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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 Creative Arts, you choose to study either:

- 2 majors (of eight units each) OR
- 1 major (eight units) and two minors (of four units each)

LIST OF MAJORS AND MINORS AVAILABLE BY CAMPUS FOR STUDENTS WHO COMMENCED THE DEGREE in 2026 OR BEFORE.

Discipline	Brisbane	Melbourne	Strathfield
Communication	Minor	Minor	Minor
Design and Technologies*	—	—	Major
Drama	Major/Minor	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
English	Major/Minor	Major/Minor	Major/Minor
Graphic Design	—	Minor	Minor
Music	Major/Minor	Major/Minor	—
Visual Arts	Major/Minor	Major/Minor	Major/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.

HOW DO I RECORD MY MAJOR IN THE STUDENT SYSTEM?

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

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

In Student Connect, click on **My Enrolment** then click **Select your major/s** and **minors**.

CAN I CHANGE MY MAJOR OR MINOR LATER IN THE COURSE?

Yes, most students can do that, particularly if you are in the early stages of the degree. It is a good idea to check with your Course Coordinator about whether this will extend your degree or not. Changing your major or minor may require different subject choices and potentially lead to an extension of your degree. You can apply to change your major in Student Connect after the end of your first semester. In Student Connect, click on **My Enrolment** then click **Select your major/s or minor/s**.

Electives

WHICH UNITS CAN I TAKE AS ELECTIVES?

Electives can be any unit from the National School of Arts and Humanities Unit Listing provided that prerequisite requirements are met. You **cannot** take electives from Education, Health Sciences, Nursing, Law, Criminology, or any other unit not listed in the Arts Unit Listing.

Can I take extra electives in my major or minor area?

Yes. If your major or minor offers more units than are required for completion, you can use some of the additional units as electives provided they fit into your degree.

Check the **National School of Arts and Humanities Unit List** to see which units are available each year. If you have questions about how electives fit into your degree, speak with your **Course Progression Advisor**.

SHOULD I DO ALL MY ELECTIVES IN ONE AREA, OR SELECT EACH ELECTIVE AS THE MOOD TAKES ME?

That's up to you! Some students strategically develop an area they think will be useful in the workforce while others enjoy sampling different subject areas to give them a wider knowledge base. There may be wonderful disciplines that you've never tried before they you grow to love simply by taking them as an elective.

CAN I STUDY A LANGUAGE AT ACU?

ACU offers you the opportunity to complete a Diploma in Languages in conjunction with your ACU undergraduate degree. If this interests you, please contact AskACU for advice.

Enrolling in units

HOW DO I FIND WHICH UNITS ARE AVAILABLE TO ENROL IN?

The units on offer are updated each year and the unit list will show you what you can choose in 2027. Always use the updated unit list. **You will find the current list in the Course Enrolment Guide.**

HOW DO I KNOW THE LEVEL OF THE UNITS I'M ENROLLING IN?

The course map will guide you as to the level of the unit you need to choose.

If the map states, 'Major 100 level', you should choose a unit code that starts with a '1', for example, ARTS112. These are sometimes referred to as 'introductory' units or 'first-year' units. You can enrol in up to two 100-level units in your major or minor sequence.

If the map states '200-level', choose a unit that starts with a '2', for example, ARTS238.

Don't enrol in a 200-level unit until you have completed at least one first-year unit from the same sequence, or any required prerequisite.

Students normally enrol in 300-level units towards the end of their degree and when they have completed any prerequisites that might be required. You must complete two 300-level units to complete a major. You are permitted to take additional 300-level units in place of some of the 200-level units if you so wish. Usually only one 300-level unit is offered in any given semester. It is important that you plan for this as you near graduation otherwise you may need to extend your studies.

Prerequisite units

WHAT ARE PREREQUISITE UNITS?

A prerequisite is a unit you must complete before you can enrol in a higher-level unit.

The enrolment system will prevent you from enrolling in units for which you do not have the prerequisite. If you have transferred from another degree and believe you have met the prerequisites for higher-level units, you may need to apply for credit for your previous studies. More information is available at the following link:

https://acu.service-now.com/askacu?id=askacu_kb_article&sys_id=2b66ca9b71502140c04b31c7202e9a1b

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A WAIVER OF PREREQUISITE UNITS?

You can find more information along with the prerequisite waiver form at the following link:

https://acu.service-now.com/askacu?id=askacu_kb_article&sys_id=dcca40f91bf3d814f66eebd6ec4bcb9c&table=

Special units

WHAT IS THE HUMA320 UNIT AND WHEN SHOULD I TAKE IT?

This is the Creative Arts major project capstone unit that you take near the end of your degree when you have completed all or most of your major/s and minors. It is a required unit in the course and is taken in addition to the other 'core units' in your degree.

NEW: WHAT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UNIT DO I NEED TO COMPLETE?

From 2027, HUMA333 Social Impact in Action is the new community engagement unit. This unit is offered in Summer, Semester 1 and Semester 2.

This replaces HUMA330 and HUMA331.

WHAT IS THE HUMA332 ARTS AND HUMANITIES SPECIAL PROJECT UNIT?

The special project unit will focus on different projects in different years. The projects will differ from year to year. Application forms will be made available to students and enrolment in this unit is subject to a competitive process. There are usually several internships on offer in a range of different disciplines. One project that may be of particular interest to creative arts students is an internal internship for the *Scroll* magazine. Students may apply from any degree or major in the National School of Arts and Humanities, especially (but not limited to) those with skills in any of English, Communication, Graphic Design, and Visual Arts. For more information, please contact your Course Coordinator.

CAN I DO AN ELECTIVE ON THE ROME CAMPUS? HOW DO I APPLY?

Yes, students can take units in Rome as electives. You can find out more in the Study Overseas web page (log in required):

<https://www.studentportal.acu.edu.au/career-and-opportunities/so/acu%20rome%20campus>