Why study CSU’s Graduate Certificate in Fire Investigation?

Enhance your practice as an investigator. This unique online course from Charles Sturt University (CSU) will help you learn about current investigative best practice, the physics of fire behaviour and the theories of deviance associated with fire setting.

Our Graduate Certificate in Fire Investigation is perfect if you’re working in fire investigation and related insurance areas. A highly regarded postgraduate qualification, this course represents an ideal program of professional development if you want to build on previous qualifications and experience and advance your knowledge of fire investigation.

The Graduate Certificate in Fire Investigation will provide you with specialist knowledge and skills. You will study the recognition and interpretation of the patterns and phases of fire, the determination of cause and origin, and the preservation of a fire scene. This course also covers the early identification of fraud indicators, exhibit handling, the provision of expert witness evidence, and fire-setting behaviour as it relates to the investigative process. You will also gain a foundational understanding of wildfire investigation.

Our assessment topics encourage you to apply theory and best practice in your own investigations. As a fully online course, you can undertake your study part-time, upgrading your qualifications while you work.

Career opportunities

Skilled and professionally qualified fire investigators are required in a range of workplace settings. You may work on behalf of the public, for insurance companies or for a volunteer or career fire service. These roles require you to be conversant with current investigative best practice, the physics of fire behaviour and the provision of expert witness evidence in court. Your investigations may take you into specialist areas, such as marine fires, vehicular fires, electrical incidents and explosion investigation.
CSU is recognised as a global leader in research and education for professionals in law, law enforcement, investigations, counter-terrorism, emergency management, leadership and security.

**AUSTRALIA’S HIGHEST GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT RATE**

We make sure you’re ready to make your mark from day one.

*Australian University Rankings and Ratings 2017/2018.*

About CSU

CSU is a national university focusing on excellence in education for the professions, strategic and applied research, and flexible delivery of learning and teaching.

We work in close association with industry, professions and government to ensure our courses meet and support industry needs, resulting in high graduate employment levels and starting salaries.

We attract more than 40,000 students from Australia and around the world and are well-known for our innovative approach to education, offering practical, hands-on courses that are supported online to provide our students with accessible, world-class education.

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**Credit**

If you’ve studied before, you may be able to fast-track your postgraduate degree with recognition for prior learning (RPL). If you’ve completed relevant tertiary study, you could be awarded credit for your postgraduate degree. Get in touch to see if you’re eligible for credit based on your previous qualifications or industry experience.

Credit for prior learning and credit for current competencies will be granted to eligible applicants.

We have an articulation agreement with the NSW Police Arson course for one subject credit, JST415. The Diploma in Fire Investigation from QLD Fire and Rescue is recognised with one subject credit, JST415. The AFAC Advanced Diploma of Fire Investigation is recognised with one credit for JST415 and one elective.

**Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security**

Established in 1993, CSU’s Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security (AGSPS) is an international leader in fire investigation, emergency management, law enforcement and security education. Our academics bring a wealth of practical, operational, policy and strategic experience to their teaching roles.

**Studying online**

CSU is one of the most experienced providers of online education in Australia. Our innovative course delivery uses the latest technology to connect you with your lecturers and fellow students. You will have access to our comprehensive communication systems, online forums, wikis, blogs, podcasts and library resources.

Studying online gives you the freedom to choose when and where you complete your degree. With the flexibility of our online learning and research tools, you can study your way, in your time.

**Further information**

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