Bachelor of Social Science (BSSC) - BSocSc

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 909291; Distance education: 909295

CRICOS code (International applicants): 059206K

	On-campus	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	3 years full-time, 6 years part-time	

Contact us

Future Australian and New Zealand students	Future International students	Current students
Ask a question Freecall (within Australia): 1800 269 500 Phone (from outside Australia): +61 7 4631 5315 Email: studyarts@usq.edu.au	Ask a question Phone: +61 7 4631 5543 Email: international@usq.edu.au	Ask a question Freecall (within Australia): 1800 007 252 Phone (from outside Australia): +61 7 4631 2285 Email usq.support@usq.edu.au

Program focus

Interdisciplinary Social Science major

This Major addresses the core aims of the Program in a more focused way, particularly by (a) fostering those skills in theorising and critical appraisal that help human beings make more sense of their lives, and which are useful in a rapidly changing labour market, and (b) providing a broad interdisciplinary understanding of people, society and human services within society. Through interdisciplinary study, students will develop a knowledge and intuitive understanding of the 'boundaries' of different social-scientific disciplines, and begin to form their own opinions about the relative strengths and weaknesses of disciplinary and interdisciplinary.

Career opportunities

The Interdisciplinary Social Science major is a flexible degree appropriate to a changing and flexible labour market. It will be particularly useful for those who want to work in areas such as social research and community welfare. It helps students gain a blend of critical appraisal and consultative skills in tasks including community consultation and policy analysis, skills which can open doors to a wide range of careers and which help students to make more sense of their lives.

Social Justice major

This Major looks at the impact of human social and cultural structures, processes and relations on a range of human problems including inequality, illness, poverty, the environment, issues of power and control, violence and war. It empowers graduates with a range of skills, attitudes and knowledge to promote social justice,

© University of Southern Queensland

through, for example: building and maintaining non-violent human relationships at all levels of society; sustaining human development by seeking positive and fairer societies; promoting human rights; fostering reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people; addressing problems of ethnic and gender violence; contributing to economic justice; and promoting environmental sustainability.

Career opportunities

This major will be useful to those who want to work with people, and those contemplating a career in public sector organisations, including government departments at all levels (local, state, and federal) and statutory bodies, as well as within peak representative and lobby organisations. Some graduates will pursue in not-for-profit organisations that specialise in community relations, community engagement, community research and communities undergoing processes of change. Graduates will also be employable in relief agencies serving communities in crisis or following crisis and disruption. The United Nations, and humanitarian aid and relief organisations, such as World Vision, Austcare and Community Aid Abroad, are some examples where people with an understanding and background in social justice are needed and employment opportunities exist.

Behavioural Science major

This major is designed to develop an in-depth understanding of human behaviour and experience.

Career opportunities

With a Behavioural Science major , you will be trained to undertake research and analyse data across diverse social and cultural issues. In addition, you will be able to work in the human services, welfare, counselling, health policy, health promotion and related fields.

Anthropology major

This major provides students with understanding and insight into the nature of human behaviour and how people live and work together in various kinds of social groups. The study of Anthropology helps students learn to understand the physical and cultural similarities and differences between people

Career opportunities

Career options are available in social planning, community development and social policy, as well as in a wide range of public service and welfare occupations, and in cultural heritage and Native Title consultancy. To become a professional anthropologist or sociologist, graduates must undertake a fourth year Honours degree.

Indigenous Studies major

The major gives students an understanding of Australian Indigenous perspectives and ways of thinking and allows one to see the value and contribution of Indigenous Australians to contemporary Australian society. This major will be of particular value to students studying nursing, education, anthropology or journalism.

Career opportunities

Employment fields range across a wide range of public and private sector organisations, including public service and government, community work, teaching and research.

International Relations major

This major is designed to strengthen students' understanding of Australian domestic and external affairs. A range of theoretical perspectives is examined, including institutional structures, policy frameworks, political systems and ideologies, economies and security regimes in various regions. Students will also study the complexities of cross-cultural interaction and issues, which will be developed analytically through issue-based, problem-solving approaches.

© University of Southern Queensland

Program aims

Social scientists study people groups of people and interactions between people. The Bachelor of Social Science program is intended for those who want to work with people - in the public sector, NGO's etc - to deliver community welfare and social justice. This requires a blend of critical appraisal and consultative skills in tasks including community consultation and policy analysis, skills which are useful in a changing labour market and which help students to make more sense of their lives.

The program aims to produce graduates who will have:

- a broad understanding of people, society and human services within society
- a specialist interest in the characteristics and needs of a particular service area (such as education, human rights or sustainability)
- some practical experience at appraising and evaluating human services and/or introducing innovations and improvements.

Graduates should obtain job satisfaction through working with people from across society: applying their problem solving skills to produce sustainable improvements in the targeting, delivery and outcomes of human services in society.

