

Diploma in Liberal Arts and Non-Award Certificate in Liberal Arts – FAQ

Where do I find the units (subjects) I need to study or can choose to study?

1. Look at the course map. This will list units that you must choose
2. Where there is an elective listed click on the 'Unit Listings' tab on the course enrolment guide. There you will find a full list of units offered by the National School of Arts and Humanities, each year.
3. Normally, most of your units should be introductory 100-level units.
4. Students enrolled in the Diploma course may find they are able to take 200-level units in their second semester if they have studied the prerequisite in first semester (and vice versa if they are enrolling mid-year).
5. The Course Enrolment Guide is a 'live' document: it may be updated throughout the year. Please pay close attention to your course map when enrolling into your units for the year.

How long does it take for me to complete a Certificate in Liberal Arts?

You can complete the Certificate in Liberal Arts in 6 months full time capacity or equivalent part-time.

What is the structure of a Certificate in Liberal Arts?

There are four units each worth 10 credit points in the Certificate in Liberal Arts equal to 40 credit points at completion. You can select your units from the National School of Arts and Humanities unit list. If you need further advice you may consult with your course coordinator and choose units that will benefit you for future study.

How long does it take for me to complete a Diploma in Liberal Arts?

You can complete the Diploma in Liberal Arts in one-year full time capacity or equivalent part-time.

Can I study units in disciplines from other faculties?

No. You must study units that are associated with the National School of Arts and Humanities unit list only. (You cannot choose units in Criminology, Law, Nursing/Health/Allied Sciences/Exercise Science).

Can I study the Certificate or Diploma in Liberal Arts externally or online?

At present you need to attend classes on campus but there may be opportunities to complete units in different study modes (depending on requirements of different units).

Can I count my units from the Certificate or Diploma in Liberal Arts towards a Bachelor of Arts?

Yes, you can. If you pass units, they can be credited towards your Bachelor of Arts course.

If I want to transition into the Bachelor of Arts. Will I need to consider majors and minors while I am studying my Certificate or Diploma?

If you want to make sure that you will be able to transition smoothly into the Bachelor of Arts on completion of your Certificate or Diploma, please see your course coordinator for advice. They will help you choose units that will later be credited towards majors and minors.

How do I apply for another degree once I complete my Certificate or Diploma?

You can seek advice from Ask ACU (Student Centre). They will direct you to the application process.

Can I be a teacher if I complete the Certificate or Diploma of Liberal Arts?

The Certificate or Diploma in Liberal Arts is not a direct pathway to an undergraduate teaching degree, but if you meet the entry requirements it can lead to the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Teaching which is a desirable pathway to teaching.

I need help with my enrolment/ I would like to check I have enrolled correctly, who can I speak to?

Please email your Course Coordinator with an appointment request.