

DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (6027)

Approved Abbreviation: DipSocSc/BHumDevStud
Western Sydney University Program Code: 6027
AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 096980J

This program has been suspended from July 2023.

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

For Commencement Year Term 2 2021 - please refer to 6027.2 - Diploma in Social Science/Bachelor of Humanitarian and Development Studies (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=6027.2>)

For Commencement Year Term 2 2017 - Term 1 2021, please refer to 6027.1 - Diploma in Social Science/Bachelor of Humanitarian and Development Studies (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=6027.1>)

The Bachelor of Humanitarian and Development Studies covers all aspects of disaster management, humanitarian assistance, and development to equip students with the required skills, knowledge, and practical experience (i.e. humanitarian crisis simulation + international placement) that make them ready to work with national and international government and non-government organisations implementing short- and long-term life-saving programs. The degree provides a theory-driven and as well as a comprehensive field experience package that enhance students' learning, research skills, real world experience, and career readiness.

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 Social Science 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 100 credit points with a 7050 Diploma in Social Science (exit only) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-social-science/>)

Study Mode

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

Program Advice

For program advice during your first year of study, contact The College: College Program Enquiries

(<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/AdminApp@westernsydney.edu.au>)

For program advice during your second and subsequent years of study, please use the contact listed for the Bachelor of Humanitarian and Development Studies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-humanitarian-development-studies/>)

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	Full Time	Internal	See above
Bankstown City Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road ²	Full Time	Internal	Garry Stevens (g.stevens@westernsydney.edu.au)
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	Garry Stevens (g.stevens@westernsydney.edu.au)
Penrith Campus ²	Full Time	Internal	See above
Penrith Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above

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

² From second year onwards, students will study at either Parramatta (Victoria Rd) or Penrith 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 subject in the NSW Higher School Certificate, Or
- Competency in English at IELTS 6.0 equivalent 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.

Special Requirements

Working with Children Check where required and for international placements, a medical clearance to enrol in HUMN 3101 Social Sciences International Placement (II): Placement.

Recommended Sequence Current

If you commenced in 2022, please refer to the Sequence 2022 tab for details.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 260 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

The early exit College Diploma consists of 100 credit points which includes two College Preparatory subjects.

Western Sydney University The College Subjects

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Preparatory subjects		
LANG 0056	Advanced Communication for Social Science (WSTC Prep)	10
CULT 0006	Key Concepts and Skills in the Social Sciences (WSTC Prep)	10
Credit Points		20
Total Credit Points		20

Students must pass the following University level subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
HUMN 1062	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies (WSTC)	10
CULT 1019	Understanding Society (WSTC)	10

HUMN 1042	People, Place and Social Difference (WSTC)	10
BEHV 1023	The Individual in Society (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1029	Human Rights, Peace and Development (WSTC)	10
CULT 1023	Working with Cultural Differences (WSTC)	10
POLI 1008	World Politics and International Relations (WSTC)	10
HUMN 2033	Issues in World Development: Rich World, Poor World (WSTC)	10

Total Credit Points 80

Students may exit at this point and graduate with the Diploma in Social Science 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.

All students must enroll in and complete the 80 credit points of Core subjects, the 80 credit point major and 80 credit points of electives. The recommendation is that electives are chosen from the 40 credit point Social Sciences International Placement and either the list of Recommended Minors or from the Recommended Elective subject list (shown below).

