feedback

Many students struggle with basic academic literacies.

Recommendation

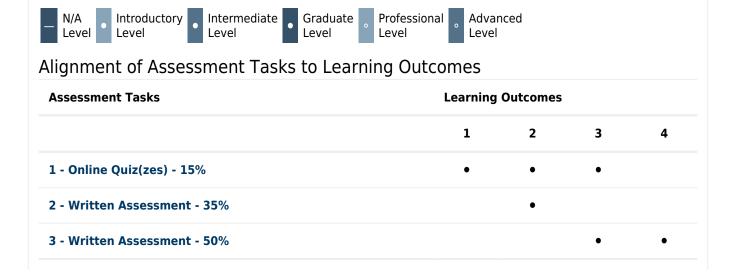
There is a proposal to use gradeless, competency-based assessment in term 1 of the criminology courses which would reduce student anxiety and allow potential to develop core literacies.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- 1. Describe how crime is classified, measured and analysed
- 2. Analyse basic criminology theories and how they relate to criminal activity
- 3. Explain the roles of individuals and key agencies within the justice system
- 4. Examine the societal and institutional responses to criminal justice in Australia.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes **Graduate Attributes Learning Outcomes** 1 2 3 4 1 - Communication 2 - Problem Solving 3 - Critical Thinking 4 - Information Literacy 5 - Team Work 6 - Information Technology Competence 7 - Cross Cultural Competence 8 - Ethical practice 9 - Social Innovation 10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes **Assessment Tasks Graduate Attributes** 2 3 4 5 10 6 7 8 1 - Online Quiz(zes) - 15% 2 - Written Assessment - 35% 3 - Written Assessment - 50%

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: American Psychological Association 7th Edition (APA 7th edition)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

WEEK ONE: What is Criminology and Criminal Justice? - 04 Mar 2024

Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic**

> Bruinsma, G., & Loeber, R. (2011). Introduction: Challenges for criminological and criminal justice research, p. 8 -20. In Bruinsma, G., Elffers, H., & De, K. J. (Eds.).

(2011). Punishment, places and perpetrators. Willan Publishing.

Unit introduction: Crime and

Criminal Justice

https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/cqu/reader.action?docID=449541&ppg=38 Fishwick, E., & Marinella, M. (2018). Criminology in Australia: A global south perspective. In Triplett, R. A. (Ed.). *The handbook of the history and philosophy of* criminology. John Wiley & Sons, Incorporated.

https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/cqu/reader.action?docID=5144712&ppg=397

WEEK TWO: Psychological theories of crime - 11 Mar 2024

Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic**

Hollin, C. R. (2013), Chapter three: Psychological theories applied to crime, p.48, In Psychology and crime; an

introduction to criminological psychology (2nd ed.). Routledge. Psychological positivism and com/lib/cgu/reader.action?docID=1114653&ppg=4

Wortley, R. (2011). Introduction, p. 1-19. Psychological Criminology: An Integrative Approach. Willan Publishing criminality

WEEK THREE: Social theories of crime - 18 Mar 2024

Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic**

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Zembroski, D. (2011). Sociological Theories of Crime and Delinquency. Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment, 21(3), 240–254. https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2011.564553. https://cqu.primo.exilibrisgroup.com/permalink/61CQU_INST/669qn3/cdi_proquest_journals_871970798
Dooley, B. D. (2019). Undisciplined: Tracing criminology's growing divergence from sociology. Sociological Inquiry, 89(1), 94-122. https://cqu.primo.exibrisgroup.com/permalink/61CQU_INST/669qn3/cdi_openaire_primary_doi_29442b4d5c71b0f816d14b8cdbf0e34
DiCristina, B. (2016). Durkheim's theory of anomie and crime: A clarification and elaboration. Australian & New Zealand Journal of Sociological perspectives on

Criminology, 49(3), 311-331.

WEEK FOUR: Cultural criminology - 25 Mar 2024

Module/Topic **Events and Submissions/Topic**

Ferrell, J et al (2016). Chapter 1: Cultural Criminology - An Invitation. In J. Ferrel, K. Hayward &

J. Young. (2015). Cultural Criminology. SAGE Publications. https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/cqu/detail.action?docID=6408502.

