

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* ^{1 2}	Full Time	Internal	See above
Bankstown City Campus*	Part Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road ²	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta City Campus - George Street* ²	Full Time	Internal	See above
Penrith Campus* ²	Full Time	Internal	See above
Penrith Campus*	Part Time	Internal	See above
The College - Nirimba Education Precinct* ¹	Full Time	Internal	See above

* Programs delivered through an agreement with another party

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

² 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/)

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
Total Credit Points		20

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
Total Credit Points		80

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:		20
MATH 1001	Analysis of Change	
MATH 1006	Discrete Mathematics	
MATH 2010	Linear Algebra	
MATH 1026	Quantitative Thinking	
MATH 1030	Statistics for Business	
Total Credit Points		40

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
Total Credit Points		20

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/)

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	10
Select one of the following:		10
TEAC 2029	Fundamentals for Working Mathematically	
One English or Mathematics Teaching Specialisation subject		

Spring session

Select one Arts Major subject	10
Select one Arts Major subject	10
TEAC 3009 Ethical Futures	10
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		10
TEAC 7147	Play, Health and Wellbeing		10
Select one of the following:			10
One Arts Major subject			

One English or Mathematics Teaching Specialisation subject		
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
Select one Arts Major subject		10
TEAC 7057	Becoming an Exemplary Teacher	10
TEAC 7037	Early Learning Environments	10
Select one of the following:		10
One Arts Major subject		
One English or Mathematics Teaching Specialisation subject		
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		270