

# DIPLOMA IN ARTS/BACHELOR OF ARTS (PATHWAY TO TEACHING BIRTH-5/BIRTH-12) (6017)

**Approved Abbreviation:** DipArts/BA

**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 6017

**AQF Level:** 7

**CRICOS Code:** 096975F

This program applies to students who commenced in Term 1 2021 or later.

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

For Commencement Year 2019 and 2020 - please refer to 6017.3

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth-5/Birth-12) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=6017.3>)

For Commencement Year Spring 2018 - please refer to 6017.2 Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth-5/Birth-12) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=6017.2>)

For Commencement Year 2017 to Autumn 2018 - please refer to 6017.1 Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth-5/Birth-12) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=6017.1>)

The Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5 / Birth - 12) provides students with the opportunity to complete an Arts degree with an Arts major, alongside the specialist Birth-5/Birth-12 Education Studies subjects.

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's and Master's programs provides a teaching qualification for early childhood (Birth - 5 Years) or early childhood and primary teaching (Birth - 12 Years). Eligible students will receive advice during their final study session in the Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5 / Birth - 12) regarding how to accept an offer into the Postgraduate program to attain a teaching qualification.

The first year of this program is delivered by Western Sydney University The College, as an agent of Western Sydney University, via extended face-to-face hours in smaller learning environments. A Diploma in Arts exit point is also available at the end of the first year of the program.

For more information on Western Sydney University, The College, please refer to their web site.

Western Sydney University, The College (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/the-college.html>)

## Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 110 credit points with a 7049 Diploma in Arts (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-arts/>)

## Study Mode

Three years full-time or six years part-time. (Please note that there are no part-time offerings for the 1st year College Diploma component)

## Program Advice

For program advice during Year 1, contact The College: College Program Enquiries (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/AdminApp@westernsydney.edu.au>)

For program advice during Years 2 and 3, contact the School of Humanities & Communication Arts: Program Advice (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/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/>) |

## Location

| Campus  | Attendance | Mode     | Advice    |
|---|------------|----------|-----------|
| Bankstown City Campus* <sup>1,2</sup>                 | Full Time  | Internal | See above |
| Bankstown City Campus*                                | Part Time  | Internal | See above |
| Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road <sup>2</sup>        | Full Time  | Internal | See above |
| Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road                     | Part Time  | Internal | See above |
| Parramatta City Campus - George Street <sup>2</sup>   | Full Time  | Internal | See above |
| Penrith Campus* <sup>2</sup>                          | Full Time  | Internal | See above |
| Penrith Campus*                                       | Part Time  | Internal | See above |
| The College - Nirimba Education Precinct <sup>1</sup> | Full Time  | Internal | See above |

\* Programs delivered through an agreement with another party

<sup>1</sup> Students will study at WSU - The College Nirimba or Bankstown City campus in their first year of study.

<sup>2</sup> From second year onwards, students will study at either Bankstown City, Parramatta (Victoria Road), Parramatta City Campus (George St) or Penrith campus.

## Admission

For more information on applying please see link to The College admission pages below.

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/how\\_to\\_apply](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/how_to_apply) ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/how\\_to\\_apply/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/how_to_apply/))

Domestic students are required to have:

- Completed an English unit in the NSW Higher School Certificate, or
- Competency in English at IELTS 6.0 equivalent (unless a native speaker), or
- Passed The College English test at IELTS 6.0 equivalent, or

- Passed The College Foundation Studies Academic English subject at C grade level or higher.

Met other entry requirements such as

- An ATAR identified prior to the offer of a place, or
- Completed The College Foundation Studies program with a Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher.

International students must satisfy one of the following language requirements

- IELTS 6.0 with a minimum 5.5 in each sub band, or
- Completed the College EAP 4 program with a 50% pass, or
- Passed The College English test at IELTS 6.0 equivalent, or
- Passed The College Foundation Studies Academic English subject at C grade level or higher for which advanced standing can be applied for.

Academic Entry Requirements vary according to country of origin.

However, in general:

- Completion of Year 12 or its equivalent is the minimum entry requirement, or
- Completed The College Foundation Studies program with a Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher.

## Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 270 credit points which include the subjects listed in the recommended Sequence tab.