Program objectives

On completion of the Bachelor of Social Science program, graduates will:

- have developed a sound understanding of society, people and systems within society, and methods for evaluating society
- have developed a specialist understanding of a selected aspect of society via the designated majors
- be able to apply their knowledge and skills in an interdisciplinary context to address society's problems
- have acquired communication, numeracy, and research skills appropriate to the field
- be able to demonstrate knowledge of the key theories in social science.

Admission requirements

Admission to the Bachelor of Social Science is in accordance with University admission guidelines for undergraduate programs.

International applicants must have met the University's English language requirements or have completed the University's ELICOS/EAP programs.

How to apply

Al j bpqf` pqrabkqp

Application for undergraduate programs may be made through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). The same procedure applies whether you plan to study on-campus or by distance education.

If you completed Year 12 at a Queensland secondary school you will be assessed for entry on the basis of your Overall Position (OP) or equivalent score. Year 12 students from other states or territories are considered for entry on the basis of their UAI, ENTER or TER and the subject prerequisites indicated. Other applicants will be based on their overall Rank.

Fkqbok^qflk^i pqrabkqp

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to USQ International for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

© University of Southern Queensland

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a student contribution amount, which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the Course Fee Finder. Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called HECS-HELP.

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the Course Fee Finder.
Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who reside outside Australia pay full tuition fees.
Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called FEE-HELP.

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the Course Fee Finder.

Program structure

The program comprises 24 units as follows:

- 6 units of core courses (listed below), which can be reduced to 4 units if the student completes a recognised minor
- Major 1, of 8 units, chosen from
  (1) Interdisciplinary Social Science
  (2) Social Justice
- Major 2, of 8 units, chosen from
  (1) Anthropology
  (2) Asian Studies
  (3) Behavioural Science
  (4) Communication and Media Studies
  (5) History
  (6) Indigenous Studies
  (7) International Relations
  (8) Language and Culture

and either

- one 4 unit minor chosen from

(1) Anthropology
(2) Asian Studies
(3) Communication and Media Studies
(4) Community Welfare and Development
(5) History
(6) Indigenous Studies
(7) International Relations
(8) Journalism
(9) Public Relations

© University of Southern Queensland

or

- 2 electives

Students may need to choose courses as electives that constitute prerequisites for courses within their chosen Majors.

Combination 1

Major 1

Interdisciplinary Social Science Major

LAC2002 Language, History and Identity (Mandarin Chinese stream) or IND2022 Intermediate Indonesian B	LAC2002 S2 (ONC, ONL) S2 (ONC, EXT)
INR2002 Contemporary Issues in Asia	S2 (ONC, EXT)
INR3002 Nationalism and Revolution in Southeast Asia	S1 (ONC, EXT)
INR3004 Change in Contemporary China	S2 (ONC, EXT)
Either	
HMT3001 Independent Study Project A	S1 (EXT)

Course	Semester/Mode of Offer
All students should take the following **six** courses:	
HIS1000 World Civilisations to 1500 CE	S1 (ONC, ONL)
HIS1001 Introduction to Australian History	S1 (ONC, EXT)
HIS1003 World History Since 1500CE	S2 (ONC, EXT, ONL)
HIS2001 Race Relations in Australian History	S1 (ONC, EXT)
HIS2005 Europe: History of an Idea	S1 (ONC, EXT)
HIS2000 Contemporary Australia	S2 (EXT)
Choose **two** of the following three courses:	
HIS3004 Approaches To History	S1 (EXT)
HIS3002 The Twentieth Century	S2 (ONC, EXT)
HIS3003 Contemporary America	S2 (ONC, ONL)

Note: HIS3004 and HIS3000 are recommended for students considering study in history at Honours level.

Indigenous Studies major

Course	Semester/Mode of Offer
KNL1002 Torres Strait Islander Studies	S2 (ONC, EXT)
KNL1001 Indigenous Cultural Identity	S1 (ONC, EXT)
PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology	S2 (ONC, EXT)
KNL2001 Indigenous Knowledge and Australian Heritage	S2 (ONC, EXT)
HIS2001 Race Relations in Australian History	S1 (ONC, EXT)
KNL3001 Indigenous Australian Cultures and Communities	S1 (ONC, EXT)
ANT3006 Indigenous Peoples and the Nation State	S2 (ONC, EXT)
ANT3000 Archaeology of Indigenous Australia	S1 (ONC, EXT)

International Relations major

Course	Semester/Mode of Offer
INR1000 International Relations in a Globalizing Era	S1 (ONC, EXT)
INR1001 Global Transitions and Human Security	S2 (ONC, EXT)
INR2000 Issues in a Globalizing World	S1 (ONC, EXT)
INR2002 Contemporary Issues in Asia	S2 (ONC, EXT)
INR3000 Australian Foreign Relations	S2 (ONC, EXT)
Choose **one** of the following two courses:	
INR3003 War and Terrorism: Introduction to Strategic Studies	S1 (ONC, EXT)
INR3002 Nationalism and Revolution in Southeast Asia	S1 (ONC, EXT)
Plus **two** of the following six courses, not previously studied in the International Relations major	
POL2001 Politics and International Business	S2 (ONC, EXT)
INR3004 Change in Contemporary China	S2 (ONC, EXT)
INR3003 War and Terrorism: Introduction to Strategic Studies	S1 (ONC, EXT)
INR3002 Nationalism and Revolution in Southeast Asia	S1 (ONC, EXT)

