

DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (7198)

Effective from: 2025

Approved Abbreviation: DipSocSc

Western Sydney University Program Code: 7198

AQF Level: 5

This program applies to students who commenced in Autumn Block 1, 2025 or later.

Replaced Programs

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

For Commencement Year 2023-2024 - 7188 Diploma in Culture, Society and Justice (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-culture-society-justice/>)

The Diploma in Social Sciences is an engaging and flexible interdisciplinary program providing students with essential knowledge and analytical skills transferrable to a wide range of career options and future academic study. Through the program, students will investigate various social, cultural, legal, political, environmental, and economic challenges facing contemporary society and gain critical insight into key debates and perspectives that shape our understanding and professional practice across a range of fields. The Diploma program offers various avenues by which students can personalise learning, enhance their future employability and build their critical capacities to impact wider social change positively and ethically.

Study Mode

One year full-time or two years part-time.

Program Advice

Dr Christopher Roffey (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/14340/>)

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
The College - Nirimba Education Precinct ¹	Full Time	Internal	See above
The College - Nirimba Education Precinct ¹	Part Time	Internal	See above
Bankstown City Campus*	Full Time	Internal	See above
Bankstown City Campus*	Part Time	Internal	See above
Kingswood ²	Full Time	Internal	See above
Kingswood ²	Part Time	Internal	See above

* Programs delivered through an agreement with another party

¹ This location is unavailable from Spring Block 1 2025.

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This program is open to Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents who are aged 17 years or over and not currently enrolled in or completing Year 12 in the same year of intended admission.

If you would like more information on The College's pathway diplomas, please visit: [Pathway Programs | The College \(westernsydney.edu.au\) \(https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/the-college/courses/\)](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/the-college/courses/)

For direct applications to Western Sydney University please visit: [Western Sydney University \(uac.edu.au\) \(https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/\)](https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/)

For UAC applications please visit: [Universities Admissions Centre - UAC \(https://www.uac.edu.au/\)](https://www.uac.edu.au/)

Program Structure

Students will need to enrol in **one subject that will run online for 17 weeks** (in either Autumn or Spring sessions) and will **simultaneously study another four subjects on campus in block mode (1 subject studied every 4 weeks)** during this period. Please note that subjects in blocks are studied over 4 weeks.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 110 credit points including the subjects listed below.

Start Year Intake

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Autumn Semester		
GEDU 0016	Employability and Graduate Success (WSTC Prep) (Studied over 17 weeks)	15
Autumn Block 1		
GEDU 1001	Introduction to University Life (WSTC)	10
Autumn Block 2		
GEDU 1002	Core Foundations and Key Ideas (WSTC)	10
Autumn Block 3		
CULT 1028	Introduction to Criminology and Justice (WSTC)	10
Autumn Block 4		
HUMN 1068	Intersectionality: Identity, Diversity and Difference (WSTC)	10
Spring Semester		
GEDU 0017	Transition Success (WSTC Prep) (Studied over 17 weeks)	15
Spring Block 1		
HUMN 1070	Indigenous Australia: People, Places and Philosophies (WSTC)	10
Spring Block 2		
HUMN 1069	Human Rights and Community Action (WSTC)	10
Spring Block 3		
Choose one elective subject ¹		10
Spring Block 4		
Choose one elective subject ¹		10
Total credit points		110

¹ Students may choose electives from any other subject offered under a Destination College Diploma. These subjects cannot be University subjects or other College subjects.

