



**The
brightest
minds**

**exploring
the biggest
questions.**

ACU living and learning communities

While this course is offered at our North Sydney Campus, we encourage applications from all across Australia. With the support of a Ramsay Centre scholarship, you may wish to consider staying at our student accommodation in Sydney, the Miguel Cordero Residence (MCR).

MCR is located in Camperdown in Sydney's inner west – the vibrant cultural hub of the city. The modern residence is comprised of single occupancy and premium studios as well as private rooms in multi-share apartments. Common areas include the library, games and media rooms, barbecue terrace and private study rooms.

Sitting opposite the picturesque Camperdown Oval, MCR provides access to sporting fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, and an outdoor gym. Within walking distance to Newtown, there are plenty of cafes, restaurants and shops to explore. MCR has easy access to public transport to reach the campus and the best that Sydney has to offer.

More than just a place to stay, MCR is a community for students to gain the support they need to reach their goals, meet new people and excel in their studies.

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studentaccommodation](http://acu.edu.au/studentaccommodation)

Learn more
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We're here to help

If you've got a question, our AskACU team has you covered. You can search FAQs, text us, email, live chat, call – whatever works for you.

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**Bachelor of
Arts (Western
Civilisation)**

**Bachelor of
Arts (Honours)
(Western
Civilisation)**

**Bachelor of
Arts (Western
Civilisation)/
Bachelor of
Laws**

**Bachelor of
Arts (Western
Civilisation)/
Master of
Teaching
(Secondary)**

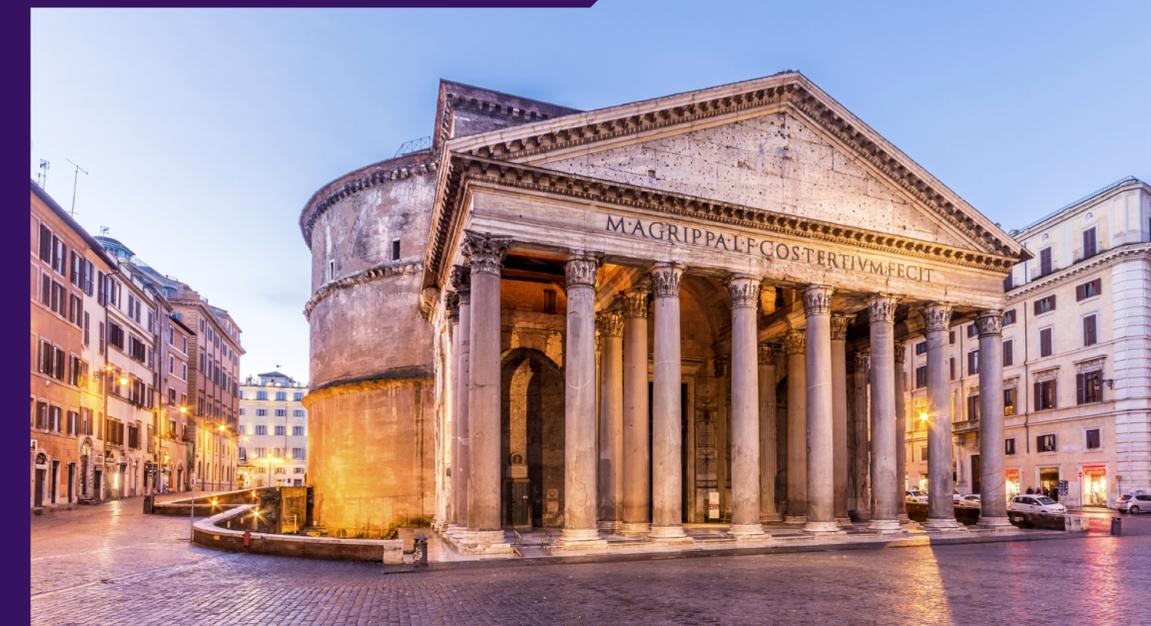
ACU's Western Civilisation suite of programs offer exciting opportunities to explore the intellectual tradition and culture of the West.

