

2024 Unit Selection Information Melbourne and Strathfield

1. Selection of a Minor

1.1. Selection of a Study Area or Discipline (Commencing students only)

As part of your course, you need to complete a Minor. A Minor is a total of 4 units (40cp) from prescribed units in one discipline or approved interdisciplinary area within one Study Area. Normally this will mean at least 10cp at an introductory level (i.e. XXXX1xx), at least 20cp at advanced level (i.e. XXXX2xx or XXXX3xx) and 10cp at any level.

The four Minor units can be selected from a wide range of study areas - other than Psychology - available at ACU. The Minors you can choose from are listed in Table 1 below. Should you require further advice on choosing an appropriate discipline for your Minor units, please contact your Course Coordinator.

Table 1: Minors

Discipline	Melbourne	Strathfield	Details
2024 Arts, Business, Philosophy and Theology Minors			
Business Studies	minor	minor	<p style="text-align: center;">2024 Arts, Business, Philosophy or Theology Minors</p> <p>See 'Arts Unit Offerings 2024' list under the 'Unit Offerings' tab in your Course Enrolment Guide for further details.</p>
Communication	minor	minor	
(Creative Writing *Continuing Students only*)	minor	minor	
Digital Technologies (Computing)		minor	
Drama	minor	minor	
Economics	minor	minor	
English (formerly called 'Literature')	minor	minor	
Geography, Environment and Society	minor	minor	
Graphic Design	minor	minor	
Healthy Development	minor		
History	minor	minor	
International Development Studies	minor		
Mathematics ¹	minor	minor	
(Media *Continuing Students only*)	minor		
Music	minor		
Philosophy	minor	minor	
Politics and International Relations	minor	minor	
Sociology	minor	minor	
Study of Religions	minor	minor	
Theological Studies	minor	minor	
Visual Arts	minor	minor	
Youth Work	Minor		
2024 Health Sciences Minors			
Counselling (COUN)	minor	minor	<p style="text-align: center;">2024 Health Sciences Minors</p> <p>See Table 2 below for further details.</p>
Criminology (CRMN)	minor	minor	
Exercise Science (Exercise and Nutrition) (EXEN)	minor	minor	
Exercise Science (Physiology and Psychology) (EXPP)	minor	minor	
Human Biology (HBIO)	minor	minor	
(Public Health (PUBH) *Continuing Students only*)	minor		

¹ Please note regarding 'Assumed Knowledge': Students in Victoria need to have completed Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4 at Year 12 level and students in New South Wales need to have completed Mathematics (other than Mathematics General 2) at Year 12 level, if they want to study any mathematics major, minor or elective units.

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1.2. Selection of Units

Once you have chosen a study area, you must select your Minor units.

Your four Minor units must include at least one 10cp unit on the 100-level and at least two 10cp units at an advanced level (200- or 300- level units). Please note that you can only choose units whose pre-requisite requirements you fulfil. Pre-requisites are other units that you must have passed *before* enrolling in the unit and are listed under the unit name in the course map.

Commencing full-time students should select one Minor unit for Semester 1 2024 and one Minor unit for Semester 2 2024 in the study area they have chosen.

Continuing students should continue to complete Minor units consistent with the discipline they have chosen in the previous year; full-time students should select the third unit of the Minor for Semester 1 2024 and the fourth unit for Semester 2 2024.

Please note that if you are interested in any of the **Arts, Business, Philosophy or Theology Minors** listed under *1.1 Selection of a Study Area*, there is a detailed 'Arts Unit Offerings 2024' list under the 'Unit Offerings' tab in your Course Enrolment Guide. This list has specific information on unit availability for 2024.

If you are interested in any of the **Health Sciences Minors** listed under *1.1 Selection of a Study Area*, please refer to the table below for more information on unit availability for 2024.

Table 2: Minors in Health Sciences disciplines – 2024 Unit Offerings

Discipline	Unit Code	Unit Title	Year Level	Melbourne	Strathfield	Pre-requisites
Counselling - COUN	HLSC120	Indigenous Health and Culture	1 st year	Sem 1	Sem 1	Nil
	COUN111	Contemporary Approaches to Counselling	1 st year	Sem 2	Sem 2	Nil
	COUN230	Applied Counselling Skills and Case Management	2 nd year	(2025)	(2025)	COUN111 & PSYC108
	COUN231	Ethical and Professional Practice in Counselling	2 nd year	(2025)	(2025)	COUN111 or PSYC108
Criminology - CRMN	LCRM101*	Introduction to Criminology	1 st year	Sem 1	Sem 1*	Nil
	LCRM104*	Juvenile Justice	1 st year	Sem 2	Sem 2*	Nil
	LCRM201*	Introduction to Forensic Psychology and the Law	2 nd year	Sem 1	Sem 1*	LCRM101 or LCRM103
	LCRM207*	Corrections and Rehabilitation of Offenders	2 nd year	Sem 2	Sem 2*	LCRM101
Exercise Science (Exercise and Nutrition) - EXEN	BIOL125	Human Biology 1	1 st year	Sem 1	Sem 1	Nil
	NUTR101	Introduction to Nutrition	1 st year	Sem 2	Sem 2	Nil
	EXSC225	Physiological Bases of Exercise	2 nd year	Sem 1	Sem 1	BIOL125
	EXSC204 OR EXSC216	Exercise Prescription and Delivery OR Resistance Training: Science and Application	2 nd year	Sem 2	Sem 2	For EXSC204: EXSC225 or EXSC198 For EXSC216: EXSC225
Exercise Science (Physiology and Psychology) - EXPP	EXSC199	Psychology of Sport	1 st year	Sem 1	Sem 1	Nil
	BIOL125	Human Biology 1	1 st year	Sem 2	Sem 2	Nil
	EXSC225	Physiological Bases of Exercise	2 nd year	Sem 1	Sem 1	BIOL125
	EXSC296	Health and Exercise Psychology	2 nd year	Sem 2	Sem 2	EXSC199 or (PSYC100 & PSYC101)

