

Majors and Minors

What Is a Major and What Is a Minor?

A major is a sequence of eight units from one discipline area that you will study over the course of your degree.

A minor is a sequence of four units from one discipline area.

In the Bachelor of Arts, you need to choose to study either:

- 2 majors (of eight units each) OR
- 1 major (eight units) and 2 minors (of four units each) OR
- 1 major (eight units) and 1 minor (of four units each) and 40cp from the Rome Semester
- Students who commence in 2027 may also choose to student 1 major, 1 minor and 4 electives.

List of Majors and Minors Available by Campus

The list of majors and minors is available in the Arts unit list document and in the Handbook course rules for the Bachelor of Arts. The link to the Handbook is in the Course Enrolment Guide. On the Handbook course information page, click on the link to the major or minor to see the campus availability. When reading the Handbook, ensure you select the year you started the course.

List of majors and Minors available by campus in the Bachelor of Arts

NOTE: Check your course rules to confirm which Majors/Minors are permitted in your course.

Discipline	Brisbane	Canberra	Melbourne	Strathfield
Archaeology (available online for all campuses)	Major/Minor	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Business Studies	—	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor (units offered in North Sydney)
Communication	Minor	—	Minor	Minor
Criminology (new)	Minor		Minor	Minor (units offered North Sydney)
Design and Technologies*	—	—	—	Major
Digital Technologies (Computing)	—	—	—	Minor
Drama	Major/Minor	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Economics (available online for all campuses)	Minor	—	Minor	Minor
Education Studies	Minor	—	Minor	Minor
English	Major/Minor	Major/Minor***	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Environmental Humanities			Minor	Minor
Geography, Environment and Society	Major/Minor	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Graphic Design	—	—	Minor	Minor
Healthy Development (not taking new students from 2027)	—	—	Minor	—
History	Major/Minor	Major/Minor***	Major/Minor	Major/Minor

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Human Rights (new)	Major/Minor	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
International Development Studies (suspended from 2026)	—	—	—	—
Languages (Online)**	Major/Minor	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Mathematics	Major/Minor	Major/Minor***	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Medieval and Early Modern Studies (new)	Minor	—	Minor	Minor
Mental Health Sociology (new)	Minor	—	Minor	Minor
Music	Major/Minor	—	Major/Minor	—
Philosophy	Major/Minor	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Politics and International Relations	Major/Minor	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor (Offered North Sydney)
Psychology (non-APAC accredited)	—	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Sociology	Minor	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Sustainability****	Major	—	Major	Major
Study of Religions	Major/Minor	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Theological Studies	Major/Minor	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Visual Arts	Major/Minor	—	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Youth Work	—	—	Minor	—

*The Design and Technologies major is only available to students in the Bachelor of Creative Arts course who commenced the major in 2026 or earlier, and the Bachelor of Education Secondary/Bachelor of Arts (Design and Technology degree.)

**Italian and Spanish language units can be undertaken online at ACU as a language Minor up to 200-level units. 300-level units and other languages can be undertaken as cross-institutional study with approval from the Course Coordinator.

***Canberra students to enrol via Strathfield campus in multimode units and join the online tutorials. Any on-campus assessments will take place on the Canberra campus or as directed by the Unit Lead.

****The Sustainability major may be combined with a minor in Geography or Sociology but **not** with a major in these areas.

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Only the students who commenced the minor before a certain date may complete these minors:

Discipline	Brisbane	Canberra	Melbourne	Strathfield
Creative Writing (suspended from 2024)	minor	—	minor	minor
Media (suspended from 2024)	—	—	Major/minor	—
Healthy Development minor (suspended from 2027) Students who are part way through the minor should finish it but no students may now commence the minor.			minor	

How Do I Record My Major and Minor in the Student System?

Once you have completed a semester in the Bachelor of Arts, you should register your major/s in Student Connect.

You should also update this information if you change your major at any time, as it helps us to monitor your progress through the course and provide advice.

You also need to register your minor/s.

In Student Connect, click on **My Enrolment** then click **Select your Major/s and Minors**