

## Information about Teaching Areas (Majors and Minors)

This is the **single degree program**. Note that the alternate, **double degree program is preferred**. The first year of both programs is nearly identical: a decision to transfer to the double degree can be taken during the first year, with an application for course transfer to take effect ahead of the second year.

The *double degree* offers (1) more units in two teaching areas [possibly two 8-unit full major studies], which may be more desirable to employers; (2) in NSW, combining Health and Physical Education with a second teaching area; (3) in NSW, a longer and more flexible Technology sequence.

### Planning a Program

The list of available studies is shown in the table below. In this single degree program, there are two typical ways in which a program would be constructed:

- **The “8 + 6” model:** 8 units of disciplinary study in one teaching area, and 6 units in a second teaching area
- **The “6 + 4 + 4” model:** 6 units of disciplinary study in one teaching area, 4 units of study in a second teaching area, and 4 units of ‘adjunct study’ in a third field which may or may not be a teaching area.

Students seeking to **teach Religious Education** would either

- (a) study Theology [Vic, ACT] or Studies of Religion [NSW, Qld] as one of their teaching areas, or
- (b) include the RE units as an adjunct study.

Victorian students not seeking to teach RE but seeking *accreditation to work in Catholic schools* may study an elective unit, unit, [EDRE429](#)<sup>1</sup>.

Some teaching areas require a particular arrangement of units. Students taking these sequences need to construct their ‘other’ teaching area around the requirements of these programs, as shown in the course map.

- Technology (NSW only) – is only available in the “6+4+4” model where the 4 units of the adjunct studies must also be in Technology<sup>2</sup>.
- Physical Education (Victoria and Queensland) – is only available in the “6+4+4” model where the 4 units of the adjunct studies must also be in Exercise Science<sup>2</sup>.
- Health and Physical Education (NSW) – 13 units of study are in Exercise Science (ie one elective)
- Health (Victoria) – when combined with Physical Education – only requires 2 units (ie two electives)
- Visual Arts (NSW) – the minimum of a 6-unit sequence is required

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<sup>1</sup> In the “8+6” model, this will either shorten their main teaching area to 7 units or their other teaching area to 5 units; in the “6+4+4” model, this will reduce the adjunct studies to 3 units, as one teaching area must not be fewer than 6 units and a second must not be fewer than 4 units.

<sup>2</sup> In these cases, accreditation to teach Religious Education in Catholic school is only available by choosing Theology [Vic, ACT] or Studies of Religion [NSW, Qld] as the second teaching area

## Available Teaching Areas

One teaching area must be studied from one of the Major sequences. The other may be chosen from either the Major or minor sequences. Click on the Discipline to see further information about completing this sequence, including available units.

Discipline	Blacktown	Brisbane	Canberra	Melbourne	Strathfield
<a href="#">Business Studies</a>		Major/minor		Major/minor	Major/minor
Biology		minor		minor	minor <sup>†</sup>
Chemistry		minor		minor	minor <sup>†</sup>
<a href="#">Computing</a>	minor				minor
<a href="#">Drama</a>	Major	Major/minor		Major/minor	Major/minor
<a href="#">Economics</a>		Major/minor <sup>3</sup>	Major	Major/minor <sup>3</sup>	Major/minor <sup>3</sup>
<a href="#">English</a>	Major	Major/minor	Major	Major/minor	Major/minor
<a href="#">Geography</a>		Major/minor		Major/minor	Major/minor
<a href="#">Health<sup>6</sup></a>				minor <sup>§</sup>	
<a href="#">History</a>	Major	Major/minor		Major/minor	
<a href="#">Ancient History</a>					Major/minor <sup>4</sup>
<a href="#">Modern History</a>					Major/minor <sup>4</sup>
<a href="#">Mathematics</a>		Major/minor	Major	Major/minor	Major/minor
<a href="#">Music</a>	minor	Major/minor		Major/Major	
<a href="#">Politics &amp; Int. Rels</a>				minor <sup>§</sup>	
<a href="#">Physical Education<sup>5,6</sup></a>		Major		Major	Major
<a href="#">Psychology</a>		minor <sup>7</sup>		minor <sup>§</sup>	
Science		Major		Major	Major <sup>†</sup>
<a href="#">Sociology</a>					minor <sup>§</sup>
<a href="#">Study of Religions<sup>8,9</sup></a>		Major/minor	Major		Major/minor
Technology					Major
<a href="#">Theological Studies<sup>10</sup></a>		Major/minor		Major/minor	
<a href="#">Visual Arts</a>		Major/minor		Major/minor	Major/minor

<sup>§</sup> Please see note on p. 3

<sup>†</sup> By travel to the North Sydney campus

<sup>3</sup> Possibly only available online.