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Human Biology - HBIO **Semester 1 Entry Students ONLY**	BIOL125	Human Biology 1	1 st year	Sem 1	Sem 1	Nil
	BIOL126*	Human Biology 2	1 st year	Sem 2	Sem 2*	BIOL125
	BMSC209*	Pathophysiology	2 nd year	Sem 1	Sem 1*	BIOL126 or BIOL204
	BIOL205* OR BMSC206*	Pharmacology 1 OR Introduction to Neuroscience	2 nd year	Sem 2	Sem 2*	For BIOL205: BMSC209 For BMSC206: BIOL125
Human Biology **Semester 2 Entry Students ONLY**	BIOL125	Human Biology 1	1 st year	Sem 2	Sem 2	Nil
	BIOL123*	Cells and Tissues – The Fabric of Life	1 st year	Sem 1	Sem 1*	Nil
	BMSC206*	Introduction to Neuroscience	2 nd year	Sem 2	Sem 2*	BIOL125
	BIOL206* Or BMSC309 (Online)	Human Genetics Advanced Cardiovascular Physiology	2 nd year	Sem 1	Sem 1*	For BIOL206: BIOL123 or BIOL125 For BMSC309: BIOL125
Public Health – PUBH **Continuing Students ONLY**	PUBH100	Foundations of Public Health	1 st year		n/a	Nil
	PUBH102	Foundations of Health Promotion	1 st year		n/a	Nil
	PUBH306	Public Health Policy and Law	2 nd year	Sem 1	n/a	PUBH100 or PUBH102
	PUBH312	Applied Health Promotion	2 nd year	Sem 2	n/a	PUBH102

***Note for Strathfield students:** Units with an asterisk are only offered on the North Sydney campus, not on the Strathfield campus. You could only undertake this Minor if you were willing to travel between campuses.

2. Selection of Elective Units

In semester two of the **second or third year** of your studies there are two elective positions in your course. You may do:

- one psychology elective and one general elective, or
- two psychology electives.

You cannot do two general electives, as it is required that you complete at least one psychology elective (as per the Completion Requirements in the course rules).

2.1 General Elective

The General Elective Unit can be selected from any of the units included in the Arts unit listing (*see the relevant list under the 'Unit Offerings' tab on your Course Enrolment Guide*), or any of the minor units listed for Health Sciences in the table above, as long as it is available at your campus.

Please note that you can only choose a unit as your General Elective whose pre-requisite requirements you fulfil. Pre-requisites are other units that you must have passed *before* enrolling in the unit.

Please refer to the [2024 ACU Handbook](#) to review the unit description of units that interest you, so you can find out more about their content and aim. Please follow the link to the Handbook, select 'Unit' above the search bar and then enter the unit code of a unit that you would like to learn more about. Should you require further advice on choosing an appropriate General Elective Unit, please contact your Course Coordinator.

Please note that unit availability and study modes are subject to change.

2.2 Psychology Elective Unit

Students must complete at least one Psychology Elective Unit in either the **second or third year** of their studies.

Please refer to the list in Table 3 below to find a suitable Psychology Elective Unit on your campus.

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Table 3: Psychology Electives 2024

Unit Code	Unit Title	Location/s	Study Period	Mode	Pre-requisites
PSYC208	Organisational Psychology	Melbourne, Strathfield	Semester 2	On Campus (C)	PSYC100 and PSYC101
PSYC223 <i>(previously PSYC319)</i>	Psychology of Sexuality and Gender	Melbourne, Strathfield	Semester 2	On Campus (C)	PSYC100 and PSYC101
PSYC322	Critical Thinking and Research Skills for Psychology	Melbourne, Strathfield	Semester 2	On Campus (C)	PSYC206 and PSYC213 or PSYC214
PSYC225* <i>(previously PSYC109)</i>	Applied Positive Psychology	Rome	TBC – International Trimester 3	Rome (SRM)	Nil

* **PSYC225 is offered in Rome as part of ACU's Semester in Rome (ACUSiR) program. Click [here](#) for more information.**