

BACHELOR OF ARTS (PATHWAY TO TEACHING PRIMARY) (1651)

Approved Abbreviation: BA

Western Sydney University Program Code: 1651

AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 061012B

This program applies to students who commenced in Spring 2018 or later.

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

For Commencement Year 2017-2018 - please refer to 1651.7

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1651.7>)

For Commencement Year 2015-2016 - please refer to 1651.6

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1651.6>)

For Commencement Year 2013-2014 - please refer to 1651.5

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1651.5>)

Graduates of this degree are eligible for entry into the Master of Teaching (Primary) via Transition to Teaching pathway. Completion of both the Bachelor's and Master's programs provides a teaching qualification for Primary. Eligible students will receive advice during their final study session in the Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Primary) regarding how to accept an offer into the Postgraduate program to attain a teaching qualification.

The BA (Pathway to Teaching Primary) is a three year degree specially designed to lead into the Master of Teaching (Primary), an accredited postgraduate teaching qualification. The Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) component provides a focussed study in a Major content discipline of your choice as well as opportunity to study an Education Studies Major as a Primary Teaching Specialisation in either English, Mathematics or Science. As well as being equipped with all the necessary elements of an initial teacher qualification, Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) graduates are prepared for a wide range of alternate employment opportunities with strong communication and people skills, creativity and capacity for independent thought, flexibility and adaptability in new situations, all increasingly demanded by employers.

- Director of Academic Program - Dr Charles Barbour

Study Mode

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

Program Advice

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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/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Bankstown City Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above
Bankstown City Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	See above
Penrith Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above
Penrith Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above

Admission

Assumed knowledge: two units of HSC English.

Recommended studies: HSC English Standard, or equivalent.

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.

<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.

Program Structure

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

All students must enrol in and complete:

- 40 credit points of Bachelor of Arts Core subjects
- An 80 credit point Arts Major
- 40 credit points of electives

- An 80 credit point Education Studies - Primary Teaching Major in either English, Mathematics, or Science

Core Components

Subject	Title	Credit Points
BA Core Subjects		
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	10
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
Total Credit Points		40

Equivalent Core Subjects

The core subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2019 or earlier.

HUMN 1002 - Analytical Reading and Writing, replaced by LANG 1029 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=LANG%201029>) Foundations of Academic English
 HUMN 1005 - Australia and the World, replaced by HUMN 1052 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=HUMN%201052>) Australian Politics and Active Citizenship
 HUMN 1009 - Contemporary Society, replaced by HUMN 1053 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=HUMN%201053>) Diversity, Language and Culture
 LANG 1026 - Texts and Traditions, replaced by LANG 1030 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=LANG%201030>) Thinking Critically About Texts and Society

Education Studies - Primary Teaching Major

All students must complete one of the following Education Studies – Primary Teaching Majors:

Education Studies - Primary English Teaching Specialisation, Major (0187) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/education-studies-primary-english-teaching-specialisation-major/>)

Education Studies - Primary Mathematics Teaching Specialisation, Major (0188) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/education-studies-primary-mathematics-teaching-specialisation-major/>)

Education Studies - Primary Science Teaching Specialisation, Major (0189) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/education-studies-primary-science-teaching-specialisation-major/>)

Arts Majors

All students must complete one of the following Majors. An explanation of each major can be found via the links below. Majors are available dependent on the campus of offering.

Note: Not all majors are available on all campuses. Please check availability.

Inherent Requirements

The following Majors and minors have inherent requirements that you must meet in order to complete these majors and graduate: Arabic, Chinese and Japanese. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for these majors and minors online.

Click here for details of the Inherent Requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_languages_courses/)

Anthropology, Major (0002) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/anthropology-major/>)

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

Childhood Studies, Major (0330) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/childhood-studies-major/>)

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

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

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

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

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

Geography and Urban Studies, Major (0010) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/geography-urban-studies-major/>)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Organisations and Work, Major (0026) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/organisations-work-major/>)

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

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

Sociology, Major (0030) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/sociology-major/>)

Minors

The 40 credit points of electives can also be used to complete a minor. The following minors are available and are dependent on the campus of offering.

Note: not all Arts minors are available on all campuses.

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

Childhood Studies, Minor (0330) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/childhood-studies-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/>)

History and Political Thought, Minor (0013) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/history-political-thought-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 for Primary Teaching, Minor (0210) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/music-primary-teaching-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/>)

Replaced Majors and Minors

The majors and minors listed below count towards completion of this Program for students who began studying these majors and minors prior to the years indicated below.

M1052 Cultural and Social Analysis, Major (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1052.1>), replaced by Culture and Society, Major in 2020 (listed above).

M1054 History and Political Thought, Major (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1054.1>), replaced by History and Political Thought, Major in 2020 (listed above).

M1108 International English, Major (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1108.1>), replaced by M1129 International English, Major in 2018.

M1129 International English, Major (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1129.1>), replaced by International English, Major in 2020 (listed above).

unitset=M1129.1), replaced by International English, Major in 2020 (listed above).

SM1070 Cultural and Social Analysis, Minor (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=SM1070.1>), replaced by Culture and Society, Minor in 2020 (listed above).

SM1072 History and Political Thought, Minor (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=SM1072.1>), replaced by History and Political Thought, Minor in 2020 (listed above).

SM1120 International English, Minor (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=SM1120.1>), replaced by SM1132 International English, Minor in 2018.

SM1132 International English, Minor (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=SM1132.1>), replaced by International English, Minor in 2020 (listed above).

Recommended Full-time Sequence

Note that the number of BA core subjects on offer will vary depending on your campus of enrolment.

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
Select one BA core subject (Level 1)		10
Select one BA core subject (Level 1)		10
Select one BA core subject (Level 1) or Arts Major subject Arts		10
Select one Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
Select one BA core subject (Level 1)		10
Select one BA core subject (Level 1) or Arts Major subject		10
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Select one elective subject		10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Select one elective subject		10
Credit Points		40

Year 3		
Autumn session		
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject	10	Innovating For Humans (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-humans-minor/)
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject	10	Creative Living for Cultural Wellbeing (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-living-cultural-wellbeing-minor-/)
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject	10	Ideate.Strategise.Innovate. (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/ideate-strategise-innovate-minor/)
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject	10	Humanising Data (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/humanising-data-minor/)
Select one elective subject	10	
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject	10	For more information, visit the Challenge Minor (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) website.
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject	10	Search for majors and minors (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/)
Select one Arts Major subject or Primary Teaching Major subject	10	Students can apply for an elective minor via Western Now.
Select one elective subject	10	WesternNow (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/westernnow/)
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		240

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/>)

Sustainable Futures, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/sustainable-futures-minor/#structuretext>)

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/>)