

Bachelor of Education (Secondary) / Bachelor of Exercise Science

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Course Overview

This is the double degree program. The alternative single degree program is also available. The first year of both programs is nearly identical; a decision to transfer to the double degree can be made during the first year, with an application for course transfer to take effect ahead of the second year.

Advantages of the double degrees (i.e., this program) include: more units in Exercise Science, and for NSW students the ability to have a second teaching area. In contrast, the single degree is a shorter program completed over 4 years.

Course Structure

As defined by the [course rules](#), the program construction related to teaching areas is

A 10-unit study in Exercise Science: First teaching area

A minor (4-unit study): Second teaching area

A further 2 units in Exercise Science

Two education electives

- EDHE299 (Health Education) is normally studied as one of these
- EDES300 (Comparative Education) is usually studied as the second in Victoria and Queensland, and EDFD454 (Literacy and Numeracy) must be studied in NSW.

This allows for the following program constructions:

- In NSW, all 12 Exercise Science units are required to meet the basic requirements for PDHPE teaching, and a 4-unit sequence in another teaching area is also included.
- In Victoria, the basic sequence can be extended by two units to meet the requirements for Health, to which another 4-unit sequence is added, which could be another teaching area, studies in adjunct areas, or enhancement studies in Exercise Science.

Working in Catholic Schools, and Religious Education

Students seeking to **teach Religious Education in Catholic School** would study a Theological Studies minor.

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

Students seeking to teach the senior secondary “Study of Religions” [NSW, Qld] or “Religious Education” [Vic, ACT] subject should study that particular sequence. This would include studies *towards* Accreditation to Teach RE in Catholic Schools, but would not cover all units.

Victorian students studying PE and Health

As the disciplinary studies for Health in Victoria are met by only two units in addition to the core group of 10 Exercise Science units, this gives some additional flexibility for ‘four other units’. This could be:

- The units required for accreditation to teach Religious Education in Catholic Schools^{4,1}
- Units to extend your knowledge in Exercise Science or Health
- One of the above discipline areas
- One of the following, which are not directly teaching areas, but would be a valuable complement teaching: Legal Studies, Philosophy, Sociology or Youth Work. Refer to Table 2.

¹ Victorian students who complete this 5-unit sequence do *not* also need to study EDRE429.

Available Teaching Areas

In addition to [Exercise Science](#), one teaching area must be studied from one of the sequences listed below. The teaching areas available within this program are shown on Table 1 (pp. 3-5). Click on the link in the first columns of this table to see further information about completing this sequence, including available units. You will notice that the teaching area does not necessarily have the same 'name' as the ACU major/minor (e.g., studies in Sociology lead to a teaching area of 'Society and Culture').

Table 1 also indicates the school subjects you might reasonably be expected to focus on in your teaching placements. For instance, Politics teachers may reasonably expect to teach any Humanities in junior secondary, and indeed there may only be limited opportunities to teach senior Politics classes during your course. Some further information about this is provided on page 6.

Disclaimer: There are various lists which describe the various majors and minor available at ACU campuses. That does not mean that that any/all are available in [this course](#). This course is defined by teaching areas, which vary from state to state. Table 1, as a re-presentation of the [course rules](#), is the accurate and complete description of what is available in this course.

Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment (CPA) units for each teaching area are also presented in Table 1. These, and the colour coding, are explained further on page 7.

Table 1: Available Teaching Areas

Click on the Discipline to see further information about completing this sequence, including available units. *First year students who are “scanning” the list to investigate which teaching areas are available do not need to be concerned with the “CPA Units”.*

