Overview

The Bachelor of Arts (UNSW BA) is designed to provide you with all the benefits of an education in the Humanities, Social Sciences and the Creative and Performing Arts. The degree is flexible so that you can structure it around your skills, interests and career aspirations. The program has both breadth, allowing you to try out and explore different areas of interest, and depth, allowing you to focus in detail on two areas of specialisation. The UNSW BA can be completed full time in Single mode (normally 3 years), in Dual Mode (the equivalent of two years full time) or part time. Dual Mode can only be taken in conjunction with enrolment in another degree.

If you study in either the single or dual mode, you will complete:

1. a home major of 60 UOC (ten courses) selected from the list of UNSW BA approved home major specialisations;
2. a minor specialisation of 24 UOC (four courses) selected from the list of UNSW BA approved home and external major specialisations or dedicated minor specialisations;
3. 12 UOC Prescribed Electives (two courses) of any other courses offered from within UNSW Arts and Social Sciences.

If you study in single mode, you will also complete:

1. an additional 12 UOC (two courses) of UNSW Arts and Social Sciences Prescribed Electives;
2. 24 UOC of Free Electives (four courses) which can be taken within or outside of UNSW Arts and Social Sciences;
3. 12 UOC of General Education (two courses) which must be taken outside of UNSW Arts and Social Sciences.

You can use your elective and General Education courses to upgrade your minor to another full major specialisation in the single degree and graduate with a double
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Learning Outcomes

1. Articulate disciplinary theories and practices, and integrate them with cross-disciplinary concerns and connections.
   - Scholars

2. Articulate a broad and coherent body of knowledge about foundational aspects of society, culture and/or the arts from local, national and international perspectives.
   - Scholars  Global Citizens

3. Undertake rigorous and engaged scholarly enquiry and analysis
   - Professionals  Scholars

4. Collaborate effectively with others.
   - Professionals  Leaders

5. Communicate and debate complex ideas in a range of different contexts using a variety of suitable media
   - Leaders  Professionals  Scholars

6. Exhibit initiative and self-direction
   - Leaders  Professionals

7. Critically and creatively employ disciplinary bodies of knowledge and appraise disciplinary perspectives in professional practice and/or scholarship.
   - Professionals  Scholars

8. Justify a position in relation to foundational aspects of society, culture and/or the arts
   - Scholars  Global Citizens  Professionals

9. Engage proactively with complex problems in professional practice and/or scholarship.
   - Scholars  Professionals

10. Continuously acquire knowledge and skills and reflect on existing knowledge and skills for personal and career fulfilment.
    - Professionals  Scholars  Leaders

11. Act ethically, respectfully and responsibly
    - Global Citizens  Scholars  Professionals

Graduate Capabilities:
For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Program Structure

Students must complete 144 UOC as a standalone program.

1. A home major specialisation (60 UOC)
2. At least a minor specialisation (24 UOC)*
3. Arts and Social Sciences Prescribed Electives (24 UOC)
4. Free Electives (24 UOC)
5. General Education (12 UOC)

*Some external minors may be greater than 24 UOC

Home Majors and Minors

You are required to complete one Home Major and one Minor in order to graduate.

If you are enrolled in the single degree, you can use your free electives and general education to upgrade your required minor stream to a major stream and graduate with a double major.

This second major stream can be taken from within Arts and Social Sciences or from a list of approved "External Majors" offered in the BA from outside of Arts and Social Sciences.

The General Education requirement is met if you complete an external major or minor (for example, Economics).

Language Studies for Students Commencing in T3

If your language skills are assessed as Level A in Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced or Professional you cannot commence study until Term 1.

MAJOR:

ASIAB1  |  60 UOC
Asian Studies

ATSIC1  |  60 UOC
Indigenous Studies

CHINE1  |  60 UOC
Chinese Studies
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Spanish and Latin American Studies

THSTC1  |  60 UOC
Theatre and Performance Studies

**MINOR:**

ARTSB2  |  24 UOC
Arts and Social Sciences

ASIAB2  |  24 UOC
Asian Studies

ATSIC2  |  24 UOC
Indigenous Studies

AUSTB2  |  24 UOC
Australian Studies

CHINE2  |  24 UOC
Chinese Studies

CHINF2  |  24 UOC
Advanced Chinese Studies

COMDE2  |  24 UOC
Development Studies

CRIMC2  |  24 UOC
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CRWTA2  |  24 UOC
Creative Writing

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- Environmental Humanities
- European Studies
- Film Studies
- French Studies
- Advanced French Studies
- German Studies
- Modern Greek Studies
- History
- Indonesian Studies
- Italian Studies
- Japanese Studies
Optional External Majors and Minors

You may complete one of the following majors or minors.

MAJOR:

**ECONA1 | 60 UOC**  
Economics

**GEOG1 | 60 UOC**  
Geographical Studies

**IBUSA1 | 48 UOC**  
International Business

**MGMTH1 | 48 UOC**  
Human Resource Management

**PSYCD1 | 60 UOC**  
Studies in Psychology

MINOR:

**ARTHB2 | 24 UOC**  
Art History and Theory

**ECONA2 | 30 UOC**  
Economics

**GEOGS2 | 36 UOC**  
Geography

**IBUSA2 | 30 UOC**  
International Business

**MGMTH2 | 30 UOC**  
Human Resource Management
**Arts and Social Sciences Prescribed Electives**

You must complete 24 UOC of any courses offered by UNSW Arts and Social Sciences. Indigenous Studies courses (ATSIxxxx) cannot be studied as Arts and Social Sciences Prescribed Electives.

