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Undergraduate Guide

Humanities, Arts, Social
Sciences and International
Studies at ANU

Your future starts with understanding our world

Australian National University (ANU) students are ambitious, smart and focused. They're here to make a difference. As social scientists, historians, philosophers, policy analysts, linguists, cultural researchers, artists and musicians, we seek to understand the world around us so that we can solve problems and create a better future.

Are you ready to take the leap?

Ask yourself where a degree in humanities, arts, social sciences and international studies can take you.

Between the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS) and the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP), you'll find coursework programs in wide-ranging academic disciplines.

Let this book be your guide!

The Australian National University (ANU) acknowledges, celebrates and pays respect to the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people of the Canberra region and to all First Nations Australians on whose traditional lands we live, meet and work.

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ABOUT ANU

Our global reputation

ANU attracts staff and students of the highest calibre from around the world.

That's why we have seven humanities, arts and social sciences disciplines **ranked in the top 30 in the world***, and have been ranked #1 for **Most International Outlook** among Australia's prestigious Group of Eight universities[†].

For more than half a century, ANU has been the leading centre for research on Australia's engagement and influence in Asia and the Pacific region and beyond.

When you graduate with a degree from ANU, you're graduating with a globally-recognised qualification backed by our remarkable international standing.



Global ranking

30th in the world^{**}



Staff to student ratio

Five star rating^{***}

With an 11:1 student-to-staff ratio, ANU ensures quality learning.



International outlook

1st in Australia international university[†]



Subject rankings

ANU is ranked #1 in Australia for 7 disciplines across humanities, arts and social sciences.*



The best minds

6 Nobel Laureates

Among our staff and alumni, ANU counts six Nobel Laureates and two Australians of the Year.



Best for Graduates

#1 in Australia for Graduate Employability.[†]

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025 **QS World University Rankings 2025 ***Good Universities Guide 2025
†THE Rankings 2025 †THE Global Employability University Rankings 2025

CANBERRA LIFE

The Canberra advantage

From its very inception, Canberra was designed as a world-class city, with institutions of research, culture, and government at its heart.

Nestled in the 'bush capital', our 145-hectare campus is set in a stunning natural environment that contributes to Canberra's peaceful character. Just steps away, you'll find the cosmopolitan city centre, buzzing with cafes, restaurants, and shops.

Nearby, national institutions such as Parliament House, the National Gallery of Australia, the National Library, National Archives, and the Australian War Memorial offer unparalleled scholarly resources.



One of the world's most liveable cities

Canberra is where culture, policy, and international affairs converge – a vibrant hub of thinkers, change-makers, and innovators. It's not just a place to study, but a destination to make your mark.

The University's beautiful campus and international student community make for an engaging and inspiring environment. The central Kambri cultural precinct offers an educational, creative, and social experience in a village setting, complemented by striking architecture and tranquil green spaces.



A capital experience

The nation's policymakers, lawmakers and influencers make their home in Canberra. Do you want to gain real experience in Australia's political system? Engage with diplomats and Canberra's international community? Or how about an internship at the National Museum of Australia? It's all possible at ANU, thanks to our connections with Parliament House and major national cultural institutions via the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP).



World-class research and teaching

ANU boasts leading academics who shape public understanding and debate. With one of the highest academic staff-to-student ratios in Australia (a five-star rating)*, we offer personalised attention to guide and inspire students.

Seven of our disciplines are #1 in Australia and also rank in the top 30 globally: archaeology, politics, anthropology, philosophy, development studies, history, and sociology.**



Outstanding facilities and resources

Studying at ANU gives you convenient access to the University's extensive resources. Our world-class music recording studio is co-located in the School of Music with Llewellyn Hall, one of the country's finest concert venues. The School of Art & Design boasts a range of workshops that foster skills from glasswork and pottery to cutting edge digital and virtual reality techniques. All students have access to our world-class libraries, including the Chifley, Menzies, Hancock, Law, and Art and Music libraries, and the ANU Archives.

Canberra quick facts

#1 Highest average income and lowest unemployment in Australia

Why Study in Canberra 2025

#1 Most inclusive city in Australia

Study Canberra

#4 World's most liveable city

OECD, 2023, Numbeo Quality of Life Index by City

#29 Best student city in the world

QS Best Student Cities 2025

* Good Universities Guide 2025, **QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

Why study Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences



Become a regional expert ready for a global career

If you want to understand the world in all its diversity, then a qualification in humanities, arts and social sciences (HASS) from the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS) is essential.

HASS touches on every aspect of daily life. It includes fields from politics and international relations to history, to anthropology and development, to creative arts and languages.

Here are four great reasons...

Lasting skills

HASS equips you with valuable skills that are sought after by employers and are highly transferable across diverse fields and endeavours. HASS graduates are adaptable and confident, able to analyse issues, solve complex problems and communicate with influence and empathy.

Making a difference

HASS graduates work in a myriad of fields, reflecting the diverse and versatile skill sets they offer. Many build careers in areas that have a direct impact on people's lives. Graduates bring an appreciation of the complex and competing dynamics within society, and the skills and confidence to solve complex issues.

Unrivalled choice

HASS offers unrivalled choice in study and career options, reflecting the broad range of subject matter and transferability of skills.

Complement other fields

Knowledge and skillsets gained from studying HASS subjects can complement your qualifications in a variety of fields. At ANU, HASS researchers are working on diverse interdisciplinary projects to address key challenges facing Australia and the world.

The Asia-Pacific is playing an increasingly significant role in shaping the strategic, political, and economic direction of the world. Yet, there is a critical shortage of professionals with expertise on the region.



World-class education

By studying at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP), you will gain a world-class education from Australia's leading center for teaching and research on this dynamic region.

Hands-on learning opportunities

Learn from leading experts, dive deep into regional issues, and develop the skills that global employers demand. Whether you're passionate about security studies, development, culture, history, or Asia-Pacific languages, CAP offers hands-on learning through fieldwork, internships, and study abroad programs to prepare you for a global career.

Pathways to global careers

Engage with real-world challenges, connect with influential networks, and open doors to careers in government, business, and international organisations. Graduate with the knowledge and skills to make a meaningful impact in the Asia-Pacific and beyond.

Global excellence

ANU leads the nation and is ranked in the top 30 in the world* for the 7 disciplines listed here:

Philosophy	#8	Politics	#11
Anthropology	#9	Sociology	#23
Archaeology	#10	History	#26
Development Studies	#10		

* QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025





GET OUT THERE

Choose your own adventure

With a wide range of study programs, we encourage you to expand your horizons and gain unique experiences.

A semester overseas

Did you know you can apply to spend one or two semesters on exchange and have it count towards your degree? ANU has over 170 partner universities in 35 countries and is the only Australian member of the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU), which includes Yale, Beijing, Cambridge, and Oxford. While going on global exchange might be a no-brainer, choosing where to go will be more challenging!

Immersive in-country tour

Trade the classroom for a *chashitsu* in Japan, a battlefield in Cambodia, or encounters with endangered primates. Visit archaeological sites in Europe or live in a rice farming village for a language and cultural experience. ANU offers immersive in-country study tours in places such as Cambodia, France, Germany, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, the Middle East, the Philippines, Turkey, Vanuatu, and Vietnam.

