The Graduate Certificate (Integrity Studies) has been developed in collaboration with major anti-corruption stakeholder agencies from across Australia at both national and state government levels. The Course is designed to recognise the growing importance of anti-corruption and oversight as a strategy within crime prevention and integrity assurance in the public sector and beyond. The Course links the fields of professional ethics, public administration and crime prevention. It focuses upon the latest academic and professional knowledge on these issues, and connects them through the use of case studies and other methods to the challenges faced by professionals working in these areas.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Graduate Certificate (Integrity Studies) - 24 Credit Points

LEGL914  Ethics and Integrity in the Public Sector
          8 credit points

LEGL915  Understanding Corruption and Misconduct
          8 credit points

LEGL916  Corruption Prevention and Integrity Assurance
          8 credit points
SUBJECT CONTENT

Ethics and Integrity in the Public Sector - LEGL914

This subject introduces students to a variety of key concepts, principles, challenges and practices arising in the fields of anti-corruption and integrity assurance. A focus upon the nature of the public service ethos and on some of the principal challenges to its operation in practice is provided. This subject commences by looking at ethical models in the public sector including the origins of public service ethos and examines the impacts of different management approaches upon public sector ethics. The subject then examines some of the key challenges involved in maintaining ethics and integrity in the Public Sector. Conflict of interest scenarios and whistleblower provisions will be examined. Finally the subject looks at concepts of accountability and control and examines how these contribute to the maintenance of ethical conduct and integrity assurance.

Understanding Corruption and Misconduct - LEGL915

This subject introduces students to concepts of corruption and misconduct with a focus on recognising environmental, institutional, and individual factors associated with these phenomena. The subject will examine these concepts in historical, domestic and international context and apply theoretical perspectives to understanding why and how misconduct and corruption can arise. This subject examines the nature of corruption and misconduct as problems in the public sector. It considers definitions, costs and consequences of corruption in assessing the nature of the threat to institutional integrity and public service delivery from corruption and misconduct. It looks at major forms of corruption and misconduct and uses case studies to develop student understandings of how corruption and misconduct can occur and continue unchecked.

Corruption Prevention and Integrity Assurance - LEGL916

This subject examines different approaches to integrity assurance and corruption reduction and prevention. It highlights the suitability of different approaches for particular challenges arising within the context of organisational corruption. It also includes an extensive examination of post incident strategy and restorative approaches as well as pressures involved in building organisational resilience to corruption. This topic is designed to build upon the knowledge acquired in the other two topics. It provides an overview and understanding of the main approaches to reducing corruption and ensuring public sector integrity. It focuses on both proactive and reactive measures. Trends in the use of coercive and intrusive techniques of investigation will be considered, as well as the emergence of specialized anti-corruption bodies. Challenges faced by those working in anti-corruption and integrity assurance will be addressed.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A recognised Bachelor degree; applicants with extensive relevant work and/or professional experience at a high level may also be considered.
LECTURERS
All lecturers are well-qualified and experienced in their relevant area of teaching. Guest lecturers will be used to supplement the core teaching provided. They will be selected according to their ability to bring valuable experience and insights into the problems being analysed and ways of tackling these problems. In many cases, they will be drawn from the stakeholder agencies that have supported the development of this Graduate Certificate.

HOW DO I APPLY?
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Should you require any further assistance please contact us on 1300 367 869. You can also email is at uniadvice@uow.edu.au or visit http://www.uow.edu.au/future/postgrad/apply/index.html

WHERE WILL THIS COURSE LEAD ME?
This course has been designed in partnership with leading anti-corruption and integrity assurance agencies at federal and state level with the goal of building professional knowledge and competence among current and future integrity practitioners (persons working within anti-corruption commissions, police integrity commissions, internal compliance sections of government departments, ombudsman offices etc). It will therefore provide a solid preparation for those planning to work in these areas as well as a foundation of knowledge and competence for those already working in the field.
CTCP anticipates that the Graduate Certificate (Integrity Studies) by mid-2011 will be articulated with Graduate Diploma and Masters level programs in Integrity Studies and Transnational Crime Prevention, so that students who successfully complete the Graduate Certificate will be able to proceed to a higher award in this field.

ABOUT CTCP
The Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention (CTCP) was established in 2000 within the Faculty of Law by the University of Wollongong in recognition of the growing significance of transnational crime for international and national security. It moved to its new building on the Innovation Campus in December 2008.
While located administratively within the Faculty of Law, its approach to research and training is multidisciplinary in nature. CTCP draws upon a range of disciplines, including law, criminology, political science, psychology, international relations, economics, and ethics. It has established a network of relationships with government agencies in the law enforcement and anti-corruption fields at state, national, and international levels. In 2009, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by CTCP and INTERPOL to advance cooperation in research and training in fields of mutual interest.
The research and teaching activities of CTCP focus on responses to and prevention of organised criminal activities that impact on regional and global security, including

I have no hesitation in endorsing the course as a valuable addition to building the human resource capacity throughout the integrity sector (Michael Strong – Director, Police Integrity OPI, VIC)
narcotics production, trafficking of firearms and people smuggling, terrorism, fraud and money laundering, corruption, cybercrime, along with issues in intelligence-led policing, law enforcement capacity building and transnational policing.

**ABOUT UOW**

The size of our University makes UOW a truly student-centred campus: individual attention, available staff, dedicated research supervisors, a personal approach and two-way communication.

UOW has been rated first for overall satisfaction among Australian university students in the independent Sweeney Research Group’s 2009 ‘Uni Student Report’. Students ranked their university based on the opportunities for becoming involved in campus life.

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This course recognises the growing importance of anti-corruption and oversight not only in Australia, but also internationally (Paul Malone, Asst Commissioner, Integrity Assurance Branch, ATO).

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