

SECONDARY SOCIETY & CULTURE EDUCATION, MAJOR (0370)

Effective from: Autumn 2025

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0370

Available to students in other Western Sydney University programs?
No

The Secondary Society & Culture Education Major will provide students with 60 credit points of Society & Culture 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 Society & Culture teaching area. The Secondary Society & Culture 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		Credit Points
Bankstown City Campus	Internal	SecondaryEnquiries@westernsydney.edu.au	Select one of the following:	10
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	SecondaryEnquiries@westernsydney.edu.au	HUMN 1057 Doing Sociology	10
Penrith Campus	Internal	SecondaryEnquiries@westernsydney.edu.au	HUMN 1066 Introduction to Culture and Society	10

Major Structure

Note: Students will need to travel to different campuses depending on subject availability and campus offerings.

Students must successfully complete 80 credit points as follows.

Start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points		Credit Points
Year 1				
Autumn session				
Select one of the following:		10		
HUMN 1057	Doing Sociology			
HUMN 1066	Introduction to Culture and Society			
	Credit Points	10		
Spring session				
Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)		10		
	Credit Points	10		
Year 2				
Autumn session				
Select two Alternate subjects (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)		20		
	Credit Points	20		
Spring session				
Select two Alternate subjects (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)		20		
	Credit Points	20		
Year 3				
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

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

Alternate Subjects

Students complete four 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
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Level 1 subjects

CULT 1001	Asia in the World	10
HUMN 1007	Brave New World: Negotiating Social Change in the 21st Century	10
HUMN 1016	Different Ways of Being in the World: Introduction to Social Anthropology	10
HUMN 1026	Global Structures, Local Cultures	10
HUMN 1049	Understanding Visual Culture	10

Level 2 subjects

HUMN 2014	Civil Society in Contemporary China	10
HUMN 2025	Families and Intimate Life	10
HUMN 2028	Identity and Belonging	10
HUMN 2040	Politics of Sex and Gender	10
HUMN 2056	The Racial State	10
HUMN 2058	Urban Life/Urban Culture	10
HUMN 2062	Youth Cultures and Moral Panics	10
HUMN 2068	Cultures of Southeast Asia and Oceania	10
HUMN 2069	Society, Culture and Human Diversity	10

Level 3 subjects

CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10
CULT 3002	Children's Culture	10
CULT 3016	Indigenous Cultures: A Global Perspective	10
HUMN 3033	Digital Cultures	10
HUMN 3034	Emotions, Culture and Community	10
HUMN 3049	Home and Away: Ethnicity and Migration in Australia	10
HUMN 3054	Islam in Southeast Asia	10
HUMN 3064	Politics, Power and Resistance	10
HUMN 3066	Power as a Cultural System	10
HUMN 3078	The Anthropologies of Gender and Sexualities	10
HUMN 3079	The Asian Century	10
HUMN 3084	Theories of Conflict and Violence	10
HUMN 3091	Violence in Everyday Life	10
HUMN 3096	What is the Human?	10
HUMN 3098	Genders and sexualities: beyond the binary	10
HUMN 3113	Migration and Social Change	10
PHIL 3018	Philosophy of Race and Racism	10
POLI 3005	Democracy in Asia	10
POLI 3010	Politics of Post-War Japan	10
POLI 3012	The Politics of Civilisation	10

Related Programs