

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (ADVANCED) (1733)

Approved Abbreviation: BSocialSci(Adv)
Western Sydney University Program Code: 1733
AQF Level: 7

This program applies to students who commenced in 2015 or later.

The Bachelor of Social Science (Advanced) degree is a broadly based, inter-disciplinary three year program offering flexibility and choice within a range of offerings in the social sciences. The degree is available to high-performing students and is comprised of an eight subject social science core, an eight subject social science major, four subjects of advanced study and four electives or an optional international placement. The majors and minors available within the social sciences include: Anthropology, Child and Community, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Geography and Urban Studies, Heritage and Tourism, Peace and Development Studies and Sociology. The advanced subjects that students undertake will complement these areas of study by encouraging students to develop leadership skills, by extending their capacity for critical and creative thinking, and by providing work experience in relevant fields. Students will also be encouraged to develop greater intercultural awareness and understanding through the option of an international placement and will benefit from being mentored by academics in relevant disciplines. The degree allows students to pursue studies in the social sciences that accord with their personal and occupational interests. It seeks to equip students with the interdisciplinary and specialist skills and knowledge, and real world experience that a new graduate would need in order to be competitive in the workforce or to undertake postgraduate study in the social sciences and related disciplines.

Study Mode

Three years full-time or six years part-time.

Program Advice

Dr Julia Kantek (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/17890/>)

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Liverpool Campus	Full Time	Internal	Julia Kantek (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/17890/)
Liverpool Campus	Part Time	Internal	Julia Kantek (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/17890/)
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	Julia Kantek (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/17890/)
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	Julia Kantek (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/17890/)

Penrith Campus	Full Time	Internal	Julia Kantek (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/17890/)
Penrith Campus	Part Time	Internal	Julia Kantek (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/17890/)

Admission

- Assumed knowledge: two units of HSC English.
- Recommended studies: HSC English Standard, or equivalent.
- ATAR of at least 90.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Special Requirements Prerequisites

Students who opt to enrol in SSIP as alternate core/electives are required to complete a Working with Children Check and obtain medical clearance for HUMN 3101 Social Sciences International Placement (II): Placement subject.

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 240 credit points with no less than 60 credit points at Level 3.

Recommended Sequence

Students must maintain an average GPA of 5 throughout their degree.

Start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn Session		
CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10
BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10
Select one major subject		10
Select one elective		10
	Credit Points	40

Spring session			Summer A session		
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10	HUMN 3102	Social Sciences International Placement (III): Post-placement Reflections	10
HUMN 1041	People, Place and Social Difference	10		Credit Points	10
Select one core advanced subject from the list below		10		Total Credit Points	80
Select one major subject		10			
	Credit Points	40			
Year 2					
Autumn session					
HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10	Year 1		
Select one major subject		10	Spring session		
Select two core advanced subjects from the list below		20	HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10
	Credit Points	40	HUMN 1041	People, Place and Social Difference	10
Spring session			Select one major subject		10
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10	Select one elective		10
Select one core advanced subject from the list below		10		Credit Points	40
Select one major subject		10			
Select one elective		10	Autumn session		
	Credit Points	40	CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10
Year 3			BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10
Autumn session			Select one major subject		10
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10	Select one core advanced subject from the list below		10
Select two major subjects		20		Credit Points	40
Select one elective		10			
	Credit Points	40	Year 2		
Spring session					
CULT 3007	Contemporary Social Issues and Professional Practice	10	Spring session		
Select two major subjects		20	CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10
Select one elective or Social Sciences International Placement subjects		10	Select one core advanced subject from the list below		10
	Credit Points	40	Select one major subject		10
	Total Credit Points	240	Select two core advanced subjects from the list below		20
				Credit Points	40
Social Sciences International Placement Subjects					
Those students who undertake the Social Sciences International Placement in Year 3 would be exempted from completing CULT 3007 Contemporary Social Issues and Professional Practice and three electives. The program structure would be varied as follows:					
Course	Title	Credit Points			
Year 3					
Autumn session					
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10	Year 3		
Select two major subjects		20	Spring session		
Select one elective		10	CULT 3007	Contemporary Social Issues and Professional Practice	10
	Credit Points	40	Select two major subjects		20
			Select one elective		10
				Credit Points	40
Autumn session					
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10	Autumn session		
Select two major subjects		20	CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10
Select one elective or Social Sciences International Placement subjects		10	Select two major subjects		20
	Credit Points	40	Select one elective or Social Sciences International Placement subjects		10
				Credit Points	40
2H session					
HUMN 3100	Social Sciences International Placement (1): Preparation for Placement	10	Total Credit Points	240	
HUMN 3101	Social Sciences International Placement (II): Placement	20			
	Credit Points	30	Social Sciences International Placement Subjects		
			Those students who undertake the Social Sciences International Placement in Year 3 would be exempted from completing CULT 3007 Contemporary Social Issues and Professional Practice and two electives. The program structure would be varied as follows:		