Any course offered by Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

**Free Electives**

You must complete 24 UOC of the following courses.

Any course

**Academic Writing & Language Enhancement**

ARTS2050 Academic Writing for the Humanities (6 UOC) and HUMS1005 Personalised English Language Enhancement (6 UOC) can be counted as UNSW Arts and Social Sciences Prescribed Electives or Free Electives.

**General Education**

You must complete 12 UOC of any courses offered outside UNSW Arts and Social Sciences.

This requirement is met if you complete an external major or minor.

Indigenous Studies courses (ATSIxxxx) can be studied as General Education only if you are not completing a major or minor in Indigenous Studies.

Any General Education course

**Maturity Requirements**

You must have completed 24 UOC before taking any Level 2 courses.
You must have completed 48 UOC, including 6 UOC at Level 1 and 6 UOC at Level 2 in your major/minor before taking any Level 3 courses.

**Specialisation Declaration**

You must specify your major and minor at the time of enrolment in Level 2 courses.

**Sample Programs**

To access sample program(s), please visit:

UNSW Arts & Social Sciences

**Enrolment Disclaimer**

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Related Programs

Related Double Degree Programs

Bachelor of Music - **BMus**
Bachelor of Arts - **BA**

**3452 Music / Arts**

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 240
Typical Duration: 5 Years

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Bachelor of Media - **BMedia**
Bachelor of Arts - **BA**

**3455 Media (Communication and Journalism) / Arts**

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Music (Honours) - **BMus (Hons)**
Bachelor of Arts - **BA**

**3474 Music (Honours) / Arts**

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 240
Typical Duration: 5 Years

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Bachelor of Media - **BMedia**
Bachelor of Arts - **BA**

**3479 Media (Screen and Sound Production) / Arts**

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Media - BMedia
Bachelor of Arts - BA
3487 Media (Public Relations and Advertising) / Arts

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Commerce - BCom
Bachelor of Arts - BA
3573 Commerce / Arts

Faculty: UNSW Business School, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Economics - BEc
Bachelor of Arts - BA
3574 Economics / Arts

Faculty: UNSW Business School, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Science - BSc
Bachelor of Arts - BA
3783 Computer Science / Arts

Faculty: Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Medical Studies - **BMed**
Doctor of Medicine - **MD**
Bachelor of Arts - **BA**

**3856 Medicine / Arts**

Faculty: Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 372
Typical Duration: 8 Years

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Bachelor of Science - **BSc**
Bachelor of Arts - **BA**

**3947 Science / Arts**

Faculty: Faculty of Science, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) - **BAdvSci(Hons)**
Bachelor of Arts - **BA**

**3948 Advanced Science (Honours) / Arts**

Faculty: Faculty of Science, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 240
Typical Duration: 5 Years

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Bachelor of Science (Advanced Mathematics) (Honours) - **BSc(AdvMath)(Hons)**
Bachelor of Arts - **BA**

**3949 Advanced Mathematics (Honours) / Arts**

Faculty: Faculty of Science, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 240
Typical Duration: 5 Years

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Bachelor of Environmental Management - **BEnvMgmt**
Bachelor of Arts - **BA**
3955 Environmental Management / Arts
Faculty: Faculty of Science, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 216
Typical Duration: 4.7 Years

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Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) - BE (Hons)
Bachelor of Arts - BA

3961 Engineering (Honours) / Arts
Faculty: Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 264
Typical Duration: 5.7 Years

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Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) - BSW (Hons)
Bachelor of Arts - BA

4045 Social Work (Honours) / Arts
Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 264
Typical Duration: 5.7 Years

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Bachelor of Arts - BA
Bachelor of Education (Secondary) - BEd (Secondary)

4053 Arts / Education (Secondary)
Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Arts - BA
Bachelor of Laws - LLB

4782 Arts / Law
Faculty: Faculty of Law, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 240
Typical Duration: 5 Years

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Bachelor of Art Theory - BAT
Bachelor of Arts - BA
4817 Art Theory / Arts

Faculty: Faculty of Art & Design, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Paddington, Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Fine Arts - BFA
Bachelor of Arts - BA
4823 Fine Arts / Arts

Faculty: Faculty of Art & Design, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Paddington, Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Program Requirements

Progression Requirements

Progression rules are in accordance to university policy.

For more information on university policy on progression requirements please visit Academic Progression.
Pathways

Honours Programs

Bachelor of Arts and Social Sciences (Honours) - BASS (Hons)
4504 Arts & Social Sciences (Hons)

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 48
Typical Duration: 1 Years

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Professional Outcomes

Career Opportunities

Advocacy, business, diplomacy, education, government policy, international affairs, interpreting and translation, journalism, media, museum and gallery curation, publishing, politics, research and academia, social media, theatre and performing arts, university and public administration.
Recognition of Achievement

University Medal

The University Medal is awarded to recognise outstanding academic performance by a bachelor degree student in line with the University Medal Policy and University Medal Procedure.

Award of Pass with Distinction

The Award of Pass with Distinction is awarded when a weighted average mark (WAM) of at least 75% has been achieved and at least 50% of the requirements of the award completed at UNSW. All eligible programs will award Pass with Distinction except in special circumstances where approval of Academic Board has been given for a program to opt out.

For more information, please visit:

Current Students Pass With Distinction
Additional Information

Further Information

Contact the UNSW Arts and Social Sciences Student Services for advice.
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

- Domestic Students
- Commonwealth Supported Students
- International Students
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