Western Sydney University Subjects

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 2		
Autumn session		
HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10
HUMN 3116	Emergency and Disaster Management	10
Select two recommended electives from the list below or an elective minor		20
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10
BUSM 3082	Project Management in Humanitarian and Development Studies	10
HUMN 3119	Emergency Field Operations: Supply Management and Logistics	10
Select one elective		10
Credit Points		40
Year 3		
Autumn session		
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10
HUMN 3068	Public Health Response in Complex Emergencies	10
HUMN 3077	Sustainable Futures	10
Select one recommended elective from the list below		10
Credit Points		40
2H session		
Recommended Minor – Social Sciences International Placement		
HUMN 3100	Social Sciences International Placement (I): Preparation for Placement	10
HUMN 3101	Social Sciences International Placement (II): Placement	20
Credit Points		30

Summer A session

HUMN 3102	Social Sciences International Placement (III): Post-placement Reflections	10
Credit Points		10
Total Credit Points		160

OR

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 3		
Spring session		
Select four recommended electives from the list below		40
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		40

Recommended Electives

Subject	Title	Credit Points
ACCT 1001	Accounting Information for Managers	10
AGRI 2006		10
HUMN 3009	Alternatives to Violence	10
HUMN 1008	Cities: Introduction to Urban Studies	10
HUMN 2014	Civil Society in Contemporary China	10
HUMN 3023	Climate Change and Culture	10
HUMN 2015	Community and Social Action	10
WELF 2002	Community Work & Development	10
CULT 3007	Contemporary Social Issues and Professional Practice	10
WELF 1002	Context of Human Services	10
PUBH 2005	Culture, Diversity and Health	10
TEAC 2018	Education for Sustainability	10
ENVL 3003		10
HLTH 3007		10
HUMN 3043	Globalisation and Sustainability	10
HUMN 3049	Home and Away: Ethnicity and Migration in Australia	10
WELF 2008	Human Rights, Human Services and the Law	10
WELF 1003	Human Services Intervention Strategies	10
LAWS 3029	Immigration Law	10
CULT 3016	Indigenous Cultures: A Global Perspective	10
LAWS 3034	International Criminal Law	10
HUMN 2073	Issues in Contemporary Heritage	10
WELF 3007	Leadership, Alliances, Sustainability (Block Mode)	10
BUSM 1044	Leadership in Complexity	10
WELF 2011	Management and Community Organisations (Block Mode)	10
BUSM 1023	Managing People at Work	10
TOUR 2003	Managing Sustainable Places	10
HUMN 2037	Peace-Making and Peace-Building	10
ENVL 3005	Planning the City: Development, Community and Systems	10
BIOS 1030		10
HUMN 2048	Revaluing Indigenous Economics (Day Mode)	10
HUMN 2053	The Economics of Cities and Regions	10

Equivalent Subjects

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

TOUR 2001 Issues in Contemporary Heritage, replaced by HUMN 2073 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=HUMN%202073>) Issues in Contemporary Heritage

BUSM 2043 Project Management in Humanitarian and Development Studies, replaced by BUSM 3082 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=BUSM%203082>) Project Management in Humanitarian and Development Studies

HUMN 2017 Complex Emergencies and International Guidelines, replaced by HUMN 3116 Emergency and Disaster Management

HUMN 2022 Emergency Field Operations: Supply Management and Logistics, replaced by HUMN 3119 Emergency Field Operations: Supply Management and Logistics

POLI 1002 Introduction to International Relations, replaced by POLI 1008 World Politics and International Relations (WSTC)

LANG 0003 - Academic English (WSTC Prep), replaced by LANG 0056 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=LANG%200056>) Advanced Communication for Social Science (WSTC Prep)

Other Recommended Minors

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

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

Eco-Socially Conscious Design and Manufacturing, Minor (0310) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/eco-socially-conscious-design-manufacturing-minor/>)

Equitable Technologies, Minor (0312) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/equitable-technologies-minor/>)

Gender Studies, Minor (0295) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/gender-studies-minor/>)

Global Sustainability, Minor (0196) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/global-sustainability-minor/>)

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

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

Migration and Global Change, Minor (0314) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/migration-global-change-minor/>)

Urban Evolution, Minor (0313) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/urban-evolution-minor/>)

Water for Life, Minor (0311) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/water-life-minor/>)

Recommended Sequence 2022

If you commenced in 2023 or later, please refer to the Sequence Current tab for details.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 260 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

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Western Sydney University The College Subjects

Nirimba, Bankstown and Penrith Campus

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

Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
First Term of Study		
LANG 0003	Academic English (WSTC Prep)	10
CULT 0006	Key Concepts and Skills in the Social Sciences (WSTC Prep)	10
BEHV 1023	The Individual in Society (WSTC)	10
Second Term of Study		
CULT 1019	Understanding Society (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1042	People, Place and Social Difference (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1062	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies (WSTC)	10
Third Term of Study		
HUMN 1029	Human Rights, Peace and Development (WSTC)	10
CULT 1023	Working with Cultural Differences (WSTC)	10
POLI 1008	World Politics and International Relations (WSTC)	10
HUMN 2033	Issues in World Development: Rich World, Poor World (WSTC)	10
Credit Points		100
Total Credit Points		100

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- 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.

All students must enrol in and complete the 70 credit points of Bachelor of Social Science Core Subjects, a 100 credit point major and 70 credit points of electives. The recommendation is that electives are chosen from the Recommended Electives List.

Western Sydney University Subjects

For program advice during your second and subsequent years of study, please use the contact listed for the Bachelor of Humanitarian and Development Studies.

Bachelor of Humanitarian and Development Studies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-humanitarian-development-studies/>)

Parramatta (Victoria Road) and Penrith Campus

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 2		
Autumn session		
HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10
One subject from the chosen Major		10
And two recommended electives from the list below		20
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10
Select from the following Majors:		30
Students in Humanitarian Preparedness and Response Major complete:		
Two Major subjects		
One recommended elective from the list below		
Students in Human Rights, Protection & Development major complete:		
One Major subject		
Two recommended electives from the list below		
Credit Points		40
Year 3		
Autumn session		
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10
One subject from the chosen Major		10
Two recommended electives from the list below		20
Credit Points		40
2H session		
HUMN 3100	Social Sciences International Placement (I): Preparation for Placement	10
HUMN 3101	Social Sciences International Placement (II): Placement	20
Credit Points		30
Summer A session		
HUMN 3102	Social Sciences International Placement (III): Post-placement Reflections	10
Credit Points		10
Total Credit Points		160

Majors

Human Rights, Protection and Development, Major (0095) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/human-rights-protection-development-major/>)

Humanitarian Preparedness and Response, Major (0094) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/humanitarian-preparedness-response-major/>)

Recommended Electives

Subject	Title	Credit Points
ACCT 1001	Accounting Information for Managers	10
AGRI 2006		10
HUMN 3009	Alternatives to Violence	10
HUMN 2014	Civil Society in Contemporary China	10
HUMN 3023	Climate Change and Culture	10
HUMN 2015	Community and Social Action	10
WELF 2002	Community Work & Development	10

CULT 3007	Contemporary Social Issues and Professional Practice	10
WELF 1002	Context of Human Services	10
PUBH 2005	Culture, Diversity and Health	10
TEAC 2018	Education for Sustainability	10
ENVL 3003		10
HLTH 3007		10
HUMN 3043	Globalisation and Sustainability	10
HUMN 3049	Home and Away: Ethnicity and Migration in Australia	10
WELF 2008	Human Rights, Human Services and the Law	10
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BUSM 1023	Managing People at Work	10
HUMN 2037	Peace-Making and Peace-Building	10
ENVL 3005	Planning the City: Development, Community and Systems	10
BIOS 1030		10
HUMN 2048	Revaluing Indigenous Economics (Day Mode)	10
HUMN 3077	Sustainable Futures	10
HUMN 2053	The Economics of Cities and Regions	10

Replaced Elective Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2020 or earlier.

HLTH 2002 - Agriculture, Food and Health, replaced by AGRI

2006 Agriculture, Food and Health

Equivalent Subjects

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

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

The subject listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2020 or earlier.

CULT 1021 Working with Communities (WSTC), replaced by HUMN 1062
Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies (WSTC)