

# SECONDARY ABORIGINAL STUDIES EDUCATION, MAJOR (0368)

Effective from: Autumn 2025

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0368

Available to students in other Western Sydney University programs?  
No

The Secondary Aboriginal Studies Education Major will provide students with 60 credit points of Aboriginal Studies discipline knowledge and 20 credit points of Aboriginal & Social Studies pedagogy and curriculum knowledge. Together with completion of subjects in the Bachelor of Education (Secondary), this Major will enable students to meet requirements to graduate from the Bachelor of Education (Secondary) with the Aboriginal Studies teaching area. The Secondary Aboriginal Studies Education Major will span the Foundation and Development phases of the Bachelor of Education (Secondary), enabling students to develop strong pedagogical content knowledge, an understanding of evidence-based pedagogies, and skills in using assessment and feedback to guide and enhance student learning.

## Location

| Campus                            | Mode     | Advice                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---|
| Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road | Internal | SecondaryEnquiries@westernsydney.edu.au |
| Penrith Campus                    | Internal | SecondaryEnquiries@westernsydney.edu.au |

## Major Structure

- **Please note: Subjects that are part of the majors are subject to availability. Students may need to travel to different campuses to complete some of these subjects.**

Students must successfully complete 80 credit points as follows.

### Start-year intake

| Course   | Title   | Credit Points |
|--|---|---------------|
| <b>Year 1</b>  |   |               |
| <b>Autumn session</b>  |   |               |
| HUMN 1013  | Contextualising Indigenous Australia (Day Mode) | 10            |
| <b>Credit Points</b>   |   | <b>10</b>     |
| <b>Spring session</b>  |   |               |
| Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)  |   | 10            |
| <b>Credit Points</b>   |   | <b>10</b>     |
| <b>Year 2</b>  |   |               |
| <b>Autumn session</b>  |   |               |
| Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)  |   | 10            |
| <b>Credit Points</b>   |   | <b>10</b>     |
| <b>Spring session</b>  |   |               |
| Select two Alternate subjects (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below) |   | 20            |
| <b>Credit Points</b>   |   | <b>20</b>     |

### Year 3

#### Autumn session

Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below) 10

**Credit Points 10**

#### Spring session

TEAC 3062 Aboriginal & Society Studies Curriculum 7-10 10

**Credit Points 10**

### Year 4

#### Autumn session

TEAC 4030 Aboriginal & Social Studies Curriculum 11-12 10

**Credit Points 10**

**Total Credit Points 80**

## Mid-year intake

| Course | Title | Credit Points |
|--------|-------|---------------|
|--------|-------|---------------|

### Year 1

#### Spring session

HUMN 1013 Contextualising Indigenous Australia (Day Mode) 10

**Credit Points 10**

#### Autumn session

Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below) 10

**Credit Points 10**

### Year 2

#### Spring session

Select two Alternate subjects (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below) 20

**Credit Points 20**

#### Autumn session

Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below) 10

**Credit Points 10**

### Year 3

#### Spring session

TEAC 3062 Aboriginal & Society Studies Curriculum 7-10 10

**Credit Points 10**

#### Autumn session

Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below) 10

**Credit Points 10**

### Year 4

#### Autumn session

TEAC 4030 Aboriginal & Social Studies Curriculum 11-12 10

**Credit Points 10**

**Total Credit Points 80**

## Alternate Subjects

Students complete five of the following subjects, with no more than one subject at Level 1 and at least two subjects at Level 3.

| Subject                 | Title   | Credit Points |
|-------------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>Level 1 Subjects</b> |   |               |
| HUMN 1058               | Indigenous Landscapes   | 10            |
| LANG 1034               | Speaking Dharug and other Australian Indigenous Languages                             | 10            |
| HUMN 1060               | Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies                | 10            |
| <b>Level 2 Subjects</b> |   |               |
| HUMN 2036               | Mangamai'bangawarra: Indigenous Science   | 10            |
| HUMN 2038               | Pigments of the Imagination   | 10            |
| HUMN 2048               | Revaluing Indigenous Economics (Day Mode)   | 10            |
| HUMN 2070               | First Peoples and Criminal Justice  | 10            |
| PERF 2011               | From Corroborees to Curtain Raisers (Day Mode)  | 10            |
| VISU 2003               | From Ochre to Acrylics to New Technologies  | 10            |
| <b>Level 3 Subjects</b> |   |               |
| CEDS 3001               | Bridging the Gap: Re-engaging Indigenous Learners                                     | 10            |
| WELF 3008               | Learning through Indigenous Australian Community Service (Day Mode)                   | 10            |
| HUMN 3082               | The Making of the 'Aborigines'  | 10            |
| HUMN 3070               | Rethinking Research with Indigenous Australians: Independent Study Project (Day Mode) | 10            |
| HUMN 3118               | Indigenous Cultures: A Global Perspective   | 10            |
| WELF 3023               | Indigenous Disability and Inclusion   | 10            |

#### Related Programs

Bachelor of Education (Secondary) (1939) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-education-secondary/>)