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Field Trip & Study Tours with CASS

cass.anu.edu.au/study-tours



Study Overseas with CAP

asiapacific.anu.edu.au/study-overseas

Hands-on field schools

Explore opportunities for intensive fieldwork that integrate formal learning with hands-on experience, enhancing practical, teamwork, and consultation skills. Field schools are available in disciplines including archaeology, Indigenous studies, anthropology, and development studies.

Internships

The Australian National Internships Program (ANIP) is a research-intensive domestic internship that connects you with leading institutions in Australian policymaking and politics. ANIP is the only Australian university program offering Australian Commonwealth Parliamentary Internships.

Powerful encounters

Gain valuable work experience and enrich your degree while experiencing a new environment. Our competitive Washington and Taiwan Public Policy Internships offer six-week placements with the United States Congress or the Taiwanese Government, where you will experience different political processes and policymaking first-hand.

Year in Asia

Year in Asia is an overseas study program for students of Asian languages, offering a full year of study in your chosen country. This immersive experience, which adds a year to your degree, allows you to live and study like a local in a new culture.

OUR DISCIPLINES

FIND YOUR FOCUS

At CASS and CAP, you'll find coursework programs in over 20 wide-ranging disciplines. Wherever you decide to focus, you'll learn the latest research and methodologies in your chosen field. Your new qualification will prepare you to take the next step in your career, or to continue your research journey.



Archaeology, History and Classical Studies

Being better informed about the past plays a vital role in how we understand and shape our society, our present and our future. Analytical reasoning, argument and writing skills can be applied to a range of careers and are skills you gain from Australia's top-ranked university for history and archaeology.

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Pacific Studies
- Bachelor of Asian Studies
- Bachelor of Languages

Australian Indigenous Studies

Engage in meaningful consultation and make informed decisions in Indigenous policy by gaining a deep understanding of Australian languages, culture, history and society.

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Languages



Asian and Pacific Studies

In today's globalised world, the demand for regional expertise is greater than ever. With our specialised degrees, you will immerse yourself in the politics, history, culture, language, economics, and religion of some of the world's most dynamic regions, and graduate as an expert in your field.

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Asia Pacific Affairs*
- Bachelor of Asian Studies
- Bachelor of Pacific Studies
- Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Humanities and Social Sciences



Contemporary Society and Culture

Humans create meaning in groups. Collectively, we engage with our world through the lens of culture and society. The study of what it means to be human can be fully achieved only by exploring both our past and present, where aspects of our biology, evolution, culture, language, society, and individual behaviour converge.

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Asia Pacific Affairs*
- Bachelor of Asian Studies
- Bachelor of Criminology
- Bachelor of Pacific Studies
- Bachelor of Philosophy in Humanities and Social Sciences
- Bachelor of Philosophy, Neuroscience, and Psychology
- Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics





Creative Arts

Art, design and music provide a reflection of our humanity and assist in shaping our fast-moving world. The cultural contributions made through creative arts are essential for a vigorous and forward-thinking Australian society. Creative arts at ANU is all about nurturing talent, fostering engagement, and immersion in making, performing, producing and thinking.

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Visual Arts

International Relations and Security Studies

Do you see yourself shaping Australia's foreign policy decisions? Or working with elite international organisations like the United Nations or our top intelligence agencies? Studying international relations or security studies at ANU can help you make your dream career a reality.

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Asia Pacific Affairs*
- Bachelor of Asian Studies
- Bachelor of Criminology
- Bachelor of International Relations
- Bachelor of International Security Studies
- Bachelor of Pacific Studies



Literature, Languages and Linguistics

In our multilingual, international age, communication makes the world go around. Literature, language and linguistic studies allow us to articulate ideas and viewpoints and so much more. They are a window into the cultural foundations of a society, a reflection of its history, core values and highest aspirations.

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Asia Pacific Affairs*
- Bachelor of Asian Studies
- Bachelor of Languages
- Bachelor of Pacific Studies



Political Science and Philosophy

Gain a new perspective on the forces that influence society, and explore how decisions made today play a critical role in shaping our future.

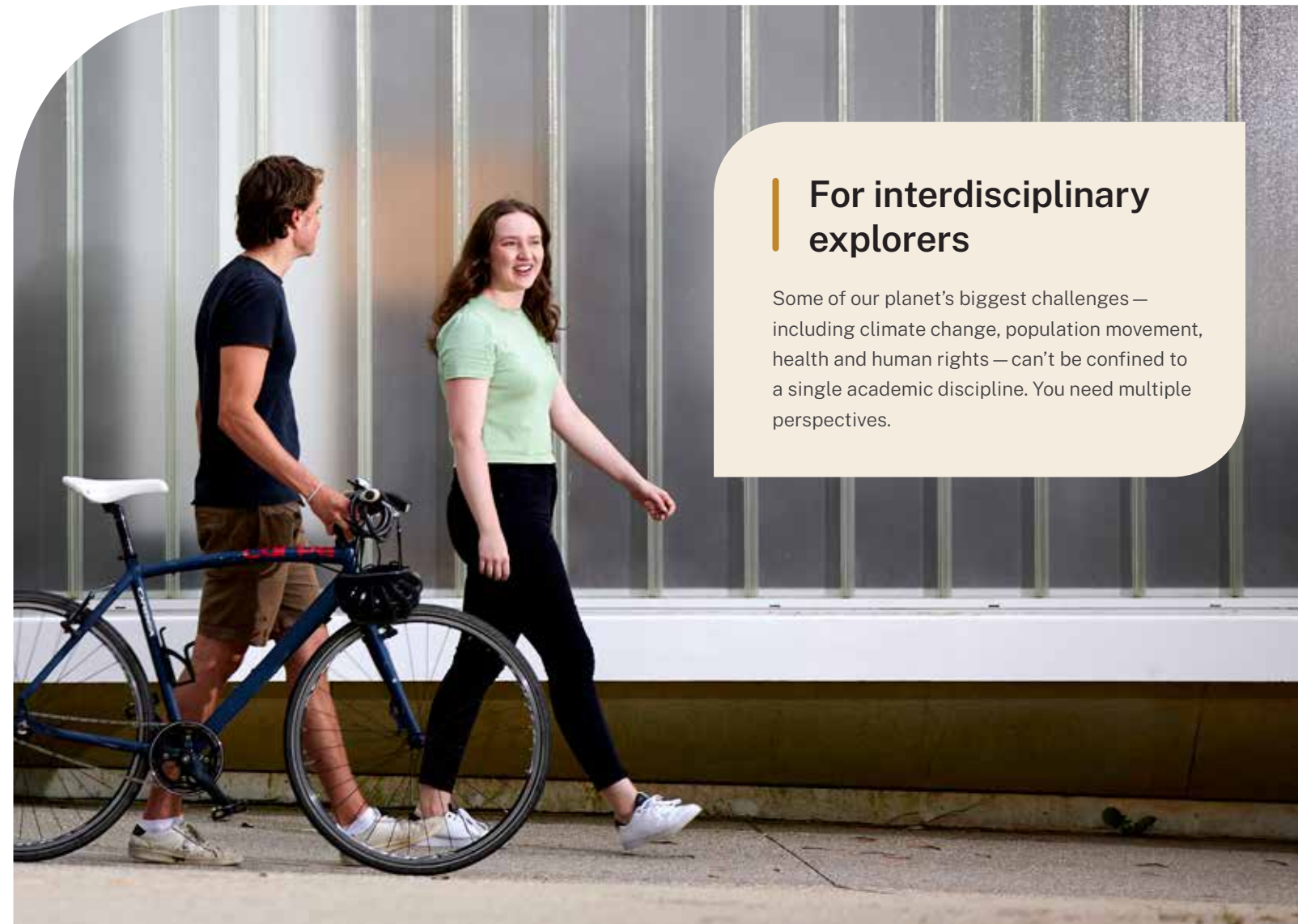
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Asia Pacific Affairs*
- Bachelor of Asian Studies
- Bachelor of Pacific Studies
- Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Humanities and Social Sciences
- Bachelor of Philosophy, Neuroscience, and Psychology
- Bachelor of Political Science
- Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- Bachelor of Public Policy



*The Bachelor of Asia Pacific Affairs/Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts is a dual degree with Ritsumeikan University in Japan.

