

# BACHELOR OF ARTS (PATHWAY TO TEACHING EARLY CHILDHOOD/ PRIMARY) (1929)

Western Sydney University Program Code: 1929

AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 110879G

This program applies to students who commenced in 2023 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year 2018 to 2022 - please refer to  
1708.4 Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12)  
(<https://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1708.4>)

The Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Early Childhood/Primary) provides students with the opportunity to complete an Arts degree with an Arts major alongside a specialist Early Childhood and Primary Education Studies minor.

Graduates of this degree are eligible for direct entry into the Master of Teaching (Birth - 5 Years / Birth - 12 Years) via the Transition to Teaching pathway. Completion of both the Bachelor and Master programs provides a teaching qualification for Early Childhood or Early Childhood and Primary teaching. Eligible students will receive advice during their final study session in the Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Early Childhood/Primary) regarding how to accept an offer into the Postgraduate course to attain a teaching qualification.

- Director of Academic Program - Dr Charles Barbour

## Study Mode

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

## Program Advice

[enquiriesHCA@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:enquiriesHCA@westernsydney.edu.au)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice	
Bankstown City Campus	Full-time	Internal	See above	Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.
Bankstown City Campus	Part-time	Internal	See above	<a href="http://www.uac.edu.au/">http://www.uac.edu.au/</a> <a href="https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/">https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/</a>
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full-time	Internal	See above	Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part-time	Internal	See above	
Penrith Campus	Full-time	Internal	See above	
Penrith Campus	Part-time	Internal	See above	

## Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/international\\_student\\_support/working\\_in\\_australia/work\\_integrated\\_learning/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/))

## Admission

Assumed knowledge: 2 units of HSC Mathematics and 2 units of HSC English or equivalent.

Recommended studies for school leavers: Band 4 or above in both HSC English and HSC Mathematics or equivalent;

Applicants are selected by one of the below listed criteria:

1. On the basis of their ATAR score or equivalent rank, or
2. Completion of a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care or relevant equivalent VET award, or
3. Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (or relevant equivalent VET award) and two years' full time equivalent work experience.

## Credit for Prior Learning

Students who have completed a VET Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care can apply for up to 80 credit points for prior learning.

Students with a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and who have two years full time equivalent relevant work experience may be eligible for credit for prior learning for TEAC 2023 Engaging in Early Childhood Education.

Information on pathway credit and credit for prior learning is available at the following link:

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/enrolment/advanced\\_standing](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/enrolment/advanced_standing) ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/enrolment/advanced\\_standing/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/enrolment/advanced_standing/))

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

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local 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.

International students currently completing an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) level 3 must apply via UAC International.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

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

TEAC 2023 Engaging in Early Childhood Education requires completion of Working with Children Check, Child Protection Awareness Training and ASCIA e-Anaphylaxis online training for education and care prior to enrolment in the subject.

## Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 240 credit points including the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

All students must enrol in and complete:

- 80 credit point Core
- 80 credit point Bachelor of Arts Major
- 40 credit points Education Studies - Early Childhood/Primary Teaching Minor (0331)
- 40 credit points of flexible subjects

Students must complete 60 credit points at Level 3 or higher.

### Core Subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Core Subjects</b>		
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
COMM 1004	Approaches to Text	10
HUMN 1066	Introduction to Culture and Society	10
HUMN 1013	Contextualising Indigenous Australia (Day Mode)	10
TEAC 1024	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships	10
TEAC 2001	Active and Healthy Childhoods	10
TEAC 2023	Engaging in Early Childhood Education	10

Students must select one subject in the following engaged learning pool:

BEHV 3013	Humanities Internship
BEHV 3026	Service Learning
HUMN 3103	Group Project
HUMN 3106	Study Tours
HUMN 3108	We Are The University: Students Co-creating Change

TEAC 2062	Teachers as Change Makers
<b>Total Credit Points</b>	<b>80</b>

### BA Majors

Arabic, Major (0003) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/arabic-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/arabic-major/</a> )
Childhood Studies, Major (0330) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/childhood-studies-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/childhood-studies-major/</a> )
Chinese, Major (0004) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/chinese-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/chinese-major/</a> )
Creative Writing, Major (0005) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/creative-writing-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/creative-writing-major/</a> )
Culture and Society, Major (0264) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/culture-society-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/culture-society-major/</a> )
Drama, Major (0380) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/drama-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/drama-major/</a> )
English, Major (0009) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/english-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/english-major/</a> )
History and Political Thought, Major (0013) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/history-political-thought-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/history-political-thought-major/</a> )
Indigenous Australian Studies, Major (0015) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-major/</a> )
Indonesian, Major (0309) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/indonesian-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/indonesian-major/</a> )
International English, Major (0018) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-english-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-english-major/</a> )
International Relations and Asian Studies, Major (0019) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-relations-asian-studies-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-relations-asian-studies-major/</a> )
Islamic Studies, Major (0020) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/islamic-studies-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/islamic-studies-major/</a> )
Japanese, Major (0021) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/japanese-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/japanese-major/</a> )
Linguistics, Major (0022) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/linguistics-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/linguistics-major/</a> )
Music Performance, Major (0023) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/music-performance-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/music-performance-major/</a> )
Musicology, Major (0025) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/musicology-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/musicology-major/</a> )
Philosophy, Major (0028) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/philosophy-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/philosophy-major/</a> )
Psychological Studies, Major (0029) ( <a href="https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/psychological-studies-major/">https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/psychological-studies-major/</a> )

### Education Studies - Early Childhood/Primary Teaching, Minor (0331)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
TEAC 7057	Becoming an Exemplary Teacher	10
TEAC 7015	Children, Families, Communities	10
TEAC 7156	Aboriginal Education: Past, Present and Future	10
TEAC 7022	Creative Teaching and Learning	10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

## Flexible Subjects

Students may use their flexible subjects to complete an additional minor (40 credit points) from the Arts area or elect to take a NESA teaching specialisation in Mathematics or English or an interdisciplinary minor or study up to 40 credit points from the range of subjects offered by Western Sydney University.