Course	Title	Credit Points	Subject	Title	Credit Points
Year 3					
2H session					
HUMN 3100	Social Sciences International Placement (I): Preparation for Placement	10	DESN 2016	Creativity, Design Thinking and Visualisation	10
HUMN 3101	Social Sciences International Placement (II): Placement	20	CULT 3011	Ethical Leadership	10
			BEHV 2019	Citizenship and Community Engagement	10
			BUSM 1044	Leadership in Complexity	10
			Students who intend to take up an International Placement would follow a variation of this program.		
	Credit Points	30			
Summer A session					
HUMN 3102	Social Sciences International Placement (III): Post-placement Reflections	10	Subject	Title	Credit Points
			HUMN 3100	Social Sciences International Placement (I): Preparation for Placement	10
	Credit Points	10	HUMN 3101	Social Sciences International Placement (II): Placement	20
Autumn session					
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10	HUMN 3102	Social Sciences International Placement (III): Post-placement Reflections	10
Select two major subjects		20			
Select one elective		10			
	Credit Points	40			
	Total Credit Points	80			

Majors

Students must select one of the following Majors.

Anthropology, Major (0002) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/anthropology-major/>)

Child and Community, Major (0045) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/child-community-major/>)

Criminology and Criminal Justice, Major (0006) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/criminology-criminal-justice-major/>)

Disability Studies, Major (0252) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/disability-studies-major/>)

Geography and Urban Studies, Major (0010) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/geography-urban-studies-major/>)

Heritage and Tourism, Major (0012) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/heritage-tourism-major/>)

Peace and Development Studies, Major (0027) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/peace-development-studies-major/>)

Sociology, Major (0030) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/sociology-major/>)

Elective Minors

Humanitarian Action in Practice, Minor (0327) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/humanitarian-action-practice-minor/>)

Core Advanced Subjects - Applied Leadership, Minor

Applied Leadership

Please note: Applied Leadership, Minor (0178) has been replaced by Creative Leadership, Minor (0286) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/creative-leadership-minor/>) from 2022. Continuing students enrolled in 0178 are able to remain in and successfully complete the subject requirements of this minor.

Equivalent Core Subjects

The core subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2020 or earlier.

CULT 1020 Working with Communities, replaced by HUMN 1060 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/subject-details/humn1060/>) Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies

HUMN 2049 Social Research Methods, replaced by HUMN 2066 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/subject-details/humn2066/>) Investigating and Communicating Social Problems

Equivalent Alternate Subject

The alternate subject listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2018 or earlier.

HUMN 3073 Social Sciences International Placement

Equivalent Core Advanced Subject - Applied Leadership, Minor

The advanced subject from the Applied Leadership, Minor listed below counts towards completion of this minor for students who passed this subject in 2021 or earlier.

DESN 2002 - Creativity, Innovation and Design Thinking, replaced by DESN 2016 Creativity, Design Thinking and Visualisation

BUSM 1016 - Leadership in a Complex World, replaced by BUSM 1044 Leadership in Complexity

BEHV 2007 - Internship and Community Engagement, replaced by BEHV 2019 Citizenship and Community Engagement

Minor elective spaces

Elective subjects may be used toward obtaining an additional approved minor (40 credit points). Western Sydney University offers minors in a range of areas including Sustainability and Indigenous Studies.

Global Sustainability Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-sustainability-minor/>)

Indigenous Australian Studies Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-minor/>)

Western Sydney University also offers the following innovative transdisciplinary Challenge Minors (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) which we encourage those students who have elective space to consider.

Equitable Technologies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/equitable-technologies-minor/>)

Urban Evolution (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/urban-evolution-minor/>)
Migration and Global Change (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/migration-global-change-minor/>)
Personal Innovation (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/personal-innovation-minor/>)
Innovating, Creating and Problem Solving (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-creating-problem-solving-minor/>)
Eco-Socially Conscious Design and Manufacturing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/eco-socially-conscious-design-manufacturing-minor/>)
Water for Life (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/water-life-minor/>)
Climate Justice (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/climate-justice-minor/>)
Creative and Visual Communication (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-visual-communication-minor/>)
Global Workplaces (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-workplaces-minor/>)
Innovating For Humans (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-humans-minor/>)
Creative Living for Cultural Wellbeing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-living-cultural-wellbeing-minor-/>)
Ideate.Strategise.Innovate. (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/ideate-strategise-innovate-minor/>)
Humanising Data (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/humanising-data-minor/>)

For more information, visit the Challenge Minor (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) website.

Search for majors and minors (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/>)

Students can apply for an elective minor via Western Now.

WesternNow (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/westernnow/>)

Students in Advanced programs may use elective subjects toward obtaining an additional approved minor in Critical Thinking.

Critical Thinking