

SECONDARY TEACHING, MAJOR (0164)

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0164

Previous Code: M1134.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University

Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

The Secondary Teaching major is comprised of the four initial subjects from the Master of Teaching (Secondary) or three subjects from the Master of Teaching (Secondary) STEM. These subjects are broadly structured for students to investigate the underlying principles and concepts in adolescent development, diversity and social justice, skills in the design of learning experiences along these principles, and putting their application into practice. Available to all students in a Pathway to Teaching (Secondary) degree, enrolment is dependent on the successful completion of 160 credit points in the undergraduate program. Students are also offered the flexibility to study subject content subjects in either Modern History, Geography and Urban Studies, Mathematics, Studies of Religion or English to form their second teaching area. This major, together with a Business major articulates into a Master of Teaching postgraduate qualification in Secondary Teaching, and leads to opportunities for employment across Australia as well as internationally.

Location

Campus	Mode	Advice
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	Jaydene Barnes (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/j.barnes@westernsydney.edu.au)
Penrith Campus	Internal	Jaydene Barnes (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/j.barnes@westernsydney.edu.au)

Major Structure Current

This structure applies to students who commenced in 2024 or later. If you commenced prior to 2024 please refer to the relevant Structure tab for details.

Students must successfully complete 80 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

All subjects in this major are 10 credit points and are arranged in pools of which the Secondary Teaching Pool is mandatory.

Students have a choice of either History and Political Thought, Geography and Urban Studies, Mathematics, Studies of Religion or English, as shown below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Secondary Teaching Pool		
Students must complete the following four compulsory core subjects		

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students must have successfully completed 160 credit points before enrolling in any of the following four post graduate subjects.

TEAC 7161	Educational Psychology for Learning and Teaching	10
TEAC 7032	Diversity, Social Justice and Schooling	10
TEAC 7160	Literacy and Numeracy for Secondary Teaching	10
TEAC 7108	Professional Practice Community Engagement	10
Total Credit Points		40

Students must then choose one of the following five areas

1. History and Political Thought or
2. Geography and Urban Studies or
3. Mathematics or
4. Studies of Religion or
5. English

See the below links for structure details.

History and Political Thought

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Important Note: To meet NESA subject area teaching requirements students who aim to qualify as modern history teachers must complete one subject of Ancient History. This may be attained by completing one of the following subjects: HUMN 2067 History of the Ancient World, HUMN 2011 Ancient Western Culture: Periclean Athens, or HUMN 3020 Catastrophe: The Environmental History of the Ancient and Modern World. It is also strongly recommended that students select at least one Australian history subject.		
Not all subjects will be offered each year. Subjects will be offered on a rotational basis.		
Students must complete one of the following:		10
HUMN 1054	When Worlds Collide: European Empires and the World, c.1600-1950	
HUMN 1039	Modern European History and Politics	
Students must then complete three subjects from the following pool:		30
HUMN 2067	History of the Ancient World	
HUMN 2001	A History of Modern Global Buddhism	
HUMN 2011	Ancient Western Culture: Periclean Athens	
LANG 2015	Cultural History of Books and Reading	
HUMN 2034	Keeping the Past	
HUMN 3093	War	
HUMN 3013	Australian Colonial History	
HUMN 3109	Catastrophe: The Environmental History of the Ancient World	
HUMN 3026	Convicts and Settlers - Australian History 1788 - 1840	
HUMN 3087	Twentieth Century Australia	
HUMN 3104	Historical Methodologies	
HUMN 3092	WWII in Asia and the Pacific	
HUMN 3024	Comparative Nationalism	
HUMN 3036	Ethics in Historical Perspective	
HUMN 3015	Australian History Around Us	
Total Credit Points		40

Geography and Urban Studies

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Students must complete the following subjects:		
ENVL 2001	Analysis of Spatial Data	10
ENVL 3006	Transport, Access and Equity	10
Students must then complete two subjects from the following pool:		20
HUMN 1008	Cities: Introduction to Urban Studies	
HUMN 2018	Cultural and Social Geographies	
HUMN 2053	The Economics of Cities and Regions	
HUMN 3041	Geographies of Migration	
Total Credit Points		40

Mathematics

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Students must complete the following for subjects:		
MATH 1014	Mathematics 1A	10
MATH 1015	Mathematics 1B	10
MATH 2001	Advanced Calculus	10
MATH 2010	Linear Algebra	10
Total Credit Points		40

Studies of Religion

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Students must complete at least one of the following subjects:		
HUMN 3075	Contemporary Religion	10
PHIL 3016	Philosophy of Religion	
HUMN 3105	History of Religion	
Students must then complete three additional subjects. Additional subjects to complete the minor can be chosen from the above three subjects or from the pool subjects listed below		30
HUMN 1061	Islam: Past, Present and Future	
HUMN 2031	Islam in the Modern World	
HUMN 2001	A History of Modern Global Buddhism	
HUMN 3047	History of Muslim Civilisations and Ideas	
HUMN 3061	Mystical Islam: The Emergence of Sufism in World History	
Total Credit Points		40

English

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Students must complete the following two subjects:		
COMM 1004	Approaches to Text	20
LANG 1015	Introduction to Literary Studies	
Students must then complete two subjects from the following pool:		20
LANG 2035	Methods of Reading	
LANG 3094	The Value of Literature	
HUMN 2044	Representing Everyday Life in Literary and Visual Cultures	
LANG 3019	Children's and Young Adult Fiction	
LANG 3086	The Novel	
COMM 2020	Introduction to Film Studies	
Total Credit Points		40

Major Structure 2023

This structure applies to students who commenced in 2023 or prior. If you commenced in 2024 or later, please refer to the relevant Structure tab for details.

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Equivalent Subject

The subjects listed below count towards completion of the major for students who may have passed subjects in the list in 2019 or earlier.

HUMN 2023 Empire: European Colonial Rule and its Subjects, 1750-1920, no longer offered.

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this minor for students who passed this subject in 2021 or earlier.

HUMN 2043 - Religion and the Origins of Modern Science, no longer offered.

The subject listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2023 or earlier.

TEAC 7004 Adolescent Development and Teaching, replaced by TEAC 7161 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=TEAC%207161>) Educational Psychology for Learning and Teaching

Replaced Subjects

The subjects listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed the subjects in 2023 or earlier.

TEAC 7027 Designing Teaching and Learning, replaced by TEAC 7160 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=TEAC%207160>) Literacy and Numeracy for Secondary Teaching

Related Programs

Bachelor of Business (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) (2804) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-business-pathway-teaching-secondary/>)