

Course Structure

As defined by the [course rules](#), the program requires a six-unit study in a secondary teaching area. At ACU, a teaching area is what is associated with a 'senior secondary teaching subject', but in this program, it is necessary to have a secondary subject to teach throughout the secondary school. Not all 'senior secondary subjects' naturally link to a junior secondary subject (e.g., Psychology), we do not have six units available in some (e.g., Digital Technologies), and the requirements for others cannot be met with only six units (e.g., Physical Education requires more). Taking all of this into account, the available teaching areas within this degree are listed on pp. 2-4.

Religious Education Accreditation

Detailed information about Religious Education Accreditation is provided in a separate document, but in essence if you wish to seek to *teach Religious Education (RE) in Catholic Schools* then you should study the sequence which leads to being regarded by the teacher registration body as eligible to teach the senior secondary "Study of Religions" [NSW, Qld] or "Religious Education" [Vic, ACT] subject.

"Add on" studies for various forms of RE accreditation, available within some of ACU's initial teacher education degrees, are not available in this qualification because of the constraint of '6 units'.

Available teaching areas

The secondary teaching areas available within this program are shown on Table 1 (pp. 2-4), and you must choose from one of those. Click on the link in the first columns of this table to see further information about each.

The right-most column in Table 1 also indicates the school subjects you might reasonably be expected to focus on in your secondary teaching placements. For instance, biology teachers may reasonably expect to teach any science in junior secondary, and indeed there may only be limited opportunities to teach senior biology classes during your course.

Disclaimer: There are various lists which describe the various majors and minor available at ACU campuses. That does not mean that that any/all are available in [this course](#). This course is defined by teaching areas, which vary from state to state. Table 1, as a re-presentation of the [course rules](#), is the accurate and complete description of what is available in this course.

Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment (CPA) units for each teaching area are also presented in Table 1. These are explained further on pages 2-4.

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Table 1: Available Teaching Areas

The secondary teaching area must be studied from one of the following sequences. Click on the Discipline to see further information about completing this sequence, including available units. *First year students who are “scanning” the list to investigate which teaching areas are available do not need to be concerned with the “CPA Units”.*

The units that would be studied in first year are shown in the left most column.

Discipline	Brisbane	Canberra	Melbourne	Strathfield	CPA Units The colour coding describes the availability in 2022 – refer key below	Teaching placement might reasonably include areas such as
ENGLISH GROUP						
English	Available	Available	Available	Available	Sem2: EDEN299 (O,B,M,S) PT2: EDEN399 (O,B,M,S)	Any English, Literature or ESL/TESOL/EAL
MATHEMATICS GROUP						
Mathematics ¹	Available ⁴	Available	Available	Available	Sem2: EDMA299 (O) PT2: EDMA399 (O,M,S)	Any Mathematics
ARTS GROUP						
Drama	Available	<i>The relevant units are not taught at Canberra</i>	Available	Available	Sem2: EDDR299 (O) PT2: EDDR399 (O,M)	Any Drama or Theatre Studies
Music	Available	<i>The relevant units are not taught at Canberra</i>	Available	<i>Not available as a teaching area in Strathfield</i>	Sem1: EDMU299 (O) PT2: EDMU399 (O)	Any classroom music

¹ Students wishing to study Mathematics as a teaching should have completed specialist Mathematics in Year 12 or relevant bridging course. Students without an adequate Mathematics background will find themselves disadvantaged when it comes to studying this subject in the complexity and pace required at university level.

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Visual Arts	Available	<i>The relevant units are not taught at Canberra</i>	Available	Available	Sem2: EDAR299 (O) PT1: EDAR399 (O,M,S)	Any Visual Arts in junior secondary years (e.g., painting, drawing, textiles, graphics, photography, media arts, etc). Arts in your field of specialisation in senior secondary years.
HUMANITIES GROUP						
Archaeology ²	Available	<i>The relevant units are not taught at Canberra</i>	Available	Available	Sem2: EDHI299 (B, M,S) PT2: EDHI399 (O,B,M,S)	Any History 7-12; any Humanities/HSIE subject 7-9 (NSW: senior secondary Ancient History)
Business Studies	Available	<i>The relevant units are not taught at Canberra</i>	Available	<i>See Ft Note 3</i>	Sem2: EDCB299 (O) PT2: EDBU399 (O,B,M)	Business Studies 11-12; any Commerce 7-10; any Humanities 7-9
Economics ⁴	Available ⁴	Available ⁴	Available ⁴	<i>See Ft Note 3</i>	Sem2: EDCB299 (O) PT2: EDEO399 (O)	Economics 11-12; any Commerce 7-10; any Humanities 7-9
Geography, Environ. & Society	Available	<i>The relevant units are not taught at Canberra</i>	Available	Available	Sem2: EDSS299 (O) PT2: EDGE399 (O)	Any Geography 7-12; any Humanities subject 7-9
History	Available	<i>The relevant units are not taught at Canberra</i>	Available	<i>Not available as a teaching area in Strathfield</i>	Sem2: EDHI299 (B,M,S) PT2: EDHI399 (O,B,M,S)	Any History 7-12; any Humanities subject 7-9

² A study in Archaeology, within the [Ancient Israel program](#), will lead to a teaching area of History (in NSW, 'Ancient History')

³ Note that Business Studies and Economics are not available in NSW because the number of secondary Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment units (taken in second and third year) needed to meet teacher registration requirements in NSW is greater than that of other disciplines and does not fit with a course map.