For interdisciplinary explorers

Some of our planet's biggest challenges — including climate change, population movement, health and human rights — can't be confined to a single academic discipline. You need multiple perspectives.



STUDY WITH US

FIND YOUR DEGREE

ANU offers a unique experience to students. Thinking about studying humanities, arts, social sciences and international studies? Step this way for detailed information about what and how you can study with us.

Bachelor of Arts

Scan the QR code for more program information



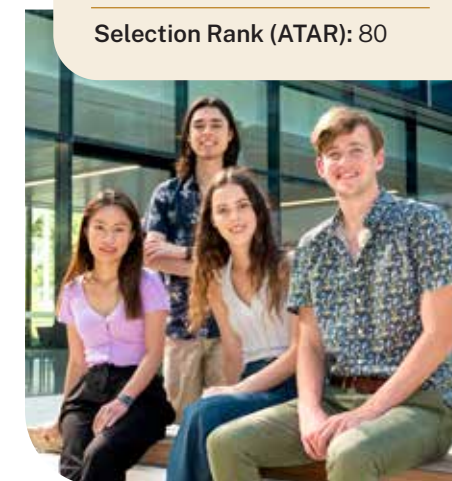
Explore your passions and discover new ones! The Bachelor of Arts is the most diverse, most flexible, and most popular degree at ANU. Each of its nearly 50 majors, in fields throughout the arts, humanities and social sciences, is taught by truly outstanding scholars to ensure that each student receives the very best education, is engaged with cutting-edge research, and learns to think like a researcher. These majors can be coupled with more than seventy minors and specialisations to broaden or deepen your study. The degree will provide you with core skills in critical analysis and in written and oral communication, while developing your adaptability and ability to shape change while preparing you for a multifaceted career or further study.

CRICOS code: 074016B

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Selection Rank (ATAR): 80



Careers

- Academia
- Advertising
- Art conservation
- Communications
- Education
- Government
- Information technology
- International development
- Journalism
- Media
- Policy-making
- Politics
- Publishing
- And many other fields

Flexible Double Degree

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The Flexible Double Degree Groups allow students to combine two Bachelor degrees of their choice. Students can build their own combination to suit both a career path and a personal passion. The Arts, Social Sciences, Business and Science Group offers the broadest range of choices with over 600 degree combinations available. These options allow you to build depth, create interdisciplinary breadth, and fulfil both professional ambitions and intellectual curiosity.

CRICOS code: 079093D

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 4 year full-time

Selection Rank (ATAR): *more information on page 29*

Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Affairs & Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts

Scan the QR code for more program information



Deepen your understanding of the Asia-Pacific region from multiple perspectives with this unique dual-degree program, where you will study for two years in Australia and two years in Japan, earning degrees from both The Australian National University (ANU) and Ritsumeikan University (RU) in Osaka.

CRICOS code: No CRICOS

Intakes: S1

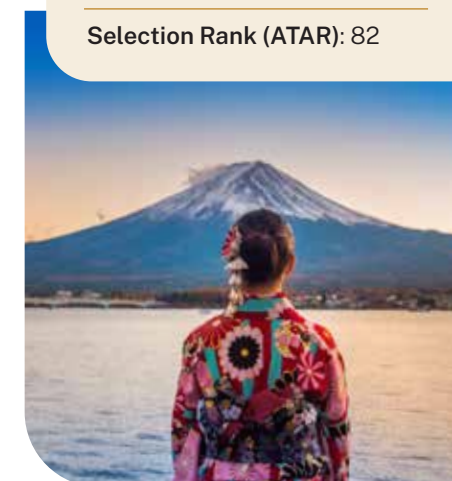
Duration: 4 years full-time

Selection Rank (ATAR): 82

Taught entirely in English, this program explores transnational forces and contemporary challenges while immersing you in two dynamic cultures. Experience life in both Japan and Australia, expand your global network, and strengthen your Japanese language skills. If you are looking for an international education that broadens your perspective and career opportunities, this program is for you.

Careers

- Academia
- Cultural sector
- Diplomacy
- Education
- International business analyst/ Advisor
- Journalism
- NGO Consultant/Specialist
- Policy advisor/Analyst
- Tourism Manager/Consultant



Don't settle for anything less than what you want. Go out and immerse yourself in things you enjoy and surround yourself with people that make you the best version of yourself.

Belinda Terry

Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Commerce



Bachelor of Asian Studies

Scan the QR code for more program information



Asia is shaping the future — it is home to some of the world's fastest-growing economies, diverse and dynamic cultures, and has increasing geopolitical influence. To navigate and lead in this evolving landscape, the world needs graduates who can think critically, communicate effectively, and collaborate across borders.

With our specialised degree in Asian Studies, you will gain specialist academic knowledge, master an Asian language and develop transferable skills. Thrive in small, interactive classes led by world-renowned scholars and industry experts, and take advantage of unique study-abroad opportunities that bring your learning to life.

Graduate ready for a rewarding career in one of the world's most influential regions. This program is available as a single degree or as part of a Flexible Double Degree.

Careers

- Academia
- Business
- Cultural sector
- Diplomacy
- Education
- Government
- Journalism
- Tourism
- Translation
- And many other fields

CRICOS code: 082710B

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Selection Rank (ATAR): 80



Bachelor of Criminology

Scan the QR code for more program information



Do you want to delve into an enthralling field that deals with the complexities of crime and responses to crime? The Bachelor of Criminology addresses the causes, politics and management of crime and criminal justice from a range of disciplinary perspectives. You will develop an understanding of a range of issues including definitions and representations of crime, the complex social, political, and individual factors that underpin criminal activity, and the operation of the criminal justice system. This degree also has a strong focus on critical thinking, empirical methods, and debates. It provides our graduates with valuable skills that translate across many career paths.

Careers

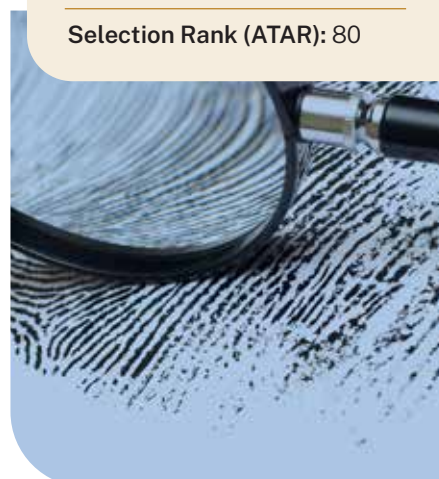
- Consultancy
- Criminal justice
- Government
- Intelligence
- Journalism
- NGO sector
- Policy-making
- Research
- Social work

CRICOS code: 078937F

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Selection Rank (ATAR): 80



Bachelor of Design

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Design has a transformative role in shaping our rapidly-changing world: it's about applied creativity, strategic design thinking, engagement and collaboration, as well as the art of making and production. The Bachelor of Design is a future-focused program that prepares graduates who are skilled, inventive and versatile, ready to engage with the challenges and opportunities of our fast-moving society. Courses offered in the program encourage research-driven approaches and partnerships with industry to prepare students with transferable knowledge and skills required to engage sustainably and ethically in a rapidly-changing world.

