

Bachelor of Arts – FAQ

Study choices

What are the requirements for majors and minors in the Bachelor of Arts degree?

You need to choose to study either two majors (8 subjects over three years)

Or

One major (8 subjects over three years) and two minors (four subjects over two years).

What are some of the areas I can study in a Bachelor of Arts degree?

During the course of a Bachelor of Arts program, you will study 'Majors' (8 units of study in one area) and/ or Minors (4 units of study in one area). Please refer to the 2022 Arts Unit Listing for a list of majors and minors available in your state.

How do I find the list of units (subjects) that I can choose from?

- You can find the National School of Arts unit listing in a link in the course enrolment guide. You can then look at the units available for the major, minor or electives in each discipline.
- At the top of each page it will note the core units required for a major.
- Be sure to pick 100-level units in first semester (these will have a 1 in the unit code eg PERF102, HIST115, ENGL110).
- In later years of the degree you need to complete four 200-level units and two 300-level units in the major. You will need to complete and units specified or required for the major. You may have choices for some units in your major/minor.

What can I study as electives?

An elective can be any unit from the National School of Arts unit list for which you have the pre-requisite. In your first semester of study, you should choose electives that are first year units (these will have a 1 in their code e.g. HIST115, PERF102, POLS104). In later years of the degree you may pick electives from any year level for which you have the pre-requisite.

Can I take Social Work, Criminology, Law or Exercise Science units in the Bachelor of Arts?

No. These units are not available in the Bachelor of Arts degrees unless specified in a particular sequence. EXSC118 used to be specified in the Healthy Development minor in Melbourne but has been replaced with NUTR101 from 2021.

What are the choices for University Core Units in first year?

You can choose from UNCC100, PHCC102 or PHCC104.

Core requirement: Community Engagement (taken in third year)

What is the difference between HUMA330 and HUMA331?

HUMA330 is a placement unit where students undertake a placement in an organisation in the community either during semester 1 or during summer term. If you have disability or additional needs that need to be considered in the choice of placement please contact your course coordinator in the semester before you will do your placement so we can make arrangements.

HUMA331 is a classroom based unit where students work in groups (or alone if needed) using key skills in research and analysis, to devise, plan and pitch an idea for a social business or social enterprise. There is no placement in this unit.

Full-time/Part-time and Accelerated Study

Can I study the Bachelor of Arts part-time?

Yes, you can. A full-time study load is 40 credit points (normally 4 units) per semester. You can choose to do one or two units a semester which is considered part time. You can choose to move to a full-time load at any time. You should however think about any financial assistance you may receive as a student and your eligibility to continue with any financial support if you decide to go part time. Centrelink requires you to be enrolled in at least 3 units per semester to qualify as a full-time student.

I want to do the 2.5-year Bachelor of Arts, how do I do that?

There is no form to fill in or special process to register in this mode. You need to enrol as specified in the 2.5-year map and must stick to that program of study to finish in the set time. Any alterations to the number of units studied, or failure to successfully pass units will slow down your candidature.

Can I switch from the 3-year Bachelor of Arts to the 2.5-year Bachelor of Arts part-way through the degree?

You could add winter enrolments during the first semester of your degree but after that time it would be too late to switch into the 2.5-year BA and still finish in the specified time. Course Coordinators will not normally allow students to overload their units in order to finish on time if students do not follow the 2.5-year map as specified.

Additional Support

Is there someone who can give me more advice about my enrolment?

Your course coordinator is:

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Q: What kind of support can I expect while I am completing a Bachelor of Arts degree?

Your academic coordinator is available to support you throughout your study program but you can also seek support from the Office of Student Success.

Disability support is available and you may wish to set up an Education Inclusion Plan at any stage in your degree or link up to the Autism at Uni network.

Academic Skills support and Counselling are also available to you.

On every campus of ACU, we also have designated Indigenous Units to offer support and information for students.