The early exit College Diploma consists of 110 credit points which includes three College Preparatory subjects.

## Western Sydney University The College subjects

**Nirimba, Bankstown, Parramatta City and Penrith campuses**

Please note that all campuses may not have intakes each year.

- Students must pass all College Preparatory subjects before progressing to the Year Two subjects.
- Students must pass at least 70 credit points of University level subjects in Year One before progressing to the Year Two subjects.

**In order to ensure that Bachelor of Arts students meet the course requirements, all students must seek advice from their Academic Course Advisor when transitioning to the second year of their course.**

## Western Sydney University subjects

**Bankstown, Parramatta (Victoria Road) and Penrith Campuses**

All students must enrol in and complete

120 credit points of Arts subjects as follows

- 40 credit points Bachelor of Arts Core
- 80 credit points Arts Major

And

120 credit points of Education subjects as follows

- 20 credit points Education Studies Core (Birth - 5/Birth - 12)
- 80 credit points Education Studies Major (Birth - 5/Birth - 12) subjects
- 40 credit points teaching specialisation in either English or Mathematics (choose one of the two minors below).

- Note: Some subjects are common to the Core or Major and the minors. Therefore, students will only need to complete a total of 120 credit points of Education Studies subjects.

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

**Students may exit at this point and graduate with the Diploma in Arts following a passing grade in all of the above subjects. Students who progress onto Year Two may also be awarded the Diploma if they gain a passing grade in all of the above subjects.**

- Students must pass all College Preparatory subjects before progressing to the Year Two subjects.
- Students must pass at least 70 credit points of University level subjects in Year One before progressing to the Year Two subjects.

**In order to ensure that Bachelor of Arts student meet the program requirements, all students must seek advice from their Academic Program Advisor when transitioning to the second year of their program.**

## Western Sydney University Subjects

Qualification for this award then requires the successful completion of a further 160 credit points including the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

For program advice during your second and subsequent years of study, please use the contact listed for the Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12).

**Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12)**

**Bankstown, Parramatta (Victoria Road) and Penrith Campus**

All students must enrol in and complete 120 credit points of Arts subjects as follows.

- 40 credit points Bachelor of Arts Core, and
- 80 credit points Arts Major

And 120 credit points of Education subjects as follows:

- 20 credit points Education Studies Core (Birth - 5/Birth - 12), and
- 80 credit points Education Studies Major (Birth - 5/Birth - 12) subjects, and
- 40 credit points teaching specialisation in either English or Mathematics (choose one of the two minors below).

Note: some subjects are common to the core or major and the minors. Therefore, students will only need to complete a total of 120 credit points of Education Studies subjects.

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

## Bachelor of Arts Majors

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/>)

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/>)  
 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/>)

## Education Studies (Birth-5/Birth-12) Core Subjects

| Subject  | Title                                   | Credit Points |
|--|---|---------------|
| Students must complete the core subjects below (20 credit points): |   |               |
| TEAC 2029  | Fundamentals for Working Mathematically | 10            |
| TEAC 1024  | Mathematical Patterns and Relationships | 10            |
| <b>Total Credit Points</b>   |   | <b>20</b>     |

## Education Studies (Birth- 5/Birth-12), Major subjects

| Subject  | Title                           | Credit Points |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Students must complete 80 credit points as listed below: |                                 |               |
| TEAC 1032  | The Developing Child            | 10            |
| TEAC 2009  | Contemporary Childhoods         | 10            |
| TEAC 2015  | Diversity and Difference        | 10            |
| TEAC 3009  | Ethical Futures                 | 10            |
| TEAC 7015  | Children, Families, Communities | 10            |
| TEAC 7037  | Early Learning Environments     | 10            |
| TEAC 7057  | Becoming an Exemplary Teacher   | 10            |

|                            |                            |           |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| TEAC 7147                  | Play, Health and Wellbeing | 10        |
| <b>Total Credit Points</b> |                            | <b>80</b> |

Teaching Specialisation (Birth-5/Birth-12)

Students must enrol in and complete one of the Teaching Specialisations (minors) below.