Students benefit from deep immersion in digital, practical and theoretical modalities. They engage with wide-ranging perspectives of creative practices to forge their own unique path to becoming designers.

Careers

- Cultural sector
- Data visualisation
- Design thinking
- Graphic design
- Interface design
- Object design
- Strategic design
- User experience design
- Web design

CRICOS code: 092387C

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Prerequisites: Portfolio & Interview*



Bachelor of International Relations

Scan the QR code for more program information



The Bachelor of International Relations at ANU will provide you with an understanding of the complexities that have shaped the modern world of states and international society. You will examine historical and current issues through the lens of theory and practice of global politics, international political economy, international security, and development. As well as studying theories and concepts of international relations more broadly, you will build greater knowledge on the foreign policy of at least one world region, and develop research skills applicable across the social sciences. Students can pursue options including language study, international exchange, or undertaking an international/national internship.

Careers

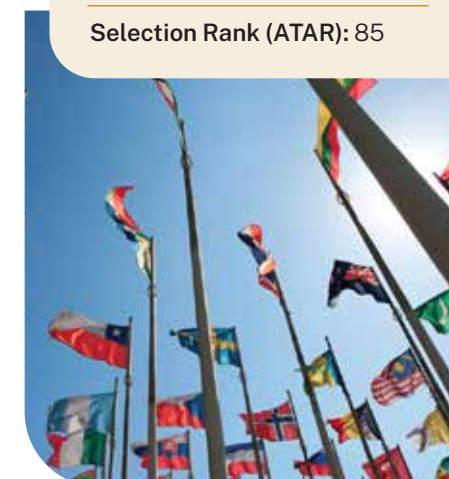
- Business
- Foreign affairs
- Government
- Journalism
- Language teaching
- NGO sector
- Policy-making
- Tourism
- Trade
- And many other fields

CRICOS code: 073992F

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Selection Rank (ATAR): 85



Bachelor of International Security Studies

Scan the QR code for more program information



Studying international security is crucial for understanding and addressing the global challenges that threaten peace and stability. This program covers a broad spectrum of security issues, ranging from large-scale conflicts and international power struggles to terrorism, cybersecurity, and environmental threats, with a particular focus on their impact on Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

Throughout your studies, you will gain a comprehensive understanding of the history and root causes of these issues, while enjoying the flexibility to tailor your studies to your personal interests. Develop the skills needed to anticipate and tackle threats affecting nations and regions, contributing to global stability.

Take the first step toward a career in international security. This program is available as a single degree or as part of a Flexible Double Degree.

Careers

- Academia
- Business
- Conflict resolution and peacebuilding
- Diplomacy
- International development
- Law enforcement and counterterrorism
- National security and intelligence
- Policy advisor/Analyst

CRICOS code: 082704M

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 year full-time

Selection Rank (ATAR): 85



Bachelor of Languages

Scan the QR code for more program information



ANU offers more languages than any other university in Australia, making the Bachelor of Languages an excellent choice. The program allows you to study two or more languages alongside other areas of interest. Whether you're a beginner or have prior experience, you will explore the structural, grammatical, and idiomatic components of your chosen languages. You can also immerse yourself in your chosen language and culture through study abroad opportunities, and combine your language study with other disciplines, including psychology, business and science.

Upon completion, you will graduate with advanced communicative proficiency and confidence in at least one language from a wide range on offer including European, Asian, Middle-Eastern, Australian Indigenous and Classical languages.

Careers

- Defence
- Diplomacy
- Journalism
- Language analysis
- Language teaching
- Tourism
- Trade
- Translation
- And many other fields

CRICOS code: 073988B

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Selection Rank (ATAR): 80



Bachelor of Music

Scan the QR code for more program information



The Bachelor of Music at ANU is the most flexible degree of its kind in Australia, nurturing outstanding musical artistry through the intersection of performance, composition, and music recording. The program fosters artistry through offering a diversity of musical experiences in an environment that encourages excellence, passion and entrepreneurship. It provides students with a unique 21st century musical experience while making sure students have enough flexibility to experiment and explore their own complex musical identity and practice. The program supports students in preparing for dynamic and multifaceted successful careers as music professionals and outstanding contributors to the local, national, and global community, as musically-informed citizens and leaders.

Careers

- Advertising
- Broadcasting
- Communications
- Composer
- Cultural sector
- Education
- Information technology
- Journalism
- Media
- Music administration
- Professional musician

CRICOS code: 073990G

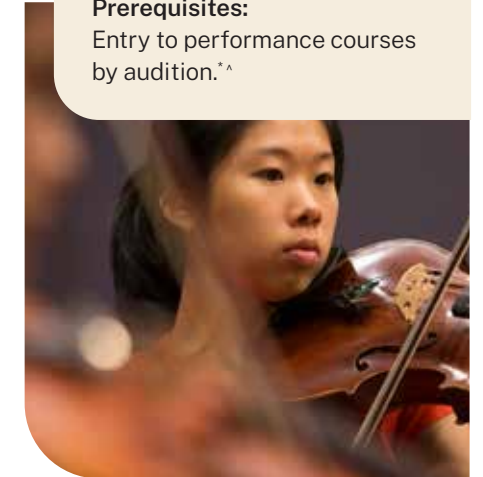
Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Selection Rank (ATAR): 80

Prerequisites:

Entry to performance courses by audition.*^



Bachelor of Pacific Studies

Scan the QR code for more program information



The Pacific is a region of growing global significance due to its strategic location, economic potential, and role in climate and security issues. As Australia's closest neighbour, it offers unique opportunities for those who understand its complexities and interconnectedness.

With our specialised degree in Pacific Studies, you will gain in-depth knowledge of the region's politics, history, culture, languages, and economies. This carefully-designed program allows you to tailor your studies, preparing you to take a leading role to address matters of international significance, engage with sensitive political and societal issues, and collaborate meaningfully with Pacific communities.

Immerse yourself in one of the world's most diverse and dynamic regions. This program is available as a single degree or as part of a Flexible Double Degree.

Careers

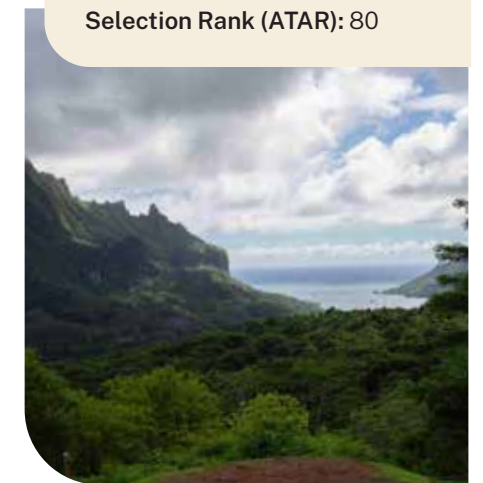
- Cultural sector
- Diplomacy
- Education
- Environment and climate change
- Government
- International development
- Journalism
- Tourism

CRICOS code: 075274J

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Selection Rank (ATAR): 80



Bachelor of Philosophy in Humanities and Social Sciences

Scan the QR code for more program information



The Bachelor of Philosophy in Humanities and Social Sciences (PhB HaSS) is a research-focused degree for intellectually-curious students eager to explore beyond the classroom. With a perfect balance of structure and flexibility, this program fosters innovation and entrepreneurship, empowering you to pursue creative and imaginative research projects.