Hayward, K. (2009). Visual criminology: cultural criminology-style. Centre for Crime and Justice

Exploring cultural criminology

Studies https://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/sites/crimeandjustice.org.uk/files/09627250903385172.pdf

Sunde, H. M., Ilan, J., & Sandberg, S. (2021). A cultural criminology of "new" jihad: Insights

from propaganda magazines. *Crime, Media, Culture, 17(*2), 271–287. https://doi.org/10.1177/1741659020915509

WEEK FIVE: Critical Criminology & Deviance - 01 Apr 2024

Module/Topic **Events and Submissions/Topic**

> DeKeseredy, W. S. (2022). Chapter 1: What is critical criminology. In Contemporary critical criminology (Second edition). Routledge. https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/cau/reader.action?docID=6702853&ppg=18
> Panfil, V. (2018). Young and unafraid: queer criminology's unbounded potential. Palgrave Communications, 4, 110. https://www.nature.com/articles/s41599-018-0165-x

Online Quiz Due: Week 5 Friday (5 Critical criminology Turley, E., King, N., & Monro, S. (2018). Illuminating the erotic in BDSM. Psychology & Sexuality, 9(2),148-160. Apr 2024) 11:59 pm AEST

https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/19419899.2018.14482975scroll=top&needAccess=true&journalCode=rpss
Sollund, R. (2017). Doing Green, Critical Criminology with an Auto-Ethnographic, Feminist Approach. Critical Criminology, 25(2), 245-260. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10612-017-9361-z

Vacation Week - 08 Apr 2024

Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** Module/Topic

Workbook Due: Vacation Week No class: catch-up study week Monday (8 Apr 2024) 11:59 pm AEST

WEEK SIX: Crimes of the Powerful - 15 Apr 2024

Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** Severson, R.E., Kodatt, Z.H., & Buruss, G. (2020). Chapter 11: Explaining white collar crime: Individual level theories, p. 159. In M.L., Rorie (Ed.). (2020). The

handbook of white-collar crime. Wiley Blackwell.

https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/cqu/reader.action?docID=5896936&ppg=185 Button M., Nicholls C M, Kerr J., Owen R., (2014) Online frauds: Learning from victims why they fall for these scams. Australian & New Zealand Journal of Criminology, 47,

391-408. Sage Publication, London.

Crime of the powerful: White Collar & Corporate crime

http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0004865814521224

Holt T J., Burruss G W., Bossler A M., (2010) Social learning and cyber-deviance: Examining the importance of full social learning model in the virtual world. Journal

of Crime and Justice, 33, 31-61, Elsevier, Amsterdam

https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/0735648X.2010.9721287

WEEK SEVEN: Victimology - 22 Apr 2024

Events and Submissions/Topic

Hale, R., & Harkness, A. (2023). Rural victims of crime in contemporary context, pp. 1-12. In R. Hale & A. Harkness. Rural victims of crime Routledge

Victimology: Studying victimisation and victim experiences

m/permalink/61CQU_INST/669gn3/cdi_openaire_primary_doi_118dc221bfaf7f8466db980c1be7b46f https://cqu.primo.exilbrisgroup.com/permalink/bl.CQU_INS/Ibb9dn3/cqi_openaire_primary_doi_llacc_color/indepodps/ucioe_roa_ Carrington, F. & Nicholson, G. (1984). The victims' movement: An idea whose time has come. Pepperdine Law Review, 11(5), 1-18. https://cqu-primo.hosted.exilbrisgroup.com/permalink/fi/lrb43gr/TN_cdi_gale_infotracacademiconefile_A3377622. Duggan, M. (2018). Introduction: Revisiting the "ideal Victims": Developments in Critical Victimology (1st ed.). Policy Press. https://doi.org/10.1337/policypress/9781447338765.003.0001 Gottfredson, M. (1986). Substantive contributions of victimization surveys. Crime and Justice, 7, 251-287.

 $\underline{https://cqu-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/1rb43gr/TN_cdi_proquest_journals_1295208252.$

WEEK EIGHT: Policing - 29 Apr 2024

Module/Topic **Events and Submissions/Topic**

> McLaughlin, E (2006). Police studies: Traditional perspectives. Sage publications. https://us.sagepub.com/sites/default/files/upm-assets/26565_book_item_26565.pdf Bleakley, P. (2021). The trouble with squads: accounting for corruption in

Offender Case Study Analysis Due:

Week 8 Friday (3 May 2024) 11:59 pm

Second workbook subm Friday 24 May 11:59pm

Australia's specialist policing units. Criminal Justice Studies, 34(1), 115-133. Introduction to policing studies https://doi.org/10.1080/1478601X.2020.1763985

> Stinson, P. (2020). Introduction: police violence, p 1-20. In Stinson, P. M. Criminology Explains Police Violence. University of California Press,.