These liberal arts degrees will give ambitious students a broad understanding of western literature, philosophy, art, politics, religion, science and history, and a deep appreciation of the ways in which these traditions (in dialogue with other cultures) have helped to shape the modern world.

As an exceptional and high-achieving student, you will study with an intellectually motivated group of peers dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and academic enquiry. The Ramsay Centre is funding generous scholarships across the duration of your degree.

Applications can be made through UAC or direct to ACU.

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FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND ARTS
**Western Civilisation
Programs**

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Duration:
Single degree:
3 years full-time
Double degree:
4-5 years full-time

Campus:
North Sydney

Mode:
On campus

Cohort:
Domestic students

What you will study

Throughout these degrees you will explore the past, present and future of western intellectual life and culture through immersion in some of the key literary, philosophical, artistic, religious, political and scientific works that have shaped the western intellectual tradition from antiquity to the present.

As you progress through your course, you will develop a deep understanding of the key ideas and principles that have defined – and continue to define – western culture and which have significantly shaped the wider world.

At a time when the ideas of democracy, the rule of law, the scientific method, freedom of speech and religion, and the rights and dignity of the individual, are being called into question, a liberal arts education will immerse you in the serious study of how these hard-won ideas emerged over millennia.

These unique liberal arts degrees are centred on a ‘great books’ approach to the study of western civilisation. You’ll delve into works by Plato and Aristotle; Augustine and Aquinas; Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo; Homer and Shakespeare; Locke and Hume; Dickens and Tolstoy – and you will also explore, critique and debate their enduring influence.



Why study this course

You will study a rich liberal arts degree with some of the brightest students and scholars in Australia. We are committed to a personal learning approach, and the 13 core units will be delivered in small seminars of around 10 students, allowing in-depth, guided discussion.

You will develop skills greatly valued by contemporary employers across a range of professions: clear communication, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and problem-solving – skills that will allow you to navigate the complexities of the modern world, and to make your own contributions to our common future.



Scholarships available

The Ramsay Centre is funding generous scholarships to support students enrolled at the North Sydney Campus in:

- Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation)
- Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation)/ Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation) Honors
- Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation)/ Master of Teaching (Secondary).

It includes funding for an optional international study experience, and an early payment to help offset start-up costs such as relocation and accommodation.

Scholarships are granted based on academic merit and alignment with Ramsay attributes – such as leadership qualities, commitment to enrichment of society, and critical habit of mind – and ACU’s mission and focus – such as commitment to the dignity of the human person and the common good.

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Why study with us?

At ACU we provide an education that integrates faith and reason in the pursuit of knowledge, the dignity of the human person and the common good.

An education at ACU has the power to transform. You will be challenged to look beyond the classroom and contribute to your communities. You will be asked to tackle real world problems and look critically into the ethical dilemmas of your profession. You will be asked to stand up for people in need and causes that matter.

We’re a young university, but we are making our mark. We are ranked in the top two per cent of universities worldwide*, and in the top 10 Catholic universities**.

* Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022. Percentage calculated as ACU’s world rank as a proportion of the total number of universities in the world: *International Handbook of Universities 2019*, Palgrave MacMillan.

** International Federation of Catholic Universities members ranked on *Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023*



Career outcomes

The Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation) provides you with rigorous training in a range of skills that are immediately transferable to the contemporary workforce. Career outcomes are diverse and include research and policy work for government and NGOs, publishing and editing, work with arts and cultural organisations, and careers as university scholars.

If you choose to combine the Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation) with a Bachelor of Laws, you will gain the skills to address complex legal issues with an ethical, professional and reflective approach.

If you choose to combine your degree with a Master of Teaching (Secondary) you will be eligible for registration as a secondary school teacher in government, independent, Catholic, and other faith-based schools.



How to apply

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