As a PhB HaSS student at ANU you will enjoy exclusive access to our world-class courses and receive one-on-one mentorship from leading experts across the humanities and social sciences. Explore a wide range of subjects, including history, international relations, politics, anthropology, and economics.

With honours undertaken in the final year, culminating in a research thesis, the program provides a rigorous and personalised academic journey, offering a competitive, limited-entry opportunity while ensuring you receive exclusive mentorship and academic support.

Careers

- Academia
- Consultancy
- Corporate ethics and corporate social responsibility (CSR)
- Communications
- International organisations (human rights)
- Journalism
- Policy advisor/Analyst

CRICOS code: 103363E

Intakes: S1

Duration: 4 years full-time

Prerequisites required*

Selection Rank (ATAR): 99



Bachelor of Political Science

Scan the QR code for more program information



Are you interested in understanding political systems in Australia and in other parts of the world? Do you want to find out what drives citizens' political attitudes and behaviour, and how these affect policy outcomes? The Bachelor of Political Science is the only degree of its type in Australia, offering unparalleled access and connections to the corridors of Australian and international politics. You will be in the hub of Australian politics while you study politics. Internships, including in Parliament House, give you an opportunity to see and experience policy-making firsthand.

Careers

- Business
- Consultancy
- Defence
- Diplomacy
- Journalism
- NGO sector
- Policy-making
- Trade

CRICOS code: 086219C

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Selection Rank (ATAR): 85



Bachelor of Philosophy, Neuroscience, and Psychology

Scan the QR code for more program information



The Bachelor of Philosophy, Neuroscience, and Psychology (BPNP) is a pioneering interdisciplinary academic program. The program delves into the conceptual foundations that underpin our understanding of the brain and mind. With access to state-of-the-art facilities and leading researchers at neuroscience and medical research institutes, students will approach the mysteries of consciousness, perception, and behaviour. By bringing philosophy, neuroscience and psychology together from the outset, students will learn to formulate fundamental research questions across the three disciplines. As such, the program will foster a unique environment where interdisciplinary collaboration, and cutting-edge research converge to challenge traditional boundaries of thought.

Careers

- Research
- Data science
- Consulting
- Behavioural analysis
- Policy development
- User-experience (UX) research
- Education
- Politics
- Medicine
- Public sector roles
- Private sector roles

CRICOS code: 114958J

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Prerequisites required*

Selection Rank (ATAR): 97



Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Scan the QR code for more program information



Are you a leader? ANU is a leader too, especially in the fields of philosophy, politics and economics. The Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (BPPE) at ANU is for ambitious, high-achieving students aspiring to influence their fields. The program equips you with moral, economic, and political perspectives to drive real change while honing problem-solving, critical thinking, and conceptual skills.

With a limited intake each year, the BPPE fosters a close-knit academic community, supporting your ability to tackle complex ideas and challenges. Graduates gain a pathway to some of the world's most promising careers, ready to make a meaningful impact in their chosen paths.

Careers

- Business
- Consultancy
- Diplomacy
- Entrepreneurship
- Journalism
- NGO sector
- Policy-making
- Research

CRICOS code: 076183D

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Prerequisites required*

Selection Rank (ATAR): 94



Bachelor of Public Policy

Scan the QR code for more program information



Pursue a dynamic career in politics, public service, advocacy, or private industry with the Bachelor of Public Policy (BPP) at ANU.

The program provides a deep understanding of Australian and international policies, building skills in data analysis, policy evaluation, design, advocacy, and communication. Studying in Canberra, the nation's capital, offers unparalleled access to resources and connections with the Australian Federal Government and non-government organisations. You may also have the opportunity to join the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP). With the BPP, you will be well-prepared to make a meaningful impact in public policy.

Careers

- Academia
- Banking
- Diplomacy
- Finance
- Government
- International affairs
- Journalism
- National and international law firms
- NGO sector
- Politics
- Social work
- And many other fields

CRICOS code: 097615M

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Selection Rank (ATAR): 85



Bachelor of Visual Arts

Scan the QR code for more program information



The Bachelor of Visual Arts at ANU combines rigorous scholarship with intensive studio practice, tailored to your aspirations and guided by internationally-renowned art practitioners. You will gain creative skills and critical knowledge to address challenges in a rapidly changing world. The program offers specialist training in ceramics, glass, painting, photography, media arts, printmedia, drawing, sculpture, spatial practice, and textiles. Students can further enrich their studies through courses in the Centre for Art History and Art Theory and with electives from across the ANU, providing a comprehensive and versatile foundation for a career in the visual arts.

Careers

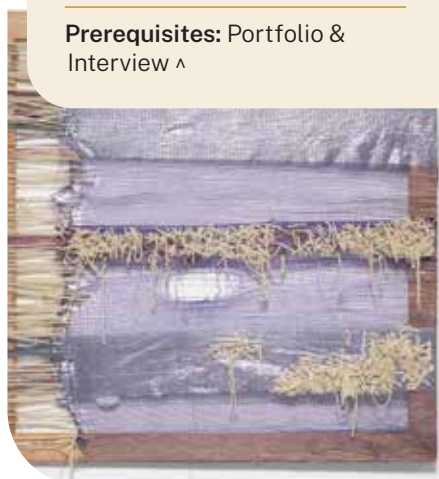
- Art conservation
- Artist
- Cultural sector
- Design thinking
- Education
- Journalism
- Media

CRICOS code: 073991G

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 3 years full-time

Prerequisites: Portfolio & Interview ^



Sophie Kihara-Murer, Labour of Surface, 2024, repurposed Agricultural Textile (Onion Bags), Acrylic Yarn, 106.7 x 106.7 cm.

* Applicants are advised to contact the School or arrange an audition as soon as possible. The submission of a portfolio is also encouraged for those interested in composition. Visit music.cass.anu.edu.au/students/future/apply/bachelor-music

^ Find more information about programs with compulsory additional selection criteria at study.anu.edu.au/apply/anu-programs-additional-selection-criteria.

Studying languages at ANU

By choosing to study a language, you are choosing to broaden your horizons both personally and professionally. ANU is your passport to the rest of the world.

Global study experiences and rewarding careers beckon in countries most people can only dream of visiting.

The languages taught at ANU are spoken by the vast majority of the world's population. Some are ancient and steeped in rich cultural traditions, while others are evolving across new platforms with new speakers.

Languages are driving the world to become increasingly connected. As a 21st century communicator, your linguistic skills will give you access to meaningful opportunities in new environments.

With nearly 30 languages on offer, ANU offers more languages than any other university in Australia. Indeed, ANU is the only institution in Australia that teaches many less-common languages at a tertiary level.



Raihana Haidary
Bachelor of Languages

My studies at the ANU have taught me as much about persistence, discipline, dedication and hard work as about these very languages that I have sought to master. During the last three years, I have developed a strong foundation upon which to continue each of these language journeys.



