

SECONDARY ABORIGINAL STUDIES EDUCATION, MAJOR (0368)

Effective from: Autumn 2025

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0368

Available to students in other Western Sydney University programs?

No

The Secondary Aboriginal Studies Education Major will provide students with 60 credit points of Aboriginal Studies discipline knowledge and 20 credit points of Aboriginal & Social Studies pedagogy and curriculum knowledge. Together with completion of subjects in the Bachelor of Education (Secondary), this Major will enable students to meet requirements to graduate from the Bachelor of Education (Secondary) with the Aboriginal Studies teaching area. The Secondary Aboriginal Studies Education Major will span the Foundation and Development phases of the Bachelor of Education (Secondary), enabling students to develop strong pedagogical content knowledge, an understanding of evidence-based pedagogies, and skills in using assessment and feedback to guide and enhance student learning.

Location

Campus	Mode	Advice
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	SecondaryEnquiries@westernsydney.edu.au
Penrith Campus	Internal	SecondaryEnquiries@westernsydney.edu.au

Major Structure

- **Please note: Subjects that are part of the majors are subject to availability. Students may need to travel to different campuses to complete some of these subjects.**

Students must successfully complete 80 credit points as follows.

Start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
HUMN 1013	Contextualising Indigenous Australia (Day Mode)	10
Credit Points		10
Spring session		
Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)		10
Credit Points		10
Year 2		
Autumn session		
Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)		10
Credit Points		10
Spring session		
Select two Alternate subjects (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)		20
Credit Points		20

Year 3

Autumn session

Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)

Credit Points 10

Spring session

TEAC 3062 Aboriginal & Social Studies Curriculum 7-10

Credit Points 10

Year 4

Autumn session

TEAC 4030 Aboriginal & Social Studies Curriculum 11-12

Credit Points 10

Total Credit Points 80

Mid-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Spring session		
HUMN 1013	Contextualising Indigenous Australia (Day Mode)	10
Credit Points		10
Year 2		
Spring session		
Select two Alternate subjects (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)		20
Credit Points		20
Year 3		
Autumn session		
Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)		10
Credit Points		10
Year 4		
Autumn session		
Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)		10
Credit Points		10
Year 5		
Spring session		
Select two Alternate subjects (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)		20
Credit Points		20

Year 1

Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)

Credit Points 10

Year 2

Spring session

Select two Alternate subjects (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)

Credit Points 20

Autumn session

Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)

Credit Points 10

Year 3

Spring session

TEAC 3062 Aboriginal & Social Studies Curriculum 7-10

Credit Points 10

Autumn session

Select one Alternate subject (from the pool of alternate subjects listed below)

Credit Points 10

Year 4

Autumn session

TEAC 4030 Aboriginal & Social Studies Curriculum 11-12

Credit Points 10

Total Credit Points 80

Alternate Subjects

Students complete five of the following subjects, with no more than one subject at Level 1 and at least two subjects at Level 3.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Level 1 Subjects		
HUMN 1058	Indigenous Landscapes	10
LANG 1034	Speaking Dharug and other Australian Indigenous Languages	10
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10
Level 2 Subjects		
HUMN 2036	Mangamai'bangawarra: Indigenous Science	10
HUMN 2038	Pigments of the Imagination	10
HUMN 2048	Revaluing Indigenous Economics (Day Mode)	10
HUMN 2070	First Peoples and Criminal Justice	10
PERF 2011	From Corroborees to Curtain Raisers (Day Mode)	10
VISU 2003	From Ochre to Acrylics to New Technologies	10
Level 3 Subjects		
CEDS 3001	Bridging the Gap: Re-engaging Indigenous Learners	10
WELF 3008	Learning through Indigenous Australian Community Service (Day Mode)	10
HUMN 3082	The Making of the 'Aborigines'	10
HUMN 3070	Rethinking Research with Indigenous Australians: Independent Study Project (Day Mode)	10
HUMN 3118	Indigenous Cultures: A Global Perspective	10
WELF 3023	Indigenous Disability and Inclusion	10

Related Programs

Bachelor of Education (Secondary) (1939) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-education-secondary/>)