<sup>4</sup> Students should be careful to follow the [unit enrolment advice provided for these studies](#), because in NSW Ancient History requires 1 unit of modern History, and Modern History requires 1 unit of Ancient History.

<sup>5</sup> A major in PE in requires the use of 4 elective units. A Major in Physical Education cannot be combined with a minor in Healthy Development, Computing (Strathfield), or Music (Melbourne). Students should consult with their Course Co-ordinator to ensure the availability of units.

<sup>6</sup> In this single degree (the arrangements are different in some of the double degrees) the requirements for the Victorian teaching area of Health are met by including EXSC118, EXSC187, PUBH102 and PUBH312 in your program. Two of these units are already included in the 10-unit PE sequence, which then gives space for two electives. The teaching area of Health is available in this degree – it is the ‘Healthy Development’ sequence which is not compatible (c.f. footnote 6).

<sup>7</sup> Not on offer in 2021

<sup>8</sup> To meet the requirements for teaching Studies of Religion in NSW schools, **it is necessary to study the unit** EDHI299 (History CPA) in addition to EDRE270 and EDRE471, and so would **not study EDES300** (Comparative Education).

<sup>10</sup> For accreditation to teach Religious Education in Catholic schools, the units THBS100, THCT100 and THCT202 must be included in either the Studies of Religion or Theology sequence. The units EDRE270 and EDRE471 are taken in addition to the Major/minor sequence. Victorian students who meet those accreditation requirements do not also need to study EDRE429.

The units required for accreditation to teach Religious Education in Catholic schools are THBS100, THCT100, THCT202, EDRE270, EDRE471. Students seeking RE accreditation as a ‘third’ area would **not study EDES300**.

## Adjunct Studies

This terminology has no meaning for teacher registration! What we mean is the ‘four units of other studies’ that you undertake in addition to the basic requirements for teacher registration. This could be:

- The units required for accreditation to teach Religious Education in Catholic Schools
- Units to extend your knowledge in one or both of your teaching areas
- Another one of the above discipline areas
- One of the following areas, which are not directly teaching areas, but would be a valuable complement to two other teaching areas

Discipline	Blacktown	Brisbane	Canberra	Melbourne	Strathfield
<a href="#">Accounting</a>		∞		∞	✓
<a href="#">Graphic Design</a>	✓			✓	✓
<a href="#">Legal studies</a>		∞		∞	∞
<a href="#">Philosophy</a>		✓		∞	✓
<a href="#">Politics &amp; Int. Rels</a>	✓	✓	✓	#	✓
<a href="#">Psychology</a>	✓	✓	✓	#	✓
<a href="#">Sociology</a>	✓	✓	✓	∞	#
<a href="#">Youth Work</a>				✓	

§ From page 2, a “minor only” available for [Psychology](#), [Politics](#), [Sociology](#) and Health. This is because of the limited employment opportunities for students who have a main teaching area in this field but only 4 units of study in another. In these cases, the ‘main’ teaching area must be in a different discipline, but you can still complete up to a total of 8 units in these by using the adjunct studies.

Specifically in the case of Psychology, it is (for instance) quite possible to complete an 8-unit study in English and a 6-unit study in Psychology (the 8+6 model). It would also be possible to complete a 6-unit study in English, a 4-unit study in Psychology and RE accreditation. What is not possible is an 8-unit sequence in Psychology, a 4-unit study in English and RE accreditation.

# These are teaching areas in these states; refer to page 2.

∞ These are teaching areas in these states, but ACU does not offer the CPA units, and so are not available as ‘teaching areas’ as listed on page 2, and need to be studied as an add-on teaching area, not one of the main two.