Our Language Guide
cass.anu.edu.au/lang-guide

Our degrees

Degree Name	Duration (years) (full time)	2026 selection rank*	IB	Prerequisites	Description
Bachelor of Arts	3	80	30		The Bachelor of Arts is the most diverse, most flexible, and most popular degree at ANU. Each of its majors, in fields throughout the arts, humanities and social sciences, is taught by outstanding scholars to ensure that each student receives the very best education, is engaged with cutting-edge research, and learns to think like a researcher. These majors can be coupled with minors to broaden or deepen your study at ANU.
Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Affairs & Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts	4	82	31		This dual program provides you with the unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Asia-Pacific region from a global perspective – study in Australia and Japan, and graduate with two university degrees from ANU and Ritsumeikan University (RU). Domestic students must start the program in semester one at ANU. International students must apply at RU.
Bachelor of Asian Studies	3	80	30		Australia is increasingly looking to Asia – strategically, economically, politically, and culturally – and all eyes are on the graduates of tomorrow to take us there. You will master an Asian language, acquire in-depth contextual knowledge of the region, and graduate with the kind of Asian literacy that gets you noticed by employers.
Bachelor of Criminology	3	80	30		This degree draws your attention to the social dimensions of crime and teaches you how to assess the effectiveness and implications of crime control measures. You will develop an understanding of a range of issues in contemporary criminology, including definitions and representations of crime, addictive behaviours, victimisation, policing, the criminal justice system, transnational crime, and restorative justice.
Bachelor of Design	3	N/A	N/A	Portfolio & Interview	Combining cutting-edge digital practices with internationally renowned art and craft studio disciplines, this degree prepares you to be skilled, inventive and versatile. From coding, to making and manufacturing, you apply hands-on design to digital and physical materials – delving into web design, data visualisation and the latest digital form and fabrication processes.
Bachelor of International Relations	3	85	32		This degree will introduce you to the study of international relations, initially via the broad historical and intellectual framework which has framed the modern world of states since the 17th century. It will then concentrate on the 20th century, the age of World Wars and the Cold War, before addressing contemporary issues, the age of global political economy, global culture and communication, global environmental concerns, and post-Cold war political conflict, including the 'War on Terror'. You can extend your chosen language subject into a major, and have the opportunity to go on exchange or an international/national internship.
Bachelor of International Security Studies	3	85	32		When you study the Bachelor of International Security Studies you will delve deeply into the contemporary security threats facing nations, international organisations and businesses around the world – including the threat of military power, civil war, terrorism, cybercrime, environmental degradation, and food security.
Bachelor of Languages	3	80	30		The Bachelor of Languages prepares you to thrive in our increasingly multilingual and international age. Your language education experience is designed to engage you with the linguistic features of your chosen language or languages contextualised in terms of the culture and history of the regions in which it is spoken.
Bachelor of Music	3	80	30	Entry to performance courses is by audition. Applicants are advised to contact the School of Music to arrange an audition as soon as possible. The submission of a portfolio is also encouraged for those interested in composition. Visit music.cass.anu.edu.au/students/future/apply/bachelor-music	This degree nurtures outstanding musical artistry through the intersection of performance, composition and technology. It fosters artistry through offering a diversity of musical experiences in an environment that encourages excellence, passion and entrepreneurship. It provides students with a unique 21st century musical experience, which includes classical, jazz and contemporary performance, multimedia composition and audio engineering and recording. Students can specialise in one or more of five majors: performance, composition for film and video games, composition, music technology, and musicology.

Our degrees

Degree Name	Duration (years) (full time)	2026 selection rank*	IB	Prerequisites	Description
Bachelor of Pacific Studies	3	80	30		The Bachelor of Pacific Studies will provide you with a deep understanding of the diversity, history and contemporary issues of Oceania, so you can take a leading role in Pacific policy and development. You will also have the opportunity to engage in internship and immersion programs in Oceania, boosting your language skills and expertise in the region.
Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Humanities and Social Sciences **	4	99	43		The PhB is an innovative, entrepreneurial and research-focused undergraduate degree designed for intellectually-curious students who want to explore their interests beyond the classroom. It's the only program of its kind where you will receive privileged access to disciplinary and area specialists across the Colleges of Arts and Social Sciences and Asia Pacific.
Bachelor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Psychology	3	97	41	Assumed knowledge -Chemistry	In a first of its kind in Australia, ANU is offering a single degree program – a Bachelor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Psychology – that provides a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to explore the complex relationships between mind and brain through a transdisciplinary lens. What is the linkage of imagery to our cognitive processes, and what happens in the brain when we're forming new ideas and connections, and how does that compare at a computational level to AI programs like Chat GPT?
Bachelor of Political Science	3	85	32		This degree will give you the knowledge, theoretical understanding and practical skills that underpin a successful career that engages with politics. You will graduate with a degree that is globally-recognised with well-developed skills in research, critical and conceptual thinking and problem-solving.
Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics	3	94	38	Assumed knowledge -Mathematics	The Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics is an elite degree that equally combines the study of politics, philosophy and economics, and the manner in which they are increasingly being integrated to enhance our understanding and evaluation of individual and group behaviour.
Bachelor of Public Policy	3	85	32		Designed to develop the skills and knowledge you need to gather and analyse a range of economic, demographic and social data, to evaluate public policies and programs, and to participate in policy design, advocacy and communication, this degree will equip you with a comprehensive understanding of Australian public policies and related international policies.
Bachelor of Visual Arts	3	N/A	N/A	Portfolio & Interview	Studying Visual Arts at ANU offers you the opportunity to learn and refine high-level technical and creative skills and knowledge for working with the forms, materials and technologies of a chosen studio discipline. Discipline options include ceramics, glass, hybrid art practice, painting, photomedia, printmedia and drawing, sculpture and spatial practice, and textiles.

* Selection Rank: The ranking that tertiary admission centres and most universities actually use to assess admission to a program. A person's program Selection Rank can include their ATAR, any equity adjustments they are eligible, for other contributions calculated on the basis of work experience or previous non-secondary study, portfolio assessments, results of the Special Tertiary Admissions Test, other supplementary tests, etc. 2026 Selection Rank required for consideration to enter in next intake: where a threshold minimum Selection Rank must be achieved to be considered for admission to a course or institution.

**There are compulsory additional selection criteria, check study.anu.edu.au/apply/anu-programs-additional-selection-criteria
Note: Admission requirements may vary from year to year. Admission requirements for entry in 2026 may be subject to change. See programsandcourses.anu.edu.au for any changes in entrance requirements. Information correct as of April 2025.

Maths and English courses will help equip you with the skills you need to excel during your time at ANU. Participation in secondary Maths and English will be mandatory for all applicants.

Applicants will satisfy this requirement upon the successful completion of:

- At least one English unit in at least one semester during Year 11 or Year 12; and,
- At least one Maths unit in at least one semester during Year 11 or Year 12.

Plan your degree

Explore our degrees and start imagining where your adventure with humanities, arts and social sciences at ANU might take you. We offer a suite of programs — including the Bachelor of Arts, and our world-renowned Flexible Double Degrees — that can provide you with a unique and distinctive qualification to give you an edge when you graduate.

Single Degree

You know where your interests lie and you know the career path you want to take.

A single specialised qualification is your fast track to joining the ranks of Australia's most employable graduates.

