

# DIPLOMA IN ARTS/BACHELOR OF ARTS (PATHWAY TO TEACHING PRIMARY) (6019)

Approved Abbreviation: DipArts/BA

Western Sydney University Program Code: 6019

AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 096976E

**This program is suspended from Term 1, 2025, no new students will be admitted from this session.**

This program applies to students who commenced in Term 2, 2018 or later.

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

For Commencement Year Term 2 2017 to Term 1 2018, please refer to 6019.1 - Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=6019.1>)

The Bachelor of Arts (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.

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.

Graduates of this degree are eligible for direct 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.

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.

## 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
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

<sup>1</sup> Prior to Term 2 2025, students will study at WSU - The College Nirimba or Bankstown City campus in their first year of study. From Term 2 2025, students will study at Bankstown City campus only in their first year of study.

<sup>2</sup> From second year onwards, students will study either at Bankstown City, Parramatta (Victoria Rd) 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 with 70% or higher, 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 with 70% or higher, 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 and Bankstown City 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 City, Parramatta (Victoria Road) and Penrith Campuses

All students must enrol in and complete

- an Arts Major
- an Education Studies Major - Primary Teaching Major

## Education Studies - Primary Teaching Majors

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. Explanation of these Majors can be found via the links below and are available dependent on the campus of offering.

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

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/>)

## 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/))

## Replaced Majors

The majors listed below count towards completion of this program for students who began studying these majors 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 2021 (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 2021 (listed above).

M1129 International English, Major (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1129.1>), replaced by International English, Major in 2021 (listed above).

## 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
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>First term of study</b>		
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
<b>Second term of study</b>		
LANG 1031	Foundations of Academic English (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1059	When Worlds Collide: European Empires and the World, c.1600-1950 (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1056	Diversity, Language and Culture (WSTC)	10
<b>Third term of study</b>		
LANG 1016	Introduction to Literary Studies (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1055	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1067	Introduction to Culture and Society (WSTC)	10

TEAC 1025	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships (WSTC)	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>110</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
Select one Arts Major subject		10
Select one Arts Major subject		10
Select one Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Select one Primary Teaching Major subject		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
Select one Arts Major subject		10
Select one Arts Major subject		10
Select one Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Select one Primary Teaching Major subject		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
Select one Arts Major subject		10
Select one Arts Major subject		10
Select one Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Select one Primary Teaching Major subject		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
Select one Arts Major subject		10
Select one Arts Major subject		10
Select one Primary Teaching Major subject		10
Select one Primary Teaching Major subject		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>270</b>

## Equivalent core subjects

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

HUMN 1003 - Analytical Reading and Writing (WSTC)  
HUMN 1006 - Australia and the World (WSTC)  
HUMN 1011 - Contemporary Society (WSTC)  
HUMN 1023 - Global History (WSTC)  
LANG 1027 - Texts and Traditions (WSTC)

## Equivalent subjects

The subject listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2022 or earlier.

HUMN 1018 Everyday Life (WSTC), replaced by HUMN 1067 Introduction to Culture and Society (WSTC)