

DIPLOMA IN ARTS/BACHELOR OF ARTS (6005)

Approved Abbreviation: DipArts/BA

Western Sydney University Program Code: 6005

AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 096969D

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 2020 or later.

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

For Commencement Year Term 2 2018 - 2019, please refer to 6005.2 - Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=6005.2>)

For Commencement Year Term 2 2017 to Term 1 2018, please refer to 6005.1 - Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=6005.1>)

The Bachelor of Arts offers students an opportunity to develop a depth of disciplinary expertise together with the breadth of vision afforded by cross-disciplinary approaches to the humanities. Study in the Bachelor of Arts is designed to develop communication and personal skills, creativity and a capacity for independent thought, adaptability to new situations and problem-solving skills, attributes increasingly demanded by employers. Bachelor of Arts graduates find employment in diverse areas including: communication and media industries; education; psychology and counselling; cultural, political and social policy analysis; writing and publishing. The Bachelor of Arts is a three-year degree designed to provide knowledge and generic skills that form the basis for lifelong learning.

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.

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

¹ Students will study at WSU - The College Nirimba campus or Bankstown City campus in their first year of study. Nirimba campus is unavailable from Term 2 2025.

² From second year onwards, students will study at either Bankstown City, Parramatta (Victoria Road) or Kingswood campus.

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/)

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 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 under the recommended Sequence tab. Students must also complete a minimum of 60 credit points at Level 3.

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 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

Bankstown, Parramatta (Victoria Road) and Penrith Campuses

All students must enrol in and complete

- 20 credit points of Bachelor of Arts Core
- 80 credit points Arts Major
- 40 credit points Arts Minor
- 20 credit points of electives

Students must also complete a minimum of 60 credit points at Level 3.

Core Components

All students must successfully complete 20 credit points as follows.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
INFO 2009	Multiliteracies	10
	Select one subject from the Bachelor of Arts Level 3 core subjects (the Engaged Learning pool subjects)	10
Engaged Learning pool subjects		
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	
Total Credit Points		20

Equivalent Core Subject

The core subject listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2021 or earlier.

COMM 2050 - Multiliteracies, replaced by INFO 2009 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/info2009/#text>) Multiliteracies

Arts Majors

All students must successfully complete one of the following Majors. Explanation of these Majors can be found under the listings below and are available dependent on the campus of offering.

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/>)

Criminology and Criminal Justice, Major (0006) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/criminology-criminal-justice-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/>)

Economy and Markets, Major (0008) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/economy-markets-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/>)

Global Business, Major (0011) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/global-business-major/>)

Heritage and Tourism, Major (0012) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/heritage-tourism-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/>)

Innovation and Change, Major (0017) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/innovation-change-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/>)

Peace and Development Studies, Major (0027) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/peace-development-studies-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.

Inherent Requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_languages_courses/)

Minors

All students must successfully complete one of the following minors in a different specialisation to their major. Explanation of these minors can be found under the listings below and are available dependent on the campus of offering.

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/>)

Environmental Humanities, Minor (0381) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/environmental-humanities-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 Studies, Minor (0024) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/music-performance-studies-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/>)

Note: Students may be able to complete two majors rather than a major and a minor by using their electives. Students need to seek academic program advice before deciding on two majors.

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).

M1129 International English, Major (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx>)

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).

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 Sequence

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

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.

Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points	Credit Points	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		
HUMN 1059	When Worlds Collide: European Empires and the World, c.1600-1950 (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		
HUMN 1067	Introduction to Culture and Society (WSTC)	10		
Select one of the following:		10		
POLI 1008	World Politics and International Relations (WSTC)			
TEAC 1025	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships (WSTC)			
	Credit Points	110		
Year 2				
Autumn session				
Select one Major subject		10		
Select one Major subject		10		
Select one Elective or minor subject		10		
Select one of the following:		10		
INFO 2009	Multiliteracies			
Elective or minor subject				
	Credit Points	40		
Spring session				
Select one Major subject		10		
Select one Major subject		10		
Select one Elective or minor subject		10		
Select one of the following:		10		
INFO 2009	Multiliteracies			
Elective or minor subject				
	Credit Points	40		
Year 3				
Autumn session				
Select one Major subject		10		
Select one Major subject		10		
Select one Elective or minor subject		10		
Select one of the following:		10		
One Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)				
Elective or minor subject				
	Credit Points	40		
Spring session				
Select one Major subject		10		
Select one Major subject		10		
Select one Elective or minor subject		10		
Select one of the following:		10		
One Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)				
Elective or minor subject				
	Credit Points	40		
Total Credit Points		270		

Note: If the Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3) has not been previously completed, students are required to complete this subject in their final semester of study.

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/>)
Innovating For Humans (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-humans-minor/>)
Creative Living for Cultural Wellbeing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-living-cultural-wellbeing-minor/>)
Ideate.Strategise.Innovate. (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/ideate-strategise-innovate-minor/>)
Humanising Data (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/humanising-data-minor/>)

For more information, visit the Challenge Minor (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) website.

Search for majors and minors (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/>)

Students can apply for an elective minor via Western Now.

WesternNow (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/westernnow/>)

Replaced Subject

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2019 or earlier.

HUMN 1023 - Global History (WSTC), replaced by HUMN 1059 When Worlds Collide: European Empires and the World, c.1600-1950 (WSTC)

Equivalent Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this Program for students who passed these subjects in 2022 or earlier.

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

POLI 1003 Introduction to International Relations (WSTC), replaced by POLI 1008 World Politics and International Relations (WSTC)