⁴ Possibly only available online.

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Ancient History	<i>Not available as a teaching area in Brisbane</i>	<i>The relevant units are not taught at Canberra</i>	<i>Not available as a teaching area in Melbourne</i>	Available ⁵	Sem2: EDHI299 (B,M,S) PT2: EDHI397 (O,M,B,S)	Any History 7-10; any Humanities subject 7-9 senior secondary Ancient History
Modern History	<i>Not available as a teaching area in Brisbane</i>	<i>The relevant units are not taught at Canberra</i>	<i>Not available as a teaching area in Melbourne</i>	Available ⁵	Sem2: EDHI299 (B,M,S) PT2: EDHI398 (O,M,B,S)	Any History 7-10; any Humanities subject 7-9 senior secondary Modern History
Study of Religions ^{6,7,8} Semester 1: PHIL107 ⁹ Semester 2: THCT100	Available	<i>The relevant units are not taught at Canberra</i>	<i>Not available as a teaching area in Melbourne</i>	Available	Sem2: EDRE299 (O) PT2: EDRE399 (O) Sem2: EDHI299 (NSW) (S)	Any Studies of Religion or Religious Education class or any HSIE class 7-10
Theological Studies ^{7,8} Semester 1: THBS100 Semester 2: THCT100	Available	Available	Available	<i>Not available as a teaching area in Strathfield</i>	Sem2: EDRE299 (O) PT2: EDRE399 (O)	Any Religious Education or Studies of Religion class
SCIENCES GROUP						
Biology	Available	<i>The relevant units are not taught at Canberra</i>	Available	<i>Not available as a teaching area in Strathfield</i>	Sem2: EDSI299 (O) PT2: EDBI399 (O,M,S)	Any Science 7-10; Biology 10-12

⁵ Ancient History (NSW teaching area only) requires 1 unit of modern History; Modern History (NSW teaching area only) requires 1 unit of Ancient History. Refer to the details in the [Arts Unit Listing](#) and the [Information for History Students in New South Wales](#)

⁶ The ACU major/minor is called “Study of Religions” whereas the Queensland QCE study is “Study of Religion” and the NSW HSC study is “Studies of Religion”.

⁷ To meet the requirements for teaching Studies of Religion in NSW schools, **students must study the unit EDHI299** (History CPA) in addition to EDRE299 and EDRE399. It would be necessary to study this as an overload unit.

⁸ For accreditation to teach Religious Education in Catholic schools, the units THBS100, THCT100 and THCT202 (along with the CPA units EDRE299 and EDRE399) must be included in either the Studies of Religion or Theology sequence.

⁹ Brisbane students should follow the enrolment pattern for PHIL107, as described in the [Arts Unit Listing](#)

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Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment (CPA) Units

Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment (CPA) units are the “method of teaching” units in the terminology of an earlier era in teaching. They help build an understanding of the curriculum (‘the what’), the pedagogy (‘the how’) and assessment in the approved teaching areas. There are two CPA units for every teaching area: one CPA unit focusses predominantly on the junior levels of secondary school, and the other focusses on the corresponding subject’s senior levels. Table 1 lists which CPA units correspond to each teaching area. You will notice that the teaching area does not necessarily have the same ‘name’ as the ACU major/minor.

For instance, if you study a teaching area of Mathematics, then your CPA studies would be Mathematics for junior secondary and Mathematics for senior secondary. If Biology is studied, then your CPA studies would be Science for junior secondary and Biology for senior secondary, as Biology per se is not taught at junior secondary levels.

The coding structure for the units is intended to be helpful. The junior secondary unit will always be coded EDXX299, where the XX is the subject – EN for English, MA for Mathematics, GE for Geography, etc. The senior secondary units are coded EDXX399. The EDXX299 will be available in semester 2, and the EDXX399 units in Professional Term 2 (i.e., first half of the year).

Teaching placement is included in the ‘Effective Teaching’ units (with the unit code ‘EDET’), throughout your course, and the CPA units need to be sequenced to work in conjunction with these. The usual sequence is:

1. Effective Teaching 1 (incl first placement, primary)
2. Effective Teaching 2 (incl second placement, secondary) at the same time as junior secondary CPA (EDXX299)
3. Senior secondary CPA (EDXX399)
4. Effective Teaching 3 (incl third placement, secondary – is the ‘main secondary placement’)
5. Effective Teaching 5 & 6 (incl final placement [primary], which is split across these two units)

It follows that it is **not vital** for your **first** teaching placement to be in your **exact teaching area**, because this deliberately occurs prior to your CPA study. The Placement Office will work on arranging the best possible placement for you. On any of the early placements you will *not* have encountered *everything* that your course will provide about your teaching areas: it is quite deliberately an incremental progression, not a front-loading.

Availability of the CPA units:

For the CPA units which correspond to each teaching area, the EDXX299 will be available in Semester 2, and the EDXX399 units in Professional Term 2 (i.e., first half of the year) of the following year.

In the main, you will study the CPA units for your secondary teaching area in Semester 2 of Year 2, and the first half of year 3

If a major/minor is on offer on a particular campus, the relevant CPA may be available *either* on-campus or wholly online.