

Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching (Secondary)

How to enrol for the first time

Course Overview

This is the double degree program that provides benefits in the range of areas you can study, the expertise and mastery you can gain in each area and the fact that you will study a Masters degree in teaching within the double degree structure.

For the first three years you will study mainly Arts units with a small number of teaching units, and from third year onwards will focus more intensively on teaching units.

The Arts majors and minors provide you with the content, knowledge and skills for your discipline areas. The teaching units teach you how to teach in those areas. Both are vital for secondary teaching.

This course is 4 years long or up to 8 years part-time.

The first step in enrolling

Decide which areas you would like to teach in your future career.

Look at the two tables below: you may choose

- Option 1: **two majors** to study throughout your degree— these will become your teaching areas

OR

- Option 2.1 **One major and two minors**— your major and one minor will become your teaching areas.
- Option 2.2 One major and two minors (all three as teaching areas)
- Option 2.3 One major, one minor and Religious Education (all three as teaching areas).

OR

- You may choose **one major, one minor and four electives**— Your major and minor will become your teaching areas.

Bachelor of Arts Majors/minors available in this degree

A major is 8 units (subjects) studied over the degree and will become your main teaching area. You can choose to do up to two majors.

A minor is 4 units (subjects) studied over your degree and would be a second teaching area. You must do one major but can pair it with two minors.

Discipline	Secondary curriculum/teaching area	Brisbane	Melbourne	Strathfield
Archaeology (available online for all campuses)	History (Qld) Ancient History (NSW)*	Major/minor	—	Major/minor
Business Studies	Business Studies	Major/minor	Major/minor	Major/minor
Digital Technologies (Computing)	ICT & Digital Technologies	—	—	minor
Drama	Drama	Major/minor	Major/minor	Major/minor
Economics (available online for all campuses)	Economics	minor	minor	minor
English	English	Major/minor	Major/minor	Major/minor
Geography, Environment and Society	Geography	Major/minor	Major/minor	Major/minor
Healthy Development	Health Education (Vic only)	—	minor	—
History	History*	Major/minor	Major/minor	Major/minor
Mathematics	Mathematics	Major/minor	Major/minor	Major/minor
Music	Music	Major/minor	Major	—
Politics and International Relations	Politics & International Relations (ACT & Vic only)	—	minor	—
Psychology (non-APAC accredited)	Psychology (Vic & Qld only)	—	minor	—
Study of Religions	Study of Religions (ACT, NSW & Qld only)	Major/minor	—	Major/minor
Theological Studies	Religious Education (Vic only)	Major/minor	Major/minor	—
Visual Arts	Visual Arts	Major/minor	Major/minor	Major/minor

Arts areas unavailable in this degree except as electives

Discipline	Secondary curriculum/teaching area	Brisbane	Canberra	Melbourne	Strathfield
Communication	NA	Electives	—	Electives	Electives
Creative Writing minor (suspended from 2024) (2 creative writing units are available to students in this degree in the English major)	NA	Electives	—	Electives	Electives
Design and Technologies					Electives
Graphic Design	NA	—	—	Electives	Electives
International Development Studies	NA	—	—	Electives	—
Media (suspended from 2024)	NA	—	—	Electives	—
Philosophy	NA	Electives	—	Electives	Electives
Sociology	NA	Electives	—	Electives	Electives
Youth Work	NA	—	—	Electives	—

The second step in enrolling: find the correct map for you

All of the course maps for the Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching are available at the link below:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/responding-to-your-offer/ceg/arts-and->

You need to choose the map that relates to

- [The year you started the degree](#)
- [The semester you started \(eg 1st semester or 2nd semester\)](#)
- [Whether you want to finish in 4 years or 4.5 year](#)
- [Whether you are doing two majors](#)
- [Or a major and two minors](#)
- [Or a major, minor and four electives \(seek course coordinator advice before choosing this option\)](#)

Write down your majors and minors

If doing two majors: Major 1= _____ Major 2= _____

If doing 1 major and two minors: major= _____ and minor 1 _____ and minor 2 _____

There are several maps for this degree, so once you have located the correct one for you, match your chosen majors and minors to the boxes of the map.

