

Electives in the Bachelor of Arts - FAQ

Which units can I choose as an elective?

An Arts elective can be any unit from the National School of Arts **Unit Listing** for which you have completed any required 'prerequisite' (that is, a unit you must complete before enrolling in a particular unit). In your first semester of study, you should choose electives that are 100-level units (these will have '1' as the first number in their code, eg HIST115, PERF102, POLS104) and have no prerequisites. After that you can choose advanced level units (200 and 300 level units) if you have the prerequisite.

Can I choose an elective as an extra unit in the discipline in which I am doing a major or minor?

You may do this, if there are more units on offer over the course of your degree than the major or minor requires, or where units are rotated. See National School of Arts **Unit Listing** for the yearly choice of units. You can discuss this with your Course Coordinator if you have any questions.

Should I do all my electives in one area, or select each elective as the mood takes me?

That is up to you! Some students strategically develop an area they think will be useful in the workforce while others enjoy sampling many different subject areas.

Can I do an ACU language unit as an elective?

Yes, you can take ACU Italian or Spanish units as electives. It is also anticipated that minor sequences in Italian or Spanish will be introduced into the Bachelor of Arts in the not-too-distant future; please speak to your Course Coordinator to confirm this advice. Students may also study the languages of their choice through Cross-Institutional study (at another university), and if you would like more information on this option, please see the information sheet on Languages at ACU in your Course Enrolment Guide, and speak to your Course Coordinator.

Can I do Education, Nursing, Exercise Science or Criminology electives?

No, these units are not available to students in the Bachelor of Arts. Your electives must be chosen from the National School of Arts **Unit Listing**.

I have decided that I liked my elective more than my major or minor, can I change after my major or minor my first semester?

Yes, it is normally possible to count that unit as part of a major or minor and do a different elective. Be careful if you are changing your elective to your major that the discipline area of the elective is part of a major sequence, as some disciplines are only offered as minors. You should also check if there are any specified (compulsory) units that you need to count if you are changing to a new major. If you change your major you will need to register the new major in Student Connect after your first semester of study.

What is the Scholars Unit?

The School of Arts is committed to nurturing and challenging high-achieving students in the humanities so they have the opportunity to develop into successful scholars and researchers of the future. HUMA251 Shaping Humanity: Ideas, Power and Scholarship is a dynamic unit for students who have excelled in the first year of their Arts degree (or BA double degree). HUMA251 provides students with the opportunity to join a select group of peers and academic experts in exploring some of the most significant contemporary questions in the social sciences and humanities. Each week, students will focus on a debate that is having a seismic impact on the world of ideas. This unit considers the different ways in which scholars and thinkers from the Humanities, Social Sciences and Creative Arts disciplines are trying to answer the questions they are debating; the sorts of research methods they are using to do so; and the major works written about them. This unit is offered in semester 2 each year. To enquire about or apply for this unit please contact maggie.nolan@acu.edu.au.

HUMA251 Shaping Humanity: Ideas, Power and Scholarship counts as an elective in the Bachelor of Arts or related degrees.

What is the Special Project Unit? HUMA332 Arts and Humanities Special Project

The special project unit may focus on different projects in different years. This year, there are two internships on offer. One is an internal internship for the *Scroll* magazine and students may apply from any degree in the National School of Arts and any major, especially (but not limited to) those with skills in any of English, Creative Writing, Communication, Media, Graphic Design, Visual Arts. The other is an internal internship with the Our Lives project, a longitudinal study of young people in Queensland and it is open to students majoring in sociology. Priority will be given to final year students, and GPA will be taken into account.

- You may obtain information on how to apply to enrol in HUMA332 by emailing: maggie.nolan@acu.edu.au or matthew.ran@acu.edu.au
- Applications to enrol in HUMA332 will reopen for 2022 in October, 2021 and are **due by 30 November 2021**.

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