© University of Southern Queensland

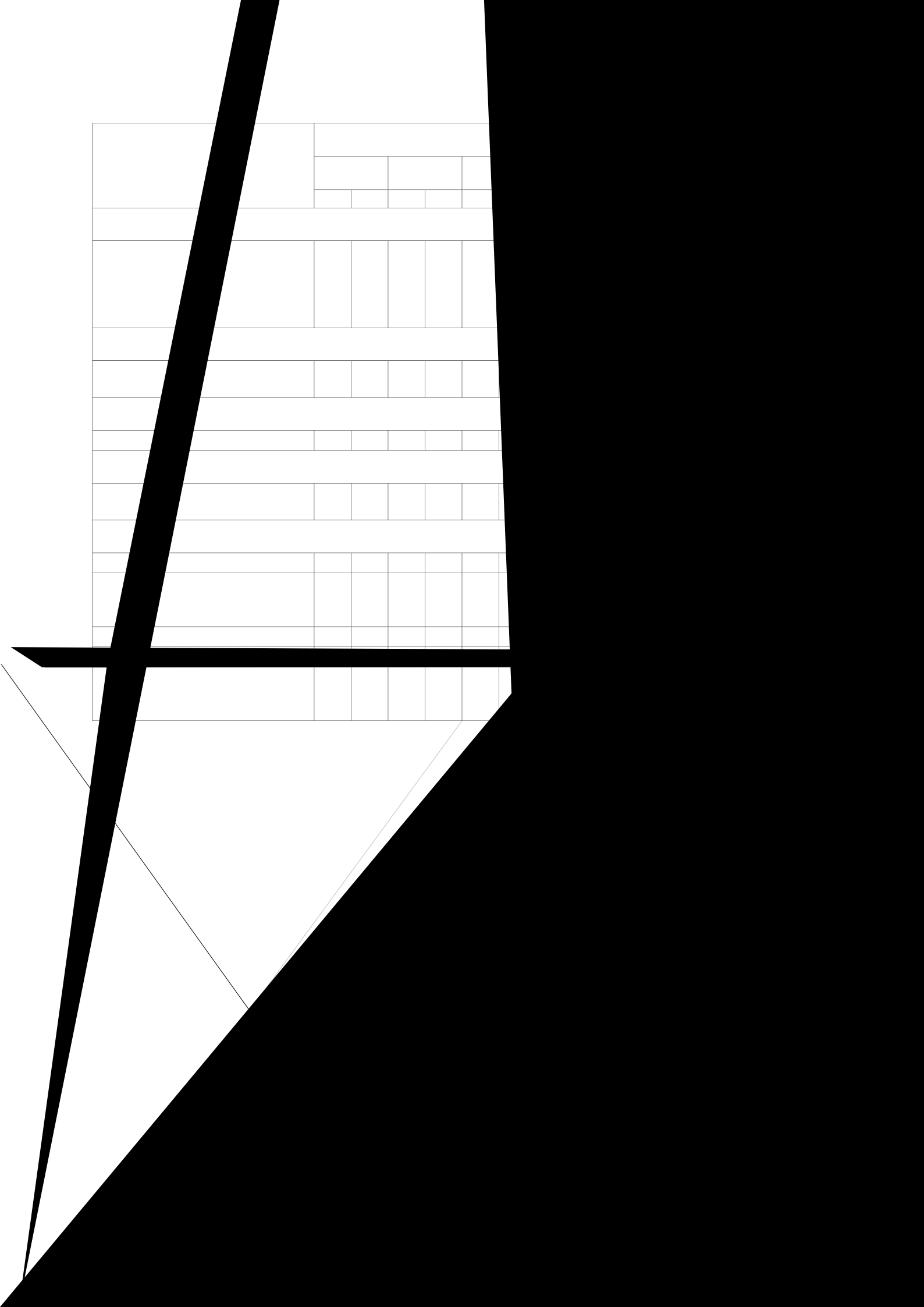
Either HMT3001 Independent Study Project A	S1 (EXT)
or HMT3002 Independent Study Project B	S2 (EXT)

Language and Culture major

and the Internet via a computer running the latest versions of Internet web browsers such as Internet Explorer or Firefox. The Univ

Major 1:

Major 1: Interdisciplinary Social Science / Major 2: International Relations recommended enrolment pattern



Major 1: Social Justice / Major 2: International Relations recommended enrolment pattern

Major 1: Social Justice / Major 2: Language and Culture enrolment pattern

Note: Students who wish to study LAC3004 In-Country Study/Professional placement must discuss this with the Program Coordinator in the context of their enrolment plan.