## Teaching Specialisation Minors

0157 Mathematics Teaching Specialisation (Birth-5/Birth-12) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?search=0157>)

0158 English Teaching Specialisation (Birth-5/Birth-12) English Teaching Specialisation (Birth-5/Birth-12) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?search=0158>)

## Arts Minors

Arabic, Minor (0003) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/arabic-minor/>)

Chinese, Minor (0004) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/chinese-minor/>)

Creative Writing, Minor (0005) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/creative-writing-minor/>)

Culture and Society, Minor (0264) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/culture-society-minor/>)

Drama, Minor (0380) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/drama-minor/>)

English, Minor (0009) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/english-minor/>)

Gender Studies, Minor (0295) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/gender-studies-minor/>)

History and Political Thought, Minor (0013) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/history-political-thought-minor/>)

Immersion Language, Minor (0014) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/immersion-language-minor/>)

Indigenous Australian Studies, Minor (0015) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-minor/>)

Indonesian, Minor (0309) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/indonesian-minor/>)

International English, Minor (0018) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-english-minor/>)

International Relations and Asian Studies, Minor (0019) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-relations-asian-studies-minor/>)

Islamic Studies, Minor (0020) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/islamic-studies-minor/>)

Japanese, Minor (0021) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/japanese-minor/>)

Linguistics, Minor (0022) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/linguistics-minor/>)

Music Performance, Minor (0023) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/music-performance-minor/>)

Musicology, Minor (0025) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/musicology-minor/>)

Philosophy, Minor (0028) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/philosophy-minor/>)

Psychological Studies, Minor (0029) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/psychological-studies-minor/>)

## Interdisciplinary Minors

Climate Justice, Minor (0315) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/climate-justice-minor/>)

Eco-Socially Conscious Design and Manufacturing, Minor (0310) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/eco-socially-conscious-design-manufacturing-minor/>)

Equitable Technologies, Minor (0312) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/equitable-technologies-minor/>)

Global Workplaces, Minor (0316) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/global-workplaces-minor/>)

Innovating, Creating and Problem Solving, Minor (0283) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/innovating-creating-problem-solving-minor/>)

Innovating For Humans, Minor (0288) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/innovating-humans-minor/>)

Migration and Global Change, Minor (0314) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/migration-global-change-minor/>)

Personal Innovation, Minor (0284) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/personal-innovation-minor/>)

Urban Evolution, Minor (0313) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/urban-evolution-minor/>)

Water for Life, Minor (0311) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/water-life-minor/>)

## Recommended Sequence

Note that the number of Bachelor of Arts core subjects on offer each session will vary depending on your campus of enrolment.

### Full-time start year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
Core subject (level 1)		10
Core subject (level 1)		10
BA major subject		10
Elective subject or core subject TEAC 1024		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
Core subject (level 1)		10
Core subject (level 1)		10
BA major subject		10
Elective or core subject TEAC 1024		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
Core subject (level 2)		10
Core subject (level 2)		10
BA major subject or elective subject		10
BA major subject or elective subject		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

<b>Spring session</b>		<b>Education Studies - Early Childhood/Primary minor subject</b>	<b>10</b>
BA major subject	10	<b>Credit Points</b>	<b>40</b>
BA major subject	10		
Elective subject	10	<b>Autumn session</b>	
Elective subject	10	Core subject from the Engaged Learning pool	10
		BA major subject or elective subject	10
<b>Credit Points</b>	<b>40</b>	Education Studies - Early Childhood/Primary minor subject	10
		Education Studies - Early Childhood/Primary minor subject	10
<b>Year 3</b>		<b>Credit Points</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Autumn session</b>			
Core subject from the Engaged Learning pool	10	<b>Total Credit Points</b>	<b>240</b>
BA major subject	10		
Education Studies - Early Childhood/Primary minor subject	10		
Education Studies - Early Childhood/Primary minor subject	10		
<b>Credit Points</b>	<b>40</b>		
<b>Spring session</b>			
BA major subject or elective	10		
BA major subject or elective	10		
Education Studies - Early Childhood/Primary minor subject	10		
Education Studies - Early Childhood/Primary minor subject	10		
<b>Credit Points</b>	<b>40</b>		
<b>Total Credit Points</b>	<b>240</b>		

## Full-time mid-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Spring session</b>		
Core subject (level 1)		10
Core subject (level 1)		10
BA major subject		10
Elective or core subject TEAC 1024		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Autumn session</b>		
Core subject (level 1)		10
Core subject (level 1)		10
BA major subject		10
Elective subject or core subject TEAC 1024		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Spring session</b>		
BA major subject		10
BA major subject		10
BA major subject or elective subject		10
BA major subject or elective subject		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Autumn session</b>		
Core subject (level 2)		10
Core subject (level 2)		10
Elective subject		10
Elective subject		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Spring session</b>		
BA major subject		10
BA major subject or elective		10
Education Studies - Early Childhood/Primary minor subject		10