Your single degree (for example, the Bachelor of Arts) might be structured as follows, with majors, one minor, and some electives:

Year	Semester	Courses			
1	1	Major	Minor*	Degree Elective	Elective
	2	Major	Minor*	Degree Elective	Elective
2	1	Major	Minor*	Degree Elective	Elective
	2	Major	Minor*	Degree Elective	Elective
3	1	Major	Major*	Elective	Elective
	2	Major	Major*	Elective	Elective

You can tailor your studies to suit your interests or career goals through your major, minors and specialisations.

What's a major?

A major is an area within a program that allows in-depth study in a particular field. A major usually consists of a set number of related courses. Majors at ANU require 48 units of study. Typically, each course is worth six units.

What's a minor?

As the name suggests, a minor has fewer requirements to fulfil than a major in terms of points and compulsory courses. Minors at ANU require 24 units of study — so typically four courses.

And a specialisation?

Similar to a minor, a specialisation is an area of study with its own courses that are allowed to be taken in conjunction with a specific related major.

For more information on majors, minors and specialisations go to programsandcourses.anu.edu.au

Flexible Double Degrees

Study two undergraduate degrees at the same time and graduate with two qualifications. Combine two degrees to pursue diverse interests — for example: Bachelor of Asian Studies/Bachelor of Laws (Honours), or Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Languages. These programs will take you less time than studying two undergraduate degrees separately. Having two areas of expertise means you will graduate with a distinct competitive advantage.

*Some degrees require a minor component, some do not. See programsandcourses.anu.edu.au for full study plans.

Explore Flexible Double Degrees



Double degree combinations

Arts, Social Sciences, Business or Science

Four years full-time

Combine any two of the following degrees.

Bachelor of	2026 Selection Rank
Accounting ²	80
Actuarial Studies ⁴	92
Applied Data Analytics	90
Arts	80
Asian Studies	80
Biotechnology ^{4,5}	80
Business Administration	80
Commerce ^{2,3}	80
Criminology	80
Design	A+C
Economics	80
Environment and Sustainability	80
Finance ³	80
Genetics ^{4,5}	85
Computing ⁴	80
International Relations	85
International Security Studies	85
Languages	80
Mathematical Sciences ⁴	95
Medical Science ^{4,5}	85
Music ¹	80
Pacific Studies	80
Political Science	85
Politics, Philosophy and Economics	94
Public Policy	85
Science	80
Science (Psychology)	80
Statistics ⁴	80
Visual Arts	A+C

Law

Five years full-time

Choose to study the Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and combine it with a degree in a related field.

Bachelor of	2026 Selection Rank
Laws (Hons)	97
with one of the following degrees	
Accounting	80
Actuarial Studies ⁴	92
Applied Data Analytics	90
Arts	80
Asian Studies	80
Biotechnology ⁴	80
Business Administration	80
Commerce	80
Criminology	80
Design	A+C
Economics	80
Environment and Sustainability	80
Finance	80
Genetics ⁴	85
Computing ⁴	80
International Relations	85
International Security Studies	85
Languages	80
Mathematical Sciences ⁴	95
Medical Science ⁴	85
Music ¹	80
Pacific Studies	80
Political Science	85
Politics, Philosophy and Economics	94
Public Policy	85
Science	80
Science (Psychology)	80
Statistics ⁴	80
Visual Arts	A+C

Engineering or Advanced Computing

Five years full-time

Choose one of the following degrees and combine it with another one Engineering and Advanced Computing degree.

Bachelor of	2026 Selection Rank
Advanced Computing (Hons) ⁴	85
Advanced Computing (R&D) (Hons) ^{4,98}	98
Engineering (Hons) ⁴	85
Engineering (R&D) (Hons) ^{4,6}	98
Software Engineering (Hons) ⁴	85
with one of the following degrees	
Accounting ⁶	80
Actuarial Studies ⁴	92
Applied Data Analytics	90
Arts	80
Asian Studies	80
Biotechnology ⁴	80
Business Administration	80
Commerce	80
Criminology ⁶	80
Design ⁶	A+C
Economics	80
Environment and Sustainability	80
Finance ³	80
Genetics ⁴	85
Computing ⁵	80
International Relations ⁶	85
International Security Studies	85
Languages	80
Mathematical Sciences ⁴	95
Medical Science ^{4,6}	85
Music ¹	80
Pacific Studies	80
Politics, Philosophy and Economics ⁶	94
Political Science ⁶	85
Public Policy ⁶	85
Science	80
Science (Psychology)	80
Statistics ⁴	80
Visual Arts ⁶	A+C

A+C: Minimum selection rank + conditions apply including interview/portfolio. See soad.cass.anu.edu.au/students/apply for more information.

- Entrance to performance courses are by audition. See music.cass.anu.edu.au/students/future/apply/bachelor-music
- Commerce with an accounting major cannot be combined with Bachelor of Accounting.
- Commerce with a finance major cannot be combined with Bachelor of Finance.

- Program includes another prerequisite in addition to minimum selection rank.
- The degrees of Biotechnology, Genetics, and Medical Sciences cannot be combined with one another. The degrees of Advanced Computing and Software Engineering cannot be combined with Information Technology.
- The Bachelor of Engineering (R&D) (Hons) cannot be combined with any of these degrees.

Flexible study options

Our most versatile study options – allowing you to focus on the disciplines you are most passionate about – are the Bachelor of Arts, offered by ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences, and the Bachelor of Asian Studies and Bachelor of Pacific Studies programs offered by ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.

Some of the exciting majors and minors you can study in a Bachelor of Arts include:

ANIP Australian National Internships Program	Japanese Studies Korean Studies Northeast Asian Studies Pacific Studies Southeast Asian Studies	Creative Arts Art History and Curatorial Studies Design Heritage and Museum Studies Music Visual Arts Practice	Literature, Languages and Linguistics Ancient Greek Applied Linguistics Arabic Asian and Pacific Linguistics Asian and Pacific Literature and Film Burmese Language Chinese Language English Forensic Linguistics French Studies German Studies Hindi Language Indonesian Language Italian Studies Japanese Language Japanese Linguistics Korean Language Latin Linguistics Literary Chinese Mongolian Language Persian Russian Studies	Sanskrit Language Spanish Studies Tetum Language Thai Language Tibetan Language Tok Pisin Language Vietnamese Language
Archaeology, History and Classical Studies Ancient Greek Ancient History Archaeology Art History and Theory Asian History Biological Anthropology Classical Studies History Latin	Australian Indigenous Studies Australian Indigenous Studies	Economics, Law and Government Economic Studies Public Policy	Politics, Public Policy and Philosophy Philosophy Philosophy and Science Political Science Social Research Methods	
Asian and Pacific Studies Asia-Pacific Politics Asian and Pacific Culture, Media and Gender Asian History Asian Studies Chinese Studies Indian and South Asian Studies Indonesian Studies	Contemporary Society and Culture Anthropology Asian and Pacific Culture, Media and Gender Criminology Demography Development Studies Environmental Studies Gender, Sexuality and Culture Human Ecology Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies Sociology Social Research Methods Sustainable Development	International Relations and Security Studies Climate Science and Policy Environmental Policy Geography International Relations Middle East Politics and Security Peace and Conflict Studies	Sciences and Computing Environmental Studies Geography Human Ecology Mathematics Psychology Social Psychology	