We have included some annotated samples so you can see how a map might look once a student has decided their majors and minors:

Sample 1: annotated map for a student taking 2 majors: one in History and one in English

Two Majors - Commencing Semester 1

Year 1 Semester 1			
<p>Bachelor of Arts Majors</p> <p>Major 1 Unit 1 (100 level unit)</p> <p>HIST115 10 CP</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts Majors</p> <p>Major 2 Unit 1 (100 level unit)</p> <p>ENGL110 10 CP</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts Elective Unit</p> <p>BA Elective</p> <p>Any 1st year unit from the national School of Arts list of units 10 CP</p>	<p>Education Studies Units</p> <p>EDES100</p> <p>Understanding Learning and Teaching</p> <p>All students take this 10 CP</p>
Year 1 Winter Term			
<p>Core Curriculum Units</p> <p>Core Curriculum Unit 1 See the ACU Core Curriculum page for details 10 CP</p> <p>UNCC100 OR PHCC102 OR PHCC104</p>			
Year 1 Semester 2			
<p>Bachelor of Arts Majors</p> <p>Major 1 Unit 2 (100/200 level unit)</p> <p>This follows on from the unit above so HIST106 10 CP</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts Majors</p> <p>Major 2 Unit 2 (100/200 level unit)</p> <p>This follows on from the unit above so ENGL111 10 CP</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts Majors</p> <p>Major 2 Unit 3 (200 level unit)</p> <p>In this sample, major 2 is English so the student could take any second year English unit available 10 CP</p>	<p>Education Studies Units</p> <p>EDES103</p> <p>Understanding Learners and Their Contexts</p> <p>All students take this 10 CP</p>
<p>ACER Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Units</p> <p>LNTE100</p> <p>Literacy and Numeracy Diagnostic</p> <p>All students take this 0 CP</p>	<p>ACER Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Units</p> <p>LNTE100</p> <p>LANTITE - Literacy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students</p> <p>To register for the ACER LANTITE tests go to https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/ upon successful completion, ACU will add LNTE100 (Lit) LNTE101 (Num) to your transcript.</p> <p>All students take this 0 CP</p>	<p>ACER Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Units</p> <p>LNTE101</p> <p>LANTITE - Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students</p> <p>To register for the ACER LANTITE tests go to https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/ upon successful completion, ACU will add LNTE100 (Lit) LNTE101 (Num) to your transcript.</p> <p>All students take this 0 CP</p>	

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Sample 2: annotated sample map: one major and two minors

This student is studying:

- a major in History and two minors
- Minors: Geography Environment and Society, and Politics and International Relations

One Major and Two Minors - Commencing Semester 1

Year 1 Semester 1			
<p>Bachelor of Arts Major</p> <p>Major Unit 1 (100 level unit)</p> <p>HIST115 10 CP</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts Minors</p> <p>Minor 1 Unit 1 (100 level unit)</p> <p>GEOG111 10 CP</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts Minors</p> <p>Minor 2 Unit 1 (100 level unit)</p> <p>POLS104 10 CP</p>	<p>Education Studies Units</p> <p>EDES100</p> <p>Understanding Learning and Teaching</p> <p>All students take this 10 CP</p>
Year 1 Winter Term			
<p>Core Curriculum Units</p> <p>Core Curriculum Unit 1</p> <p>See the ACU Core Curriculum page for details</p> <p>10 CP</p>			
Year 1 Semester 2			
<p>Bachelor of Arts Major</p> <p>Major Unit 2 (100/200 level unit)</p> <p>This follows the major above so HIST108. It is best to choose a 100-level unit here 10 CP</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts Minors</p> <p>Minor 1 Unit 2 (100/200 level unit)</p> <p>This follows the minor above so GEOG110. It is best to take a 100-level unit here 10 CP</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts Minors</p> <p>Minor 2 Unit 2 (100/200 level unit)</p> <p>This follows the second minor so POLS101. It is best to take a 100-level unit here 10 CP</p>	<p>Education Studies Units</p> <p>EDES103</p> <p>Understanding Learners and Their Contexts</p> <p>All students take this 10 CP</p>
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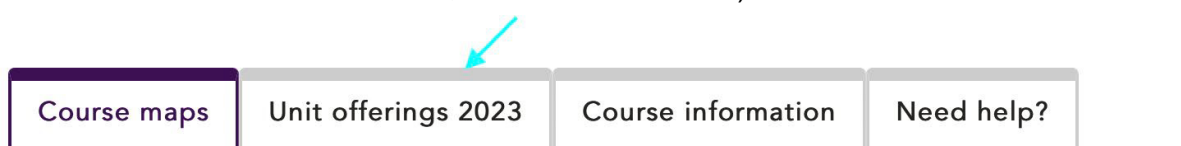
Once you have found your map and have it in front of you...

The third step in enrolling: find and choose your units (subjects)

To find the units on offer in current academic year: click on the link below and go to the tab labelled 'Unit Offerings'

<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/responding-to-your-offer/ceg/arts-and-humanities/bachelor-of-arts-master-of-teaching-secondary>

(note: the tabs below is a screenshot, so use the link above)



Once you have opened the list, click on the menu to get to the relevant major or minor. Keep this open in a separate tab (once you click on the course rules or map it can be hard to navigate back the unit list).

