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University

GRADUATE
CERTIFICATE

Graduate Certificate of Social Research



UAC code: 830016

Duration: Part-time only: 1 year

Prerequisites: none



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in Australia

ANU is ranked #1 in Australia
(and in the top-20 in the world) for
8 disciplines across humanities,
arts and social sciences.

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023

In a world increasingly reliant on data (big and small), a Graduate Certificate of Social Research from the ANU will provide you with an introduction to the skills required to understand a changing Australian and global society, as well as the political, demographic and economic forces that shape and drive these changes.

Career opportunities

The solid grounding in research methods at the heart of the Graduate Certificate of Social Research will open up a range of research career options within government, research organisations and in the private sector.

Students will:

- analyse, evaluate and transform information to complete a range of activities related to social research;
- analyse, generate and communicate solutions to complex problems in social research;
- communicate knowledge, skills and ideas to others; and
- exercise personal, professional and social responsibility as a global citizen.

Graduates from ANU have been rated as Australia's most employable graduates and among the most sought after by employers worldwide.

In the Global Employability University Ranking 2023 -24, published by the Times Higher Education, rated ANU as Australia's top university for getting a job for the 14th year in a row.



Stephen

Graduate Certificate of Social Research

Data is essential to good decision making. Knowing how people behave, what they think, and what they desire is the vital basis for making decisions that can best address their needs in a changing society.

Understanding how to use this data and turn it into solutions that resonate is at the heart of the Graduate Certificate of Social Research. And it is what attracts students to this new program at ANU, students like Stephen.

“If you’re at all interested in people then you need social research skills, whether it be to examine the impact of social media on people’s lives, to examine how people think, feel and behave on any issue through to evaluating policies & programs meant to improve people’s lives.” says Stephen.

Stephen has qualifications in Psychology and Sociology, and has worked as a psychologist, education manager, and senior policy officer, across the tertiary, community, and public sectors. He wants to expand his existing skills and gain new ones.

“I want to gain social research skills in both qualitative and quantitative methods & expand upon existing skills at the postgraduate level.”

Social research touches on decision making at every level of government, and across a myriad of issues that affect us every day. Stephen recognises many pressing issues in Australia today rely on better understanding to find a solution.

“Moving to fossil fuel free sustainable communities and confronting the effects of climate change, developing a First Nations treaty and voice in all levels of government, and working on improving health & education generally, but specifically in health & science literacy.”

Pathways

The program is a pathway into the Master of Social Research from the ANU Centre for Social Research and Methods, which will equip you with the practical skills to conduct, commission and evaluate research in the social sciences, and give you the opportunity to extend your skills in advanced research methods, and/or apply your skills to real-world policy and societal issues.

Cognate disciplines

Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Marketing, Psychology, Development Studies, Media and Communication, Law (social fields: family, migration, education, health), Geography, Social Policy, Anthropology.

Admission requirements

A Bachelor degree or international equivalent with a minimum GPA of 4/7.

All applicants must meet the University’s English Language Admission Requirements for Students

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