



Bachelor of Arts



CRICOS code: 074016B

Duration: 3 years

Prerequisites: none

2027 Selection Rank: 80



1st in Australia

ANU is ranked #1 in Australia (and in the top 30 in the world) for 7 disciplines across humanities, arts and social sciences.

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026

The Bachelor of Arts is not only the most popular degree at ANU, and one of the most flexible. In the Bachelor of Arts, you will be able to select from a diverse range of majors across the creative arts, humanities, and social sciences, taught by world-class scholars, to create a degree that is expressly yours. You will have the flexibility to engage in hands-on projects, take your studies abroad, or undertake an internship. You will gain valuable analytical and research skills transferable to the global workplace while developing expertise in critical analysis, written and oral communication, and the ability to drive global and local change.

Flexible Double Degree

The Bachelor of Arts can be combined with degrees in Arts and Social Sciences, Law, Business, Science, Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program. For a full list of degree combinations see study.anu.edu.au/study-options/flexible-degree-options-anu#flexible-double

Areas of study

Students can choose from the following list of disciplines, including but not limited to:

- Ancient Greek
- Anthropology
- Arabic
- Archaeology
- Art History and Curatorial Studies
- Asian Studies
- Asian and Pacific Culture, Media and Gender
- Australian Indigenous Studies
- Biological Anthropology
- Classical Studies
- Criminology
- Demography
- Design
- Development Studies
- Economic Studies
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Gender, Sexuality and Culture
- History
- International Relations
- Languages
- Latin
- Linguistics
- Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies
- Music Studies
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Please visit programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/program/barts for full discipline information.

Arts at ANU

ANU is ranked among the world's top universities, and has a strong international reputation in humanities, arts and social sciences¹. By studying Arts at ANU, you will receive a world-class education and graduate with an internationally recognised degree. You will also benefit from close access to lecturers and tutors in a supportive learning environment.

As a Bachelor of Arts student, you will take advantage of the University's unique location in Australia's national capital. Internship opportunities are available through the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP), allowing you the opportunity to go into a workplace and undertake a research project for academic credit. You will have regular access to the many cultural and political institutions for study and research, and opportunities to hear from guest lectures by diplomats and policymakers, and public figures.

ANU has a vibrant international community, with staff and students from more than 50 nations. This global experience is a key feature of the Bachelor of Arts.

The breadth of disciplines in an Arts degree allows you to study key regions of significance to Australia including Central Asia and the Middle East. ANU is the only Australian university to be a member of the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU), a select group of eleven of the world's leading research-intensive universities that share similar values, a global vision and a commitment to educating future leaders.

Bachelor of Arts students learn to:

- critically apply theoretical frameworks and research techniques to understanding national and international issues and problems
- identify relevant sources of information, and judge the importance, reliability and ethical implications of those sources
- evaluate ideas and develop creative solutions to problems, including through independent pursuit of knowledge and making connections between different disciplinary approaches and methods; and
- communicate and debate orally and in writing, and work with others, using a variety of media.

Career opportunities

While many degree programs are structured to train students for a single profession, today's graduates are likely to change career paths four or five times during their working life. Through your Arts degree, you will develop lifelong skills in critical analysis, research, written and oral communication. These capabilities are highly valued by employers, who seek graduates able to think creatively, apply knowledge effectively



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Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws

Majors: German

ANU is one of the few universities in Australia that teaches German, and it was this, with the ability to combine this with a Bachelor of Laws, that prompted me to make the move to Canberra from New Zealand.

My exchange experience was like falling in love with Germany, their language and their culture all over again. It was a great experience to be able to live like a local.

Exchange is good because it opens your mind to different possibilities and different perspectives that you don't get when you stay at ANU. It helps you develop as a person, and learn more about yourself rather than just learning more about a subject.

and communicate with clarity, while maintaining the necessary flexibility to keep ahead of the changes that all of us face in our careers.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts pursue careers in policy, government, education, international aid and development, politics, media, information technology, publishing, communications, journalism, advertising, as well as many other fields.

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