## Mathematics Teaching Specialisation (Birth-5/Birth-12), Minor

Students must complete 40 credit points as follows.

| Subject  | Title                                   | Credit Points |
|--|---|---------------|
| Students must complete the following two subjects:     |   |               |
| TEAC 2029  | Fundamentals for Working Mathematically | 10            |
| TEAC 1024  | Mathematical Patterns and Relationships | 10            |
| Select two of the following Mathematics pool subjects: |   |               |
| MATH 1001  | Analysis of Change                      |               |
| MATH 1006  | Discrete Mathematics                    |               |
| MATH 2010  | Linear Algebra                          |               |
| MATH 1026  | Quantitative Thinking                   |               |
| MATH 1030  | Statistics for Business                 |               |
| <b>Total Credit Points</b>                             |   | <b>40</b>     |

## English Teaching Specialisation (Birth-5/Birth-12), Minor

Students must complete 40 credit points as follows.

| Subject  | Title                                       | Credit Points |
|--|---|---------------|
| Students must complete the following two subjects: |   |               |
| LANG 1029  | Foundations of Academic English             | 10            |
| LANG 1030  | Thinking Critically About Texts and Society | 10            |
| <b>Total Credit Points</b>                         |   | <b>20</b>     |

Select two subjects from the following English majors:

Creative Writing, Major (0005) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/creative-writing-major/>)  
 English, Major (0009) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/english-major/>)  
 International English, Major (0018) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-english-major/>)  
 Linguistics, Major (0022) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/linguistics-major/>)

Note: students who have completed LANG 1016 Introduction to Literary Studies (WSTC) will only need to complete one additional subject to complete the English Teaching Specialisation (Birth-5/Birth-12), Minor.

## Inherent Requirements

The following majors and minors have inherent requirements that must be met in order to complete the major or minor: 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/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_languages_courses/))

## Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 270 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

### Full-time start-year intake

Students may exit from this program after successful completion of all Year 1 College subjects below, and graduate with the Diploma in Arts. Students who progress onto Year 2 may also be awarded the Diploma if they gain a passing grade in all of the Year 1 College subjects.

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

#### Year 1

##### First term of study

|           |  |    |
|-----------|--|----|
| LANG 0003 | Academic English (WSTC Prep)                       | 10 |
| LANG 0009 | Academic Skills for Arts (WSTC Prep)               | 10 |
| COMM 0011 | Texts and Communication (WSTC Prep)                | 10 |
| LANG 1032 | Thinking Critically About Texts and Society (WSTC) | 10 |

##### Second term of study

|           |  |    |
|-----------|--|----|
| LANG 1031 | Foundations of Academic English (WSTC) | 10 |
| TEAC 2010 | Contemporary Childhoods (WSTC)         | 10 |
| HUMN 1056 | Diversity, Language and Culture (WSTC) | 10 |

##### Third term of study

|           |   |    |
|-----------|---|----|
| LANG 1016 | Introduction to Literary Studies (WSTC)           | 10 |
| HUMN 1055 | Australian Politics and Active Citizenship (WSTC) | 10 |
| TEAC 1033 | The Developing Child (WSTC)                       | 10 |
| TEAC 1025 | Mathematical Patterns and Relationships (WSTC)    | 10 |

**Credit Points** 110

#### Year 2

##### Autumn session

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Select one Arts Major subject | 10                                      |
| Select one Arts Major subject | 10                                      |
| TEAC 2015                     | Diversity and Difference                |
| Select one of the following:  | 10                                      |
| TEAC 2029                     | Fundamentals for Working Mathematically |

One English or Mathematics Teaching Specialisation subject

**Credit Points** 40

##### Spring session

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Select one Arts Major subject | 10                                      |
| Select one Arts Major subject | 10                                      |
| TEAC 3009                     | Ethical Futures                         |
| Select one of the following:  | 10                                      |
| TEAC 2029                     | Fundamentals for Working Mathematically |

One English or Mathematics Teaching Specialisation subject

**Credit Points** 40

#### Year 3

##### Autumn session

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Select one Arts Major subject | 10                              |
| TEAC 7015                     | Children, Families, Communities |
| TEAC 7147                     | Play, Health and Wellbeing      |
| Select one of the following:  | 10                              |
| One Arts Major subject        |                                 |