Discipline	Brisbane	Melbourne	Strathfield	CPA Units <small>The colour coding describes the availability in 2022 – refer key below</small>	Teaching placement might reasonably include areas such as
Archaeology ²	Available	Available	Available ⁵	Sem2: EDHI299 (B, M,S) PT2: EDHI399 (O,B,M,S) ²	Any History 7-12; any Humanities/HSIE subject 7-9 (NSW: senior secondary Ancient History)
Biology	Available	Available	<i>Not available as a teaching area at Strathfield</i>	Sem2: EDSI299 (O) PT2: EDBI399 (O,M,S)	Biology 10-12; any Science 7-10
Business Studies	Available	Available	Available	Sem2: EDCB299 (O) PT2: EDBU399 (O,B,M) ³	Business Studies 11-12; any Commerce 7-10; any Humanities 7-9
Chemistry	Available	Available	Available	Sem2: EDSI299 (O) PT2: EDCH399 (O)	Chemistry 10-12; any Science 7-10
Digital Technologies	<i>Not available as a teaching area at Brisbane</i>	<i>Not available as a teaching area at Melbourne</i>	Available	Sem2: EDIT299 (S) PT2: EDIT399 (S)	Any ICT, DT or multimedia class but not Media Studies or Visual Art
Drama	Available	Available	Available	Sem2: EDDR299 (O) PT2: EDDR399 (O,M)	Any Drama or Theatre Studies
Economics	Available ⁴	Available ⁴	Available ⁴	Sem2: EDCB299 (O) PT2: EDEO399 (O) ²	Economics 11-12; any Commerce 7-10; any Humanities 7-9

² A study in Archaeology, within the [Ancient Israel program](#), will lead to a teaching area of History (in NSW, ‘Ancient History’)

³ EDSS299 should be studied as an elective if there is space in the program to do so. Students in Victoria and Queensland should discuss the option of replacing EDES300 with this unit, and students in NSW should discuss with the co-ordinator whether the unit is necessary for teacher registration.

⁴ Possibly only available online.

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English	Available	Available	Available	Sem2: EDEN299 (O,B,M,S) PT2: EDEN399 (O,B,M,S)	Any English, Literature or ESL/TESOL/EAL
Geography, Environment and Society	Available	Available	Available	Sem2: EDSS299 (O) PT2: EDGE399 (O) ²	Any Geography 7-12; any Humanities subject 7-9
Health ⁷	<i>Not available as a separate teaching area at Brisbane</i>	Available	<i>Not available as a separate teaching area at Strathfield</i>	Sem2: EDHE299 (B,M,S) PT2: EDHE399 (O,M)	Any Health (but not PE)
History	Available	Available	<i>Not available as a teaching area at Strathfield</i>	Sem2: EDHI299 (B,M,S) PT2: EDHI399 (O,B,M,S) ²	Any History 7-12; any Humanities subject 7-9
Ancient History	<i>Not available as a teaching area at Brisbane</i>	<i>Not available as a teaching area at Melbourne</i>	Available ⁵	Sem2: EDHI299 (B,M,S) PT2: EDHI397 (O,M,B,S) ²	Any History 7-10; any Humanities subject 7-9 senior secondary Ancient History
Modern History	<i>Not available as a teaching area at Brisbane</i>	<i>Not available as a teaching area at Melbourne</i>	Available ⁵	Sem2: EDHI299 (B,M,S) PT2: EDHI398 (O,M,B,S) ²	Any History 7-10; any Humanities subject 7-9 senior secondary Modern History
Mathematics ⁶	Available ⁴	Available	Available	Sem2: EDMA299 (O) PT2: EDMA399 (O,M,S)	Any Mathematics
Music	Available	Available	<i>Not available as a teaching area at Strathfield</i>	Sem1: EDMU299 (O) PT2: EDMU399 (O)	Any classroom music
Politics and International Relations	<i>Not available as a teaching area at Brisbane</i>	Available	<i>Not available as a teaching area at Strathfield</i>	Sem2: EDSS299 (O) PT2: EDPI399 (O)	Politics 11-12; any Humanities subject 7-9
Psychology	Available	Available	<i>Not available as a teaching area at Strathfield</i>	Sem2: EDSS299 (O) PT2: EDPS399 (O,M)	Any 10-12 Psychology class

⁵ Ancient History (NSW teaching area only) requires 1 unit of Modern History; Modern History (NSW teaching area only) requires 1 unit of Ancient History. Refer to the details in the [Arts Unit Listing](#) and the [Information for History Students in NSW](#)

⁶ **Students wishing to study Maths as a teaching should have completed specialist maths in Year 12 or relevant bridging course.** It is not a formal pre-requisite or admission requirement, but students without an adequate mathematics background will find themselves disadvantaged when it comes to studying this subject in the complexity and pace required at university level.

