

## Bachelor of Arts (BART) - BA

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Online: 909405; Toowoomba campus: 909441; Springfield campus: 929441

CRICOS code (International applicants): 009258A

**This program is currently undergoing internal reaccreditation. This may result in changes to the program for 2022.**

	<b>On-campus</b>	<b>Online</b>
<b>Start:</b> Springfield, rStart	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)

- participate both autonomously and collaboratively in informed debates, discussions and activities to produce new ideas, processes and artefacts.

### **Australian Qualifications Framework**

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been aw

### 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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

### Program structure

The Bachelor of Arts is comprised of 24 single-unit courses as indicated in the table below. Students are not permitted to complete more than ten Level 1 courses as part of this program.

#### Second major, minor and/or elective courses from other USQ undergraduate programs

Students may select a second major, minor and/or elective courses from other USQ undergraduate programs, subject to meeting prerequisite requirements and with the approval of the Program Coordinator. Typically students tend to consider a second major, minor or elective courses from the [Bachelor of Business](#), [Bachelor of Communication and Media](#), [Bachelor of Information Technology](#) or [Bachelor of Science](#)

Area of study	Number of units
<b>OPTION 1 (12–unit extended majors)</b>	
Core courses	4 units (see below for a list of core courses)
1 x 12–unit extended major from the Bachelor of Arts	12 units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Anthropology &amp; Archaeology (Extended)</li> <li>● Criminology and Criminal Justice (Extended)</li> <li>● Languages (cross-institutional study)*</li> </ul> <p>* Students undertaking a Languages major cross-institutionally can complete up to 16 units in a language double major (4, 8, 12 or 16 units cross-institutionally).</p>	
<b>Plus one of the following:</b>	8 units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Second major (8 units) <b>or</b></li> <li>● 2 x 4 unit minors, <b>or</b></li> <li>● 1 x 4 unit minor and 4 units of elective courses</li> </ul>	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>24 units</b>
<b>OPTION 2 (8–unit majors)</b>	
Core courses	4 units (see below for a list of core courses)



<b>Plus:</b>	12 units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 x 4-unit minors, <b>or</b></li> <li>• 2 x 4-unit minors and 4 units of elective courses</li> </ul>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24 units</b>

## Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 9 years to complete this program.

## Core courses

All students must take the following core courses:

- [CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship](#)
- [ISE1000 Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Australia](#)
- [HMT1000 A History of Ideas](#)
- [HMT2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights](#) (students cannot study both [HMT2000](#) and [CDS2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights in the Human Services](#) within the one degree).

The recommended pattern for enrolment in core courses by full-time on-campus students:

Year	Semester	Course
<b>Year 1</b>	Semester 1	<a href="#">CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship</a> , and <a href="#">ISE1000 Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Australia</a> <sup># ~</sup>
	Semester 2	<a href="#">HMT1000 A History of Ideas</a>
<b>Year 2</b>	Semester 1	<a href="#">HMT2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights</a>

### Footnotes

# Students who have successfully completed [EDC2200 First Nations Education](#) are not required to undertake ISE1000.

~ ISE1000 is also offered in Semester 2 on-campus Ipswich and online.

This pattern can only be varied with permission from the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts. Students who have not completed the required Year 1 core courses during their first year of study may be advised to complete these courses before progressing in the program.

## Major studies

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A Bachelor of Arts major is a specified group of 8 units that cover specialisation in a recognised field of study within Humanities and Social Sciences. A major must have courses over three levels and contain at least two Level 3 (usually indicated by a 3000 code). The following majors are offered in this program (refer to recommended enrolment patterns for lists of specific courses):

<b>Majors available</b> (8 units)
Anthropology
Archaeology
Contemporary Media Studies
Creative and Critical Writing
Criminology and Criminal Justice
English Literature
History
Indigenous Studies

International Relations
Journalism Studies
Languages <sup>#</sup>
Legal Studies
Public Relations Studies
Social Justice Studies

#### Footnotes

# Students undertaking a Languages major cross-institutionally can complete up to 16 units in a language double major (4, 8, 12 or 16 units cross-institutionally).

