

## Bachelor of Arts Majors and Minors available in the BA/MTeach (Secondary)

### 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 (four units) and 40cp of elective units

### WHICH MAJORS AND MINORS CAN I SELECT?

The list of majors and minors is available in the table below. The BA/MTeach program is slightly different from the regular Bachelor of Arts and offers different majors and minors, all of which articulate into Secondary Teaching Areas. On the Handbook course information page, check the campuses listed underneath each major and minor to ensure that it is available on your campus. When reading the Handbook, ensure you select the year you started the course.

| Discipline                                         | Secondary Teaching Area                                          | Brisbane            | Melbourne           | Strathfield*   |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Archaeology<br>(available online for all campuses) | History (Qld ONLY)                                               | Major OR minor      | NOT AVAILABLE       | NOT AVAILABLE  |
| Business Studies                                   | Business Studies                                                 | Suspended from 2027 | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor |
| Digital Technologies (Computing)                   | Information Processes and Technology (Inc. Computing Technology) | NOT AVAILABLE       | NOT AVAILABLE       | Minor ONLY     |
| Drama                                              | Drama                                                            | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor |
| Economics<br>(available online for all campuses)   | Economics                                                        | Minor ONLY          | Minor ONLY          | Minor ONLY     |
| English                                            | English                                                          | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor |
| Geography, Environment and Society                 | Geography                                                        | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor |
| Healthy Development<br><i>Suspended from 2027</i>  | Health Education (Vic ONLY)                                      | NOT AVAILABLE       | Suspended from 2027 | NOT AVAILABLE  |
| History                                            | History**                                                        | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor |
| Mathematics                                        | Mathematics                                                      | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor |
| Music                                              | Music                                                            | Major OR minor      | Major ONLY          | NOT AVAILABLE  |
| Politics and International Relations               | Politics & International Relations (Vic ONLY)                    | NOT AVAILABLE       | Minor ONLY          | NOT AVAILABLE  |
| Psychology (non-APAC accredited)                   | Psychology (Vic ONLY)                                            | NOT AVAILABLE       | Minor ONLY          | NOT AVAILABLE  |
| Study of Religions                                 | Study of Religions (NSW & Qld ONLY)                              | Major OR minor      | NOT AVAILABLE       | Major OR minor |
| Theological Studies                                | Religious Education (Vic ONLY)                                   | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor      | NOT AVAILABLE  |
| <b>Visual Arts</b>                                 | Visual Arts                                                      | Major OR minor      | Major OR minor      | Major ONLY     |

**\*STUDENTS IN NSW:** There are additional requirements within most majors and minors if you plan to become accredited in NSW. Please see the 'Advice for Students in NSW' document in the Course Enrolment Guide.

**\*\*Students in NSW** become accredited to teach either Ancient OR Modern History. As above, please see the 'Advice for Students in NSW' document for further details.

Arts areas unavailable in this degree except as electives:

| Discipline                                                                                                                                 | Secondary Teaching Area | Brisbane  | Melbourne | Strathfield |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Communication                                                                                                                              | NA                      | Electives | Electives | Electives   |
| Creative Writing minor (suspended from 2024)<br>(Two creative writing units are available to students in this degree in the English major) | NA                      | Electives | Electives | Electives   |
| Design and Technologies                                                                                                                    | NA                      | —         | —         | Electives   |
| Graphic Design                                                                                                                             | NA                      | —         | Electives | Electives   |
| International Development Studies                                                                                                          | NA                      | —         | Electives | —           |
| Media (suspended from 2024)                                                                                                                | NA                      | —         | Electives | —           |
| Philosophy                                                                                                                                 | NA                      | Electives | Electives | Electives   |
| Sociology                                                                                                                                  | NA                      | Electives | Electives | Electives   |
| Youth Work                                                                                                                                 | NA                      | —         | Electives | —           |

#### HOW DO I RECORD MY MAJOR/MINOR IN THE STUDENT SYSTEM?

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

You should also update this information if you change your major/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**.

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

Yes, many 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 Advisor about whether this will extend your degree or not. Changing your major or minor may require different unit choices and may potentially extend your degree.

You can apply to change your major or minor in Student Connect after the end of your first semester. In Student Connect, click on **My Enrolment** then click **Select your Major/s**.

#### WHY ARE THERE DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN NSW?

Each state-based teacher accreditation body has different requirements. The NSW body, NESA, includes more detailed requirements for the units you complete as part of your Major/s and Minor/s. Please check the 'Advice for Students in NSW' document for details on your particular area/s and consult your course advisor if you are confused.

#### CAN I COMPLETE BOTH ANCIENT AND MODERN HISTORY AS A STUDENT IN NSW?

Yes, this is possible. You will still need to select another, different subject area as your minor. This puts you onto the One Major, One Minor and Electives pathway but requires a specific sequence of History units. See the 'Advice for Students in NSW' document for more details and contact your course advisor for assistance in mapping your units.