

Becoming a Classroom Teacher

ACU's Arts degrees provide you with the opportunity to study a wide range of disciplines that can help you to become a classroom teacher in an Early Childhood, Primary or Secondary setting.

Students who wish to complete their undergraduate arts degree then pursue a Master of Teaching (Secondary)

Secondary teachers require 2 teaching areas in order to meet entry requirements for the Master of Teaching (Secondary) at ACU. This means that students must select at least one of their Arts Majors from a wide list of subjects that are used in the school curriculum. They should also complete at least a Minor in another approved teaching discipline. So, students should choose a Major and a Minor that is available in the degree you are currently enrolled in. These subject areas include:

- English/Literature
- Mathematics
- Healthy Development (for teachers of Health and Human Development in Victoria)
- Religious Education or Theological Studies
- Business Studies, Accounting or Economics
- Any Humanities (History, Geography, Politics and International Relations, Sociology, etc)
- Any Creative Arts (Visual Arts, Music, Drama, Media, etc)

These subject areas can be used to gain entry to a postgraduate teaching degree in Secondary teaching as they will each help you gain a comprehensive understanding of the curriculum of any school setting. Consultation with your Course Coordinator is advisable.

Students who wish to complete their undergraduate arts degree then pursue a Master of Teaching (Primary) or Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary)

Prospective Primary and Early Childhood teachers must successfully complete a Bachelor degree with subject content studies equivalent to one-year full-time study in one or more learning areas of the primary school curriculum which includes subject content studies equivalent to one quarter of a year in a selected subject specialisation.

Use the above list of subject areas as a guide to help you to gain entry to a postgraduate teaching degree in Early Childhood and Primary teaching as they will each help you gain a comprehensive understanding of the curriculum of any school setting. Consultation with your Course Coordinator is advisable.

Students seeking to complete an undergraduate arts degree, then the Master of Teaching (Secondary)

It is important that you choose two subject areas (two majors or one major and one minor) that both contribute to the high school curriculum. Qualifying with two teaching areas will maximize your employment opportunities as a teacher.

Not all teaching areas are available in all states. It is important that you compare the majors and minors available in your undergraduate degree with teaching areas available in the Master of Teaching (Secondary) in your state. Note that some states require a major in a teaching area, for example, Music in Victoria; Visual Arts in NSW or Victoria. Consult the page below for a summary of this.

Available Secondary Teaching Areas in MTeach (Secondary)

A Bachelor of Arts degree at ACU provides the major and minor required to study a Master of Teaching (Secondary). To be eligible to teach at secondary schools, students must complete their Bachelor's degree with a major and a minor in two teaching areas before commencing the Master of Teaching (Secondary). Students with extended studies in a discipline may be eligible to teach that discipline as an extended (or double) teaching method.

The list below shows which teaching areas are offered in each state as well as those available as extended/double methods.

Available = red text indicates that undergraduate study must be the equivalent of a major or be an extended method as per the New South Wales Education Standards Authority.

Teaching Area	Brisbane	Canberra	Melbourne	Strathfield
Accounting	Available	Available	Available	
Ancient History (must include one unit of medieval or modern history)				Available
Ancient History Double Method (must include one unit of medieval or modern history)				Available
Business Studies	Available	Available	Available	Available
Design and Technology				Available
Design and Technology Double Method				Available
Drama	Available	Available	Available	Available
Drama Double Method	Available	Available	Available	Available
Economics	Available	Available	Available	Available
English/Literature	Available	Available	Available	Available
English/Literature Double Method	Available	Available	Available	Available
Geography	Available	Available	Available	Available
Geography Double Method	Available	Available	Available	Available
History	Available	Available	Available	See Modern

Teaching Area	Brisbane	Canberra	Melbourne	Strathfield
				or Ancient History
History Double Method	Available	Available	Available	See Modern or Ancient History
Health Education			Available	
Info/Comm/Technology	Available	Available	Available	Available
Info/Comm/Tech Double Method	Available	Available	Available	Available
Legal Studies	Available	Available	Available	Available
LOTE (Language other than English)	Available	Available	Available	Available
LOTE Double Method (must have two different languages)	Available	Available	Available	Available
Mathematics	Available	Available	Available	Available
Mathematics Double Method	Available	Available	Available	Available
Media	Available		Available	
Modern History (must include one unit of medieval or ancient history)				Available
Modern History Double Method (must include one unit of medieval or ancient history)				Available
Music	Available	Available	Available	Available
Music Double Method	Available	Available	Available	Available
Outdoor Education			Available	
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)				Available
Physical Education	Available	Available	Available	
Physical Education Double Method	Available	Available	Available	
Politics and International Relations		Available	Available	
Psychology	Available		Available	
Religious Education			Available	

Teaching Area	Brisbane	Canberra	Melbourne	Strathfield
Religious Education Double Method			Available	
Society and Culture				Available
Studies of Religion	Available	Available		Available
TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)			Available	
Visual Arts	Available	Available	Available	Available
Visual Arts Double Method	Available	Available	Available	Available

Students who wish to transfer from an undergraduate arts degree to an undergraduate teaching degree

Please view the ACU site on [Pathways to Teaching](#).

The Bachelor of Arts is not a pathway for transfer into undergraduate Education degrees. If you transfer you will need to start at the first year of the Bachelor of Education or Bachelor of Education/Secondary degree. If you have chosen a major and minor that matches a teaching area available in either degree you can submit a CR form to be assessed for credit to be applied to those units. You should also seek individual advice from the advisors of your future teaching degree to ensure you are on the right path to transfer. You may not take Education or Exercise Science units in the Bachelor of Arts even if you are preparing to transfer.

Please contact the team located on your campus for inquiries about your teaching degree:

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