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Majors and minors

WHAT IS A MAJOR AND WHAT IS A MINOR?

A major is a sequence of eight units from one discipline area that you will study over the course of your degree. A minor is a sequence of four units from one discipline area.

In the Bachelor of Creative Arts, you choose to study either:

- 2 majors (of eight units each) OR
- 1 major (eight units) and two minors (of four units each)

LIST OF MAJORS AND MINORS AVAILABLE BY CAMPUS

Brisbane Majors	Strathfield Majors	Melbourne Majors
Drama	Design and Technologies	Drama
English	Drama	English
Music	English	Media (only for students enrolled from 2023 or earlier)
Visual Arts	Visual Arts	Music
		Visual Arts

Brisbane Minors	Strathfield Minors	Melbourne Minors
Communication	Communication	Communication
Creative Writing (only for students enrolled from 2023 or earlier)	Creative Writing (only for students enrolled from 2023 or earlier)	Creative Writing (only for students enrolled from 2023 or earlier)
Drama	Drama	Drama
English	English	English
Music	Graphic Design	Graphic Design
Visual Arts		Media (only for students enrolled from 2023 or earlier)
	Music (only for students enrolled from 2023 or earlier)	Music
	Visual Arts	Visual Arts

HOW DO I RECORD MY MAJOR IN THE STUDENT SYSTEM?

Once you have completed a semester in the Bachelor of Creative Arts, you should register your major/s in Student Connect.

You should also update this information if you change your major at any time, as it helps us to monitor your progress through the course and provide advice.

You do not need to register your minor/s.

In Student Connect, click on **My Enrolment** then click **Select your Major/s**.

CAN I CHANGE MY MAJOR OR MINOR LATER IN THE COURSE?

Yes, most students can do that, particularly if you are in the early stages of the degree. It is a good idea to check with your Course Coordinator about whether this will extend your degree or not. Changing your major or minor may require different subject choices and potentially lead to an extension of your degree. You can apply to change your major in Student Connect after the end of your first semester. In Student Connect, click on **My Enrolment** then click **Select your Major/s**.

Electives

WHICH UNITS CAN I TAKE AS ELECTIVES?

Electives can be any unit from the National School of Arts and Humanities Unit Listing provided that prerequisite requirements are met. You **cannot** take electives from Education, Health Sciences, Nursing, Law, Criminology, or any other unit not listed in the Arts Unit Listing.

CAN I CHOOSE AN ELECTIVE AS AN EXTRA UNIT IN MY MAJOR OR MINOR?

You may do this if there are more units on offer over the course of your degree than the major or minor requires. See the National School of Arts and Humanities Unit Listing for the yearly choice of units. You can discuss this with your Course Coordinator if you have any questions.

SHOULD I DO ALL MY ELECTIVES IN ONE AREA, OR SELECT EACH ELECTIVE AS THE MOOD TAKES ME?

That's up to you! Some students strategically develop an area they think will be useful in the workforce while others enjoy sampling different subject areas to give them a wider knowledge base. There may be wonderful disciplines that you've never tried before they you grow to love simply by taking them as an elective.

CAN I STUDY A LANGUAGE AT ACU?

ACU offers you the opportunity to complete a Diploma in Languages in conjunction with your ACU undergraduate degree. If this interests you, please contact AskACU for advice.

Enrolling in units

HOW DO I FIND WHICH UNITS ARE AVAILABLE TO ENROL IN?

The units on offer are updated each year and the unit list will show you what you can choose in 2023. Always use the updated unit list. **You will find the current list in the Course Enrolment Guide.**

HOW DO I KNOW THE LEVEL OF THE UNITS I'M ENROLLING IN?

The course map will guide you as to the level of the unit you need to choose.

If the map states, 'Major 100 level', you should choose a unit code that starts with a '1', for example, ARTS112. These are sometimes referred to as 'introductory' units or 'first-year' units. You can enrol in up to two 100-level units in your major or minor sequence.

If the map states '200-level', choose a unit that starts with a '2', for example, ARTS251.

Don't enrol in a 200-level unit until you have completed at least one first-year unit from the same sequence, or any required prerequisite.

Students normally enrol in 300-level units towards the end of their degree and when they have completed any prerequisites that might be required. You must complete two 300-level units to complete a major. You are permitted to take additional 300-level units in place of some of the 200-level units if you so wish. Usually only one 300-level unit is offered in any given semester. It is important that you plan for this as you near graduation otherwise you may need to extend your studies.

Prerequisite units

WHAT ARE PREREQUISITE UNITS?

A prerequisite is a unit you must complete before you can enrol in a higher-level unit.

The enrolment system will prevent you from enrolling in units for which you do not have the prerequisite. If you have transferred from another degree and believe you have met the prerequisites for higher-level units, you may need to apply for credit for your previous studies. More information is available at the following link:

https://acu.service-now.com/askacu?id=askacu_kb_article&sys_id=2b66ca9b71502140c04b31c7202e9a1b

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A WAIVER OF PREREQUISITE UNITS?

You can find more information along with the prerequisite waiver form at the following link:

https://acu.service-now.com/askacu?id=askacu_kb_article&sys_id=dcca40f91bf3d814f66eebd6ec4bcb9c&table=

Special units

WHAT IS THE HUMA320 UNIT AND WHEN SHOULD I TAKE IT?

This is the Creative Arts major project capstone unit that you take near the end of your degree when you have completed all or most of your major/s and minors. It is a required unit in the course and is taken in addition to the other 'core units' in your degree.

WHAT IS THE HUMA332 ARTS AND HUMANITIES SPECIAL PROJECT UNIT?

The special project unit will focus on different projects in different years. The projects will differ from year to year. Application forms will be made available to students and enrolment in this unit is subject to a competitive process. There are usually several internships on offer in a range of different disciplines. One project that may be of particular interest to creative arts students is an internal internship for the *Scroll* magazine. Students may apply from any degree or major in the National School of Arts and Humanities, especially (but not limited to) those with skills in any of English, Creative Writing, Communication, Media, Graphic Design, and Visual Arts. For more information, please contact your Course Coordinator.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HUMA330 AND HUMA331?

HUMA330 is a placement unit where students undertake a placement in an organisation in the community either during semester 1 or during summer term. If you have a disability or additional needs that need to be considered in the choice of placement, please contact your course coordinator prior to enrolling.

HUMA331 is a classroom-based unit where students work in groups (or alone if needed) using key skills in research and analysis, to devise, plan and pitch an idea for a social business or social enterprise. There is no placement in this unit.

You must take one of these units in third year to meet the core Community Engagement requirement of the Bachelor of Creative Arts.

CAN I DO AN ELECTIVE ON THE ROME CAMPUS? HOW DO I APPLY?

Yes, students can take units in Rome as electives. You can find out more in the Study Overseas web page (log in required):

<https://www.studentportal.acu.edu.au/career-and-opportunities/so/acu%20rome%20campus>