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Sociology	Not available as a teaching area at Brisbane	Not available as a teaching area at Melbourne	Available	Sem2: EDSS299 (O) PT2: EDSO399 (O)	Society & Culture 11-12; any HSIE subject 7-9
Study of Religions ^{7,8,9}	Available	Not available as a teaching area at Melbourne	Available	Sem2: EDRE299 (O) PT2: EDRE399 (O) Sem2: EDHI299 (NSW) (S)	Any Studies of Religion or Religious Education class or any HSIE class 7-10
Theological Studies ^{8,9}	Available	Available	Not available as a teaching area at Strathfield	Sem2: EDRE299 (O) PT2: EDRE399 (O)	Any Religious Education or Studies of Religion class
Visual Arts	Available	Available	Available	Sem2: EDAR299 (O) PT1: EDAR399 (O,M,S)	Any Visual Arts in junior secondary years (e.g., painting, drawing, textiles, graphics, photography, media arts, etc). Arts in your field of specialisation in senior secondary years.

⁷ The ACU major/minor is called “Study of Religions” whereas the Queensland QCE study is “Study of Religion” and the NSW HSC study is “Studies of Religion”.

⁸ To meet the requirements for teaching Studies of Religion in NSW schools, **students must study the unit** EDHI299 (History CPA) in addition to EDRE299 and EDRE399, with EDFD454 a required elective in NSW (and so such students would *not* study EDES300 Comparative Education).

⁹ 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 EDRE299 and EDRE399 are the CPA units corresponding to either the first or second sequence. Victorian students who meet those accreditation requirements do not also need to study EDRE429.

Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment (CPA) Units

Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment (CPA) units are the “method of teaching” units in the terminology of an earlier era in teaching. They help build an understanding of the curriculum (‘the what’), the pedagogy (‘the how’) and assessment in the approved teaching areas. There are two CPA units for every teaching area: one CPA unit focusses predominantly on the junior levels of secondary school, and the other focusses on the corresponding subject’s senior levels. In some cases, a third unit is also advised. Table 1 lists which CPA units correspond to each teaching area. You will notice that the teaching area does not necessarily have the same ‘name’ as the ACU major/minor (e.g., studies in sociology lead to a teaching area of ‘society and culture’).

For instance, if you study a teaching area of mathematics, then your CPA studies would be mathematics for junior secondary and mathematics for senior secondary. If politics is studied, then your CPA studies would be Humanities for junior secondary and politics for senior secondary, as politics per se is not taught at junior secondary levels. Furthermore, politics is an example of a teaching area which is not recognised in all states.

The coding structure for the units is intended to be helpful. The junior secondary unit will always be coded EDXX299, where the XX is the subject – EN for English, MA for maths, GE for Geography, etc. The senior secondary units are coded EDXX399. The EDXX299 will be available in semester 2, and the EDXX399 units in Professional Term 2 (i.e., first half of the year).

Teaching placement is included in the ‘Effective Teaching’ units (with the unit code ‘EDET’), throughout your course, and the CPA units need to be sequenced to work in conjunction with these. The usual sequence is:

1. Effective Teaching 1 (incl first placement)
2. Effective Teaching 2 (incl second placement) at the same time as junior secondary CPA (EDXX299) for your main teaching area (major)
3. Senior secondary CPA for your major (EDXX399)
4. Effective Teaching 3 (incl third placement)
5. Junior secondary CPA for your other teaching area (EDXY299)
6. Senior secondary CPA for your other teaching area (EDXX399)
7. Effective Teaching 5 & 6 (incl final placement, which is split across these two units)

It follows that it is **not vital** for your **first** teaching placement to be in your **exact teaching area**, because this deliberately occurs prior to your CPA study. The Placement Office will work on arranging the best possible placement for you. On any of the early placements you will *not* have encountered *everything* that your course will provide about your teaching areas: it is quite deliberately an incremental progression, not a front-loading.