#### Anthropology

Anthropology is the study of people and analyses what it means to be human in a wide range of contexts and places: from the study of material culture to popular culture, public health policies and the world's religions. Anthropology can be used to address some of society's most compelling questions on war, gender, discrimination, racism and other divisions of power. Students of the Anthropology Major go beyond the traditional idea of studying remote societies and cultures to look at the social and cultural experiences of our own lives; they will delve deeper into the questions they ask about the world, and be given the academic skills needed to make a difference.

#### Archaeology

Archaeologists give us the chance to see how people lived in the past, and how they interacted with one another and the environment. Studies of the material traces of the past also help people to make important decisions about property, resources, and cultural heritage in the present day. Students taking the Archaeology Major at USQ will open a window to the past under the direction of some of Australia's most respected archaeologists, with opportunities for practical archaeological training, including field methods and laboratory analysis.

#### Contemporary Media Studies

How people engage with their society is closely related to our use of media technologies, from print to screen, or from everyday interactions to social networks. This major combines the study of communications and media theories with applied studies in contemporary media institutions. Students of Contemporary Media Studies analyse the areas of film, social media, television and popular culture more broadly, all of which dynamically shape people's lives in a media-driven world.

#### Creative and Critical Writing

The Creative and Critical Writing major allows students to gain deep understanding of the theoretical and philosophical understandings of writing and writing practices that then inform the students' own practice as writers. Courses have a thematic focus so students acquire the skills to write effectively, but also learn to think critically about how, why, where and when we write about experiences, landscapes or people.

#### Criminology

Criminology is the social scientific study of crime and society's response to crime. By undertaking a major or extended major in criminology and criminal justice, students can expect to develop important employability skills in the areas of critical thinking, research, communication, and problem-solving. These skills are developed through a range of fascinating studies about why people commit crime, crime prevention and intervention, the prevalence of crime, crime and the media, youth and juvenile justice, victimology, investigating crime, the history and purpose of punishment, race and crime, and green criminology.

#### English Literature

English Literature fosters students' passion for great writing and develops skills in forming critical arguments, conducting research, and documenting evidence. Study in this area encourages students to be analytical and to develop a clear and expressive writing style in a range of modes. Students explore both the great works of

literature as well as innovative and contemporary works of poetry, prose, drama, film, new media and critical essays.

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The historian, like a detective, examines clues, assesses the reliability of witnesses and seeks out the reasons and truth behind an event. Historians have insights into what events have happened and why. Through critical thinking and real-world application, students learn to piece together information from the past and apply it to current events and issues. Students will examine world civilisations, historic and contemporary Australia, race relations in Australian history, European history, modern Southeast Asia, and the 20th century.

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Indigenous studies at USQ will give students an understanding of Australian Indigenous perspectives and ways of thinking. Students learn about Indigenous issues and elements that have shaped and influenced Indigenous communities in Australia. Indigenous staff will enable students of this major to develop the ability to work with and within Indigenous communities in culturally appropriate and effective ways.

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This major is designed to strengthen students' understanding of Australian domestic and external affairs. A range of theoretical perspectives is e

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The Social Justice Studies major is a field of study intended for those who want to work with people - in the public sector, non-governmental organisations, and more - 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. Students study social justice issues in local, national, and international arenas to become more informed citizens and community leaders.

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An extended major is a specified group of courses that cover deeper specialisation within a recognised field



such as auditions and interviews in certain areas of the Arts, as well as approval by the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts. Courses available for elective study are generally those found in the [Minor studies](#) section of this Handbook.

### **IT requirements**

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#) as advised by the University.

### **Exit points**

Students may exit with the Diploma of Arts if they have completed 8 courses as follows:

- [CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship](#)
- 7 other courses from the Bachelor of Arts.

Students may exit with the Associate Degree of Arts if they have completed 16 courses as follows:

- [CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship](#)
- 15 other units, with no more than 10 level one units.

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< This course is offered in odd-numbered years only.

## Archaeology (8-unit major)

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Some Level 2 and Level 3 courses are offered in alternate years (see below) and can therefore be taken in your second or third year of enrolment; however where possible, students should seek to complete Level 2 courses before undertaking Level 3 courses.

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### Footnotes

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Available cross-institutionally through [University of New England](#)

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