Double Degree

Examples of a Flexible Double Degree

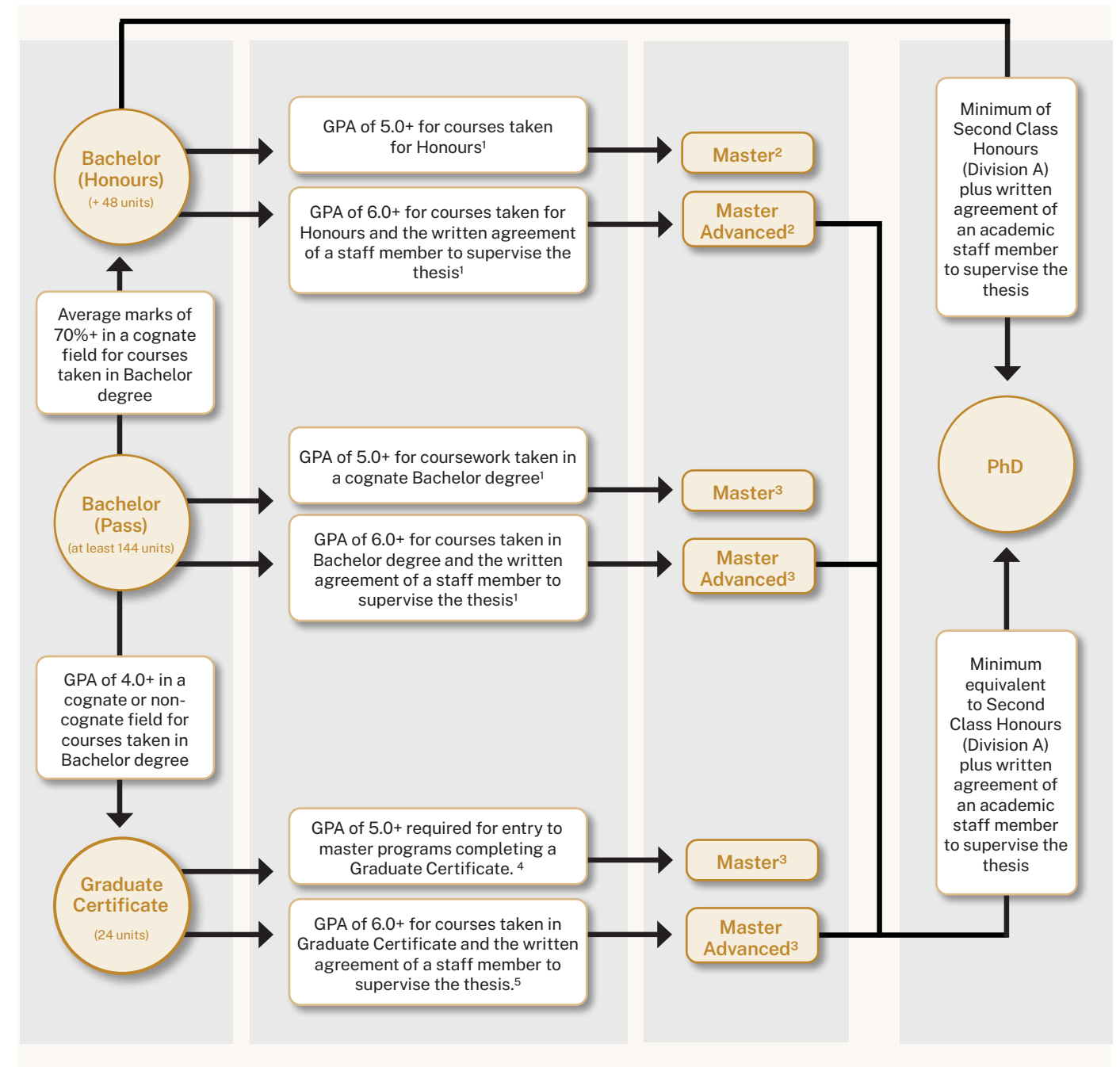
Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Commerce (four-year degree)

Year	Semester	Courses
1	1	Arts/ Asian Studies Major Arts Minor Commerce Major Commerce Minor
	2	Arts/ Asian Studies Major Arts Minor Commerce Major Commerce Minor
2	1	Arts/ Asian Studies Major Arts Minor Commerce Major Commerce Minor
	2	Arts/ Asian Studies Major Arts Minor Commerce Major Commerce Minor
3	1	Arts/ Asian Studies Major Elective Commerce Major Elective
	2	Arts/ Asian Studies Major Elective Commerce Major Elective
4	1	Arts/ Asian Studies Major Elective Commerce Major Elective
	2	Arts/ Asian Studies Major Elective Commerce Major Elective

Disclaimer: Some degrees require a minor component, some do not. See programsandcourses.anu.edu.au for full study plans. Correct at time of publication April 2025. Please check the latest advice at programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/program/4050FDD

Your degree pathway

Not sure where to begin and where your study might take you? This table shows you how you can build on your Bachelor degree with Honours through to a PhD.



- 1 Please note that Master degrees may have additional entry requirements.
- 2 Students with an Honours degree may receive up to 48 units specified or unspecified credit towards their Master program, if approved by the Program Convenor.
- 3 Students may receive up to 24 units of credit for a cognate Bachelor program or Graduate Certificate.
- 4 Admission to some PG programs can require a grade point average (GPA) as low as 4.0 for students who hold a cognate graduate certificate. Seek advice from ANU Admissions to determine if this applies to you at study.anu.edu.au/contact-us.
- 5 GPA of 5.0+ may be accepted if Graduate Certificate is in a cognate discipline.

What our students say!



Rhianna
Flexible Double Degree
in Politics, Philosophy,
and Economics (PPE)
and Medical Science

Living and studying in Australia's political capital opened doors for me, like the chance to intern in Parliament through the ANIP program.



Aleksandar
Bachelor of
Arts/ Bachelor of
Languages

I chose ANU on account of its strong academic reputation and the great variety of courses that it offered in the fields that I was interested in studying, languages in particular.



Amandine
Bachelor of Asian
Studies and Bachelor
of International
Security Studies

The Asia-Pacific wasn't initially on my radar, but taking Asia-Pacific-focused courses opened my eyes to the region's dynamics and significance.



Simran
Bachelor of Criminology
(Honours)

Studying criminology allowed me to gain a more holistic understanding of what the study of crime looks like and the multitude of different lenses that have been used to understand it.

Apply today

Domestic students

You are a domestic applicant if you:

- are an Australian or New Zealand citizen
- hold an Australian Permanent Residency Visa
- hold an Australian Humanitarian Visa.

Apply directly to ANU

You can apply to study at ANU early by submitting a direct application. What's more, applying directly is free and covers admission, scholarships and accommodation in one application.



Go to the ANU application portal

Apply through UAC

If you do not meet the criteria to submit a direct application to ANU between March and May, don't worry, you can apply to ANU via The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) later in the year.



Learn more about Apply through UAC

International students

You can nominate three degree preferences in your application, which increases your chances of getting an offer.

Apply directly to ANU

You can apply to study at ANU early by submitting a direct application. What's more, applying directly is free and covers admission, scholarships and accommodation in one application.



Go to the ANU application portal

Apply through an agent

An education agent can support you throughout the application process and answer your questions about ANU. They can also upload your supporting documentation and submit your application on your behalf.



Find an agent

Application Dates

Domestic Students 2026

Applications
3 March – 15 May 2025

Early Offers
4 September – 1 October 2025

Final offer acceptance deadline
30 January 2026

International Students 2025/2026

Applications for Semester 2, 2025
June 2024 – May 2025

Applications for Semester 1, 2026
March – December 2025

Applications for Semester 2, 2026
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