You will see a list of units available for each major/minor. For example:

Semester 1

CODE	TITLE	Bris	Mel	Strath	National Online	Prereq
GEOG111	EXPLORING HUMAN ENVIRONMENTS	M	M	M		Nil INC: GEOG101
GEOG216	CLIMATE CHANGE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE				OU	Nil
GEOG312	MAPPING FOR A COMPLEX WORLD	M	M	M		Nil

Semester 2

CODE	TITLE	Bris	Mel	Strath	National Online	Prereq
GEOG110	GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE	M	M	M		Nil INC: GEOG100
GEOG219	GEOGRAPHY RESEARCH AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT	M	M	M		Nil
GEOG313	ENVIRONMENTAL AND HERITAGE MANAGEMENT				OS	Nil

HINT 1: All your units in first year should be 100-level units (ie have a 1) except for those students taking 2 majors, who will take one 200 level unit in their second semester of first year.

HINT 2: if you would like to read the descriptions for the units you can find them in the handbook but remember, you can only take the units on the current academic year's unit list, as not all of the units in the handbook are offered each year.

To find unit descriptions click the following link:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/handbook> (click the option for unit and type the code in the box). The search box below is a screenshot so use the link above.

Search for

Course Unit

Search by keyword, unit... HIST115

First year units in majors and minors:

Discipline	First year units
Archaeology (available online for all campuses)	ARCH100 or ARCH101 And HIST116
Business Studies	Two of: ACCT100 BUSN113 BUSN112
Digital Technologies (Computing)	COMP107 COMP108
Drama	PERF102 PERF104
Economics (available online for all campuses)	ECON106 ECON107
English	ENGL110 ENGL111
Geography, Environment and Society	GEOG111 GEOG110
Healthy Development	NUTR101 YSED104
History	HIST115 or HIST118 or HIST117 And HIST106
Mathematics	MATH107 MATH104
Music	MUSC161 MUSC162
Politics and International Relations	POLS104 POLS101
Psychology (non-APAC accredited)	PSYC100 PSCY101
Study of Religions	PHIL107 THCT100
Theological Studies	THCT100 THBS100
Visual Arts	Two of: ARTS112 ARTS109 DESN120

First Year Education Units

Unit	Semester
EDES100	1
EDES103	2
LNTE100 & LNTE101, LNTE 110	2

Understanding the unit list:

You should select units that are listed for your campus or are available online.

C = On Campus so your classes will be delivered at a scheduled time, on campus or approved ACU delivery site, to enable in- person interactions.

M = Multimode so your classes may be a mix of recorded or online lectures and live classes either on campus or via Zoom.

OS= National Online Scheduled: your classes will be online live via Zoom

OU=National Online Unscheduled. You will not have live classes for this unit.

Note: Students from any campus may enrol in an OS or OU unit.

PRE= prerequisite: you may only take this unit if you have passed the listed pre-requisite.

INC=Incompatible: You may not study the unit listed if you have already passed the INC unit.

The fourth step in enrolling:

Don't just enrol for one semester, enrol for all required terms and semesters via Student Connect

If you are starting your degree in February (semester 1), enrol in all of the required units for semester 1, winter term and semester 2.

If you are starting your degree in August (semester 2), enrol for semester 2 only.

Need more help?

Contact ASKACU (go to Student Portal>Quicklinks> scroll down to ASKACU)

or email your course coordinator— there is a course coordinator on each campus to help students navigate their course.

Hint: if you email your course coordinator, always tell them what year you are in, the name of your degree: BA/MTeach and your campus. (Eg I am a first-year student in the BA/MTeach in Melbourne).

The fifth step in enrolling (if relevant):

Recognition of prior learning

If you have studied at another university or have transferred from another course at ACU with relevant units and have not already applied for credit/recognition of prior learning, you can do so online:

<https://www.studentportal.acu.edu.au/course/e/recognition-of-prior-learning>

If you wish to study overseas or take another short international study option as an Arts elective

Variations on these 'typical' program models may be necessary for students who wish to study overseas. *Students who would like to explore variations rather than one of the typical models should consult their course advisor* to ensure that they will meet the requirements for course completion and teacher registration. Possible options to discuss might be to take a short international study unit as a BA elective in summer (before the start of year 2 or during winter term in year 2. You would need to rearrange your units with course coordinator approval to do this). If the units on offer are relevant to your major or minor, you may count the unit that way. However not all majors or minors will have an overseas unit.

Arts Foundation Units:

You may hear from first-year students in the stand-alone Bachelor of Arts degree (without the Master of Teaching) that they are enrolling in HUMA114, HUMA115 and HUMA116.

- These units do **not** apply to students in the Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching vertical degree.
- The Bachelor of Arts/Master of teaching degree is a separate course with its own course structure, map and course rules.

Course Structure

You can find the course rules here, <https://www.acu.edu.au/handbook/handbook-2024/course/bachelor-of-artsmaster-of-teaching-secondary> (Please find your commencing year's course rules for correct information)