https://doi.org/10.1525/9780520971639

WEEK NINE: Courts - 06 May 2024

Events and Submissions/Topic

Camilleri, M., & Harkness, A. (2022) Context and controversies of Australian courts: Introduction. In M. Camilerri & A. Harkness (2022). Australian courts: controversies, challenges, change. Palgrave.

al.proquest.com/lib/cqu/reader.action?docID=7175620&ppg=23

Overview of courts Lacey Schaefer & Mary Beriman (2019) Problem-Solving Courts in Australia: A Review of Problems and Solutions, Victims & Offenders,

344-359. https://cqu.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/61CQU_INST/669qn3/cdi_crossref_primary_10_1080_15564886_2019_1595245

WEEK TEN: Corrections - 13 May 2024

Module/Topic **Events and Submissions/Topic** Chapter

> Michelle, B. (2009). Chapter 2: Prison Theory - Engaging the Work of Punishment. In The Culture of Punishment (pp. 21-). NYU Press.

https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/cqu/reader.action?docID=865527&ppg=2 Duff, A. & Kelly, E. (2008). Legal punishment. In E. N. Zalta (Ed.). *The Stanford*

Studying corrections, prisons and

Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Stanford University Press. https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/legal-punishment/ Eriksson, A. (2023). The Taint of The Other: Prison Work as 'Dirty Work' In

Australia. Punishment & Society, 25(2), 324-342. https://doi.org/10.1177/14624745211047534

WEEK ELEVEN: Reintegration and Rehabilitation - 20 May 2024

Module/Topic Events and Submissions/Topic

> Maruna, S. (2017). Desistance as a social movement. Irish Probation Journal, 14, 5-20. c.uk/ws/portalfiles/portal/159713772/Desistance

Weaver, B. (2019). Understanding desistance: A critical review of theories of desistance. Psychology, Crime & Law,

Post-release pathways: Exploring the concepts of 'reintegration' and 'rehabilitation'. 25(6), 641-658. https://cqu-

exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/1rb43gr/TN cdi crossref primary 10 1080 1068316X 2018 1560444

Hale, R. (2020). Good Intentions: Women's Narratives of Post-Release Anticipatory Desistance in the Context of

Historical and Contemporary Disadvantage and Trauma. Feminist Criminology, 15(5), 519–544. https://doi.org/10.1177/1557085120923403

WEEK TWELVE: Summary of key learnings & reflection - 27 May 2024

Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic**

Unit summary: What will you take

away from CRIM11001?

Review/Exam Week - 03 Jun 2024

Events and Submissions/Topic Module/Topic Chapter

No class

Exam Week - 10 Jun 2024

Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic**

No class

Assessment Tasks

1 Online Quiz

Assessment Type

Online Quiz(zes)

Task Description

The quiz will open on Monday at 9:00am AEST in week 4 and closes on Friday in week 5 at 5:00pm AEST.

This is an online multiple choice, true/false and short answer assessment. The questions will be drawn from the material from modules 1-4. The quiz will include material from lectures, workshops, readings and other resources.

Please be aware all questions are worth 1 mark each. There will be 15 questions to answer.

Students will have to complete this assessment in one session. Multiple attempts will not be available, so think carefully about your responses and answer accurately.

You will not be able to go back and change your responses.

The session will time out after 60 minutes.

*If you require reasonable adjustments to this task (e.g. due to disability) please discuss this with the unit coordinator.

Number of Quizzes

1

Frequency of Quizzes

Other

Assessment Due Date

Week 5 Friday (5 Apr 2024) 11:59 pm AEST

Quiz must be completed by this time. Any incomplete attempts will be submitted at this time.

Return Date to Students

Weighting

15%

Assessment Criteria

- Knowledge of course content (from weeks 1-4), including readings and workshop activities.
- Application of theory to practical situations
- Understanding the nature of studies in criminology and criminal justice

Referencing Style

• American Psychological Association 7th Edition (APA 7th edition)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Describe how crime is classified, measured and analysed
- Analyse basic criminology theories and how they relate to criminal activity
- Explain the roles of individuals and key agencies within the justice system

Graduate Attributes

- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy

2 Offender Case Study Analysis

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

1700 Words - due week 8

In the first half of this unit, you will explore the factors that influence offending and various ways that crime can be understood, studied, and interpreted (see - theories and perspectives of crime).

In this assessment you will apply these learnings to a hypothetical offender profile, demonstrating your understanding of key concepts.