Mid Year Intake

Mid Year Intake						
Subject	Title	Credit Points				
Spring Semester						
GEDU 0016	Employability and Graduate Success (WSTC Prep) (Studied over 17 weeks)	15	CULT 1028	Introduction to Criminology and Justice (WSTC)	10	
Spring Block 1				CULT 1029	The Individual in a Global Context: The Concepts and Ideas that Shape Us (WSTC)	10
GEDU 1001	Introduction to University Life (WSTC)	10	DESN 1023	Visual Media Design (WSTC)	10	
Spring Block 2				ECON 1015	Understanding the Economic Context of Enterprises (WSTC)	10
GEDU 1002	Core Foundations and Key Ideas (WSTC)	10	EDUC 1010	Educational Psychology (WSTC)	10	
Spring Block 3				EDUC 1012	Literacy and Numeracy for Educators (WSTC)	10
CULT 1028	Introduction to Criminology and Justice (WSTC)	10	EDUC 1013	Sociology for Educators (WSTC)	10	
Spring Block 4				EDUC 2015	Education for Sustainability (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1068	Intersectionality: Identity, Diversity and Difference (WSTC)	10	ENGR 1053	Applied Physics for Engineers (WSTC)	10	
Autumn Semester				ENVL 1008	Sustainable and Ethical Industry Practices (WSTC)	10
GEDU 0017	Transition Success (WSTC Prep)	15	FINC 1004	Financial Concepts and the Language of Business (WSTC)	10	
Autumn Block 1				GEDU 1002	Core Foundations and Key Ideas (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1070	Indigenous Australia: People, Places and Philosophies (WSTC)	10	HLTH 1021	Effective Communication in Health (WSTC)	10	
Autumn Block 2				HLTH 1022	Evidence in Health Practice (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1069	Human Rights and Community Action (WSTC)	10	HLTH 1023	Diversity in Health (WSTC)	10	
Autumn Block 3				HUMN 1068	Intersectionality: Identity, Diversity and Difference (WSTC)	10
Choose one elective subject ¹				HUMN 1069	Human Rights and Community Action (WSTC)	10
Autumn Block 4				HUMN 1070	Indigenous Australia: People, Places and Philosophies (WSTC)	10
Choose one elective subject ¹				HUMN 1072	The Human Experience: Fundamentals of Arts and Humanities (WSTC)	10
Total Credit Points		110		HUMN 1073	Understanding Contemporary Australia (WSTC)	10
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Available Electives				INFS 1017	Database Design and Management (WSTC)	10
Students may choose any subject from the below Destination College Diploma subjects as their electives. Please note, not all elective options may be available on all campuses or in all teaching sessions. Elective subjects cannot be the same as compulsory program-specific subjects.				LANG 1033	Cultural Crossroads: Understanding the World Through Texts (WSTC)	10
Subject	Title	Credit Points		MATH 1039	Engineering Mathematics and Statistics (WSTC)	10
BEHV 2017	Mental Health in the Community (WSTC)	10		MATH 1040	Engineering Mathematics and Computing (WSTC)	10
BIOS 1040	Natural Science (WSTC)	10		MATH 1042	Mathematics for the Digital World (WSTC)	10
BIOS 1041	Fundamentals of Biotechnology (WSTC)	10		MKTG 1013	Marketing Enterprises (WSTC)	10
BLDG 1019	Construction Site Administration (WSTC)	10		NATS 1029	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 (WSTC)	10
BLDG 1020	Domestic Construction (WSTC)	10		NATS 1030	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 (WSTC)	10
BLDG 1021	Commercial Construction (WSTC)	10		NATS 1032	Introduction to Applied Science and Technology (WSTC)	10
BLDG 1022	Construction Site Safety (WSTC)	10		PROC 1009	Materials Science in Engineering (WSTC)	10
BUSM 1045	Creative Enterprises and Information Technologies (WSTC)	10		PUBH 1015	People, Health and Society (WSTC)	10
BUSM 1046	Managing and Leading Enterprises (WSTC)	10		TEAC 2067	Being a Teacher (WSTC)	10
CART 1009	Exploring the Creative Industries (WSTC)	10				
CHEM 1013	Essential Chemistry (WSTC)	10				
COMM 1046	Data Dynamics: Influence, Ethics, and Power (WSTC)	10				
COMP 1015	Programming Fundamentals and Algorithmic Design (WSTC)	10				
COMP 1016	Foundations of Networking and Cyber Security (WSTC)	10				

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