Availability of the CPA units:

For the CPA units which correspond to each teaching area, the EDXX299 will be available in semester 2, and the EDXX399 units in Professional Term 2 (i.e., first half of the year) of the following year.

You will study:

- The CPA units for Exercise Science in Semester 2 of Year 2, and the first half of year 3
- The CPA units for your **other** teaching area in Semester 2 of Year 3, and the first half of year 4.

Table 2: Adjunct Studies

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

- The units required for accreditation to teach Religious Education in Catholic Schools.¹⁰ The arrangements are provided in detail in a separate document.
- Units to extend your knowledge in one or both of your teaching areas.
- Another of the teaching areas listed in Table 1.
- One of the areas from Table 2 (below), which are not directly teaching areas, but would be a valuable complement to two other teaching areas.

Discipline	Blacktown	Brisbane	Canberra	Melbourne	Strathfield
Accounting	Relevant units not taught at Blacktown	∞	Relevant units not taught at Canberra	∞	✓
General Science	Relevant units not taught at Blacktown	✓	Relevant units not taught at Canberra	✓	Relevant units not taught at Strathfield
Graphic Design	✓	Relevant units not taught at Brisbane	Relevant units not taught at Canberra	✓	✓
Legal Studies (units in law) ¹¹	Relevant units not taught at Blacktown	∞	Relevant units not taught at Canberra	∞	∞
Philosophy	Relevant units not taught at Blacktown	✓	Relevant units not taught at Canberra	∞	✓
Politics & Int. Rels	✓	✓	✓	#	✓
Psychology	✓	#	✓	#	✓
Speech Pathology ¹²	Relevant units not taught at Blacktown	✓	Relevant units not taught at Canberra	✓	Relevant units not taught at Strathfield
Sociology	✓	✓	✓	∞	#
Youth Work	Relevant units not taught at Blacktown	Relevant units not taught at Brisbane	Relevant units not taught at Canberra	✓	Relevant units not taught at Strathfield

§ From pages 3-7, main/first teaching areas are NOT available for Economics, Psychology, Politics, Sociology and Health. This is because of the limited employment opportunities for students who have a 6 (or more) units in this field but only 4 units of study in another. When these five teaching areas are involved, the main/first teaching area must be in a different discipline, but students can still complete up to a total of 8 units in these areas by using the adjunct studies.

Specifically in the case of Psychology, it is (for instance) 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 (the 6+4+4 model). In this example, what is not possible is a 6-unit sequence in Psychology, a 4-unit study in English and RE accreditation.

These are teaching areas in some states, not others; refer to pages 3-7.

∞ These are teaching areas in these states, but ACU does not offer the corresponding CPA units. As such, they are not available as ‘teaching areas’ and need to be studied as an add-on (not one of the main two areas).

¹⁰ The units required for accreditation to teach Religious Education in Catholic schools are THBS100, THCT100, THCT202, EDRE299, EDRE399. (EDRE270 and EDRE471 are former codes for EDRE299 and EDRE399.)

As detailed elsewhere, students seeking RE accreditation as a third area (adjunct study) would *not study EDES300* (Comparative Education) in order to have space in their program for the essential five units. Because of the need to study EDFD454 in NSW, it is not possible for NSW to complete all five units as an adjunct study. Therefore, **NSW students seeking RE accreditation should include SoR as either a first or second teaching area.**

¹¹ Relevant units for Legal Studies as an adjunct study are LAWS104 and three other units, ensuring that pre-requisites are met.

¹² Relevant units for Speech Pathology as an adjunct study would be SPHY103, SPHY100, SPHY204 and one other, ensuring that the pre-requisites are met.