This assessment requires that you select **one** offender profile and write an analysis of the offender and their crime/s, explaining relevant concepts learned in the unit.

Your analysis should include:

- An analysis of the offender's *life history and experiences*, including any relevant factors relating to their childhood, family, upbringing etc., and the impact these may have had on their pathway into offending and why.
- An analysis of any *social, biological and/or psychological factors* that appear relevant to the chosen case, applying the appropriate theories and concepts learned in the unit (or sourced from the broader academic literature) to support your analysis.
- An overview of any *other factors* relevant to the particular case, supported by theories/concepts/terms from the broader literature.
- A *brief reflection* on how criminological theories/perspectives/concepts can assist in understanding offending behavior and determining appropriate responses to crime (e.g. policies, legislation, practice, interventions).

In doing so, you must apply reliable scholarly sources e.g. academic journal articles). A minimum of <u>five scholarly</u> <u>sources</u> must be applied throughout the paper. A reference list with the full details of each source should be provide at the end of the paper (starting on a new page).

Assessment Due Date

Week 8 Friday (3 May 2024) 11:59 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Weighting

35%

Assessment Criteria

- Illustration of relevant criminology concepts through carefully considered analysis of the chosen case /8
- Application of key concepts/terms from the unit to the case in order to explain offending /10
- Application of research and literature from the course material, including set readings, as well as self-sourced scholarly literature (minimum of five academic sources) /10
- Quality of piece: Clear expression, layout, structure and correct referencing /7

Referencing Style

• American Psychological Association 7th Edition (APA 7th edition)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Submission is via Moodle

Learning Outcomes Assessed

Analyse basic criminology theories and how they relate to criminal activity

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking

3 Workbook

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Word limit: 2000 words

Students will submit a learning journal (available to download via Moodle) consisting of short activities relating to Criminology to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of various criminological issues covered during the unit modules.

Students are provided with a task to complete each week from weeks 1-10. There are 10 tasks in total. These short tasks make up the learning journal. Each task is relevant to that week's particular topic and will develop your knowledge and reflections in relation to criminology and criminal justice.

Select <u>TWO entries from weeks 1-5 for submission #1</u> (due Monday of mid-term vacation), and <u>TWO from weeks</u> 6-10 for submission #2 (due end of week 11).

These should be the entries you think are your best in terms of your understanding of the topic, depth of the response,

and quality of writing. These four entries will make up your final grade for the assessment. You can note your chosen weeks on the front page of the workbook at each submission point (there is a box at the very bottom of the front page).

WORD COUNT

Word length should be **500 words** (+/-10%) per chosen weekly entry (1,000 words total per submission point) Make sure you keep responses relevant and concise - use the short word count wisely! Responses must be written as complete sentences, not dot-points or lists.

REFERENCING

Students should provide **three** *different* scholarly references within each weekly response.

For example, submission #1 requires 2 references for your first chosen week and 2 *different* references for your second chosen week = 4 references total.

Include full details of references at the end of each response for all material cited. Referencing must adhere to American Psychological Association (APA 7) guidelines, which can be found here. Full references are not included in the word limit, however in-text citations are.

Lecture notes should not be used as part of the reference list - students should find their own original sources. Remember to avoid non-scholarly sources such as dictionaries and Wikipedia.

MARKING

The assessment is worth **50 marks overal**l for the unit (half of your final mark).

25 marks are allocated to submission #1 (two chosen entries from weeks 1-5), and **25 marks** to submission #2 (two chosen entries from weeks 6-10)

Each entry is marked against the rubric criteria available on Moodle and overall feedback will be provided. Please ensure you incorporate the feedback from submission point #1 to improve your second submission.

Assessment Due Date

Vacation Week Monday (8 Apr 2024) 11:59 pm AEST

There are two submission points for this task - end of week 5 and week 11. See Moodle for more information.

Return Date to Students

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

Each workbook submission will be marked as follows: -

- Level of consideration and detail given to the weekly activity, including depth of response and degree of critical analysis /10
- Demonstration of how theories and concepts from the coursework integrate into practical and applied situations
 /10
- Quality of entries, including appropriate writing style and referencing /5

Referencing Style

American Psychological Association 7th Edition (APA 7th edition)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Submission via Moodle

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Explain the roles of individuals and key agencies within the justice system
- Examine the societal and institutional responses to criminal justice in Australia.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the **Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure**. This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the <u>Academic Learning Centre (ALC)</u> can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem