

# BTeach/BArts Frequently Asked Questions

## **Where can I find information on what units are offered?**

Units on offer may change from year to year, so always consult the most recent documents. There is a section in the main page called Unit Selection. This section has documents that provide information on the Arts majors, minors and elective units, Arts international study units, Education Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment (CPA) units and the Education electives on offer.

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## **I would like to change my major or minor, is that possible?**

Yes, it is possible. Depending on where you are in your degree this may extend your degree and may have financial implications. Please contact your Course Coordinator to discuss your options.

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## **Is there a set major for the Humanities degree?**

No, students choose the major and minor in this degree from the approved list.

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## **What happens if I want to do a major that is not listed for the degree I am enrolled in?**

You may only take a major that is designated for the degree you are in. If you wish to change to another major only available in a different Bachelor of Teaching degree you will need to apply for an internal course transfer.

Some specialist teaching areas require a major so ensure that you choose the right specialisation for the major you require. (For example, students in Victoria who want to be Business or Music teachers must enrol in the Humanities specialisation whereas those who want to be Visual Arts teachers must enrol in the Visual Arts specialisation.)

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## **How does the change in the name of the major from Literature to English affect me if I am already studying Literature?**

Students who started prior to 2020 may choose to have either English or Literature on their transcript as their major. You can update the name of your major using Student Connect. Students who start in 2020 or later will all use English as the name of their major.

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## **What is the difference between Study of Religions and Theological Studies?**

Study of Religions is the nationally accredited specialist teaching area. It includes studies of different religions (including Christianity). The Study of Religions minor +2 sequence also includes the three units recommended by relevant Catholic Education Offices THBS100, THCT100, THCT202.

Theological Studies focusses specifically on Christian theology and includes the three units recommended by relevant Catholic Education Offices. It does not include units on other religions. Theological Studies is only available in Melbourne and Brisbane and leads to teaching in Religious Education.

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**What is the difference between a minor and minor+2? How do I know which I will take?**

All students will take one 8 unit major that includes 2 units at third year level. Students will then take a minor (4 units). Some minor areas must be extended with two elective units in particular areas to broaden discipline expertise across varying curricula.

The Arts Unit Listing (for majors, minors and electives) contains information on which minors need to be extended or where it is recommended that you extend a minor in the information for BTBA students. If you are doing a minor that does not have compulsory units to extend it, you may choose to extend the major or minor to increase your expertise in a particular area, or you may choose to use your electives to take units in different subject areas from any Arts/ Humanities disciplines are in the unit list and relevant to the BTBA.

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**How do I include a qualification to teach Religious Education (RE) in my program of study?**

Within the BT/BA degree, students may train for two specialist teaching areas, one of which may be Religious Education (depending upon your jurisdiction – see your Course Coordinator for more information). Students who wish to add Religious Education as a third teaching area to teach RE in Catholic and non-Catholic schools may apply to undertake a Graduate Certificate in Religious Education (4 units) that may be undertaken at the end of the degree (end of fourth year) as a separate study option.