BACHELOR OF ARTS/ BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (1808)

Approved Abbreviation: BA/BSocSc
Western Sydney University Program Code: 1808

CRICOS Code: 089201M

This program applies to students who commenced in 2020 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

Commencement Year 2017 to 2019 - 1808.2 Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1808.2)

Commencement Year 2015 to 2016 - 1808.1 Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1808.1)

This double degree program is designed for students whose interests span the Arts and Social Sciences. It will produce versatile graduates who can work across a range of academic and professional disciplines, including the opportunity to develop global perspectives and communication skills in an Asian language. In the Social Science area, students can design their own academic program within the Bachelor of Social Science program structure, which must include a Social Science Major. This qualification in Social Science is then combined with an Arts major, such as: Culture and Society; English; History and Political Thought; International Relations and Asian Studies; Islamic Studies; Philosophy; Linguistics; Indigenous Australian Studies; Arabic; Chinese; Japanese.

Students in this double degree also have the opportunity to complete a semester of study overseas and receive advanced standing towards their BA majors and minors subject to WSU limits on advanced standing. Students are encouraged to do so but must discuss this with a BA course advisor first.

- Director of Academic Program - Dr Charles Barbour

Study Mode
Four years full-time or eight years part-time.

Program Advice
enquiriesHCA@westernsydney.edu.au

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/)| Local Admission (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/) | International Admission (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Bankstown City Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above
Bankstown City Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	See above
Penrith Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above
Penrith Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above

Admission
Assumed Knowledge: two units of HSC English.

IELTS (Academic) - 6.5 overall score with a minimum 6.0 in each subtest

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

http://www.uac.edu.au/
https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

International students currently completing an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) level 3 must apply via UAC International.

http://www.uac.edu.au/

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Program Structure
Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 320 credit points comprising

- A Bachelor of Social Science Core of 80 credit points
- A Bachelor of Arts Core of 40 credit points
- A Bachelor of Arts major of 80 credit points
- A Bachelor of Arts minor of 40 credit points
- A Social Science major of 80 credit points

Social Science Core Subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10
CULT 3007	Contemporary Social Issues and Professional Practice	10
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10
HUMN 1041	People, Place and Social Difference	10
HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10
BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10
CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10
Total Credit Points		**80**

Arts Core Subjects

Students must complete 40 credit points from the following subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	10
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10
Total Credit Points		**40**

Arts Majors

Some Majors and Minors have inherent requirements.

Click here for details of the Inherent Requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_languages_courses/)

Note: Not all majors are available on all campuses.

Arabic, Major (0003) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/arabic-major/)

Childhood Studies, Major (0330) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/childhood-studies-major/)

Chinese, Major (0004) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/chinese-major/)

Creative Writing, Major (0005) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-writing-major/)

Culture and Society, Major (0264) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/culture-society-major/)

Drama, Major (0380) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/drama-major/)

Economy and Markets, Major (0008) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/economy-markets-major/)

English, Major (0009) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/english-major/)

Global Business, Major (0011) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-business-major/)

History and Political Thought, Major (0013) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/history-political-thought-major/)

Indigenous Australian Studies, Major (0015) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-major/)

Indonesian, Major (0309) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/indonesian-major/)

Innovation and Change, Major (0017) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovation-change-major/)

International English, Major (0018) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/international-english-major/)

International Relations and Asian Studies, Major (0019) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/international-relations-asian-studies-major/)

Islamic Studies, Major (0020) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/islamic-studies-major/)

Japanese, Major (0021) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/japanese-major/)

Linguistics, Major (0022) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/linguistics-major/)

Music Performance, Major (0023) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/music-performance-major/)

Musicology, Major (0025) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/musicology-major/)

Organisations and Work, Major (0026) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/organisations-work-major/)

Philosophy, Major (0028) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/philosophy-major/)

Psychological Studies, Major (0029) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/psychological-studies-major/)

Arts Minors

Note: Not all Arts minors are available on all campuses.

Arabic, Minor (0003) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/arabic-minor/)

Childhood Studies, Minor (0330) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/childhood-studies-minor/)

Chinese, Minor (0004) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/chinese-minor/)

Creative Writing, Minor (0005) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-writing-minor/)

Culture and Society, Minor (0264) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/culture-society-minor/)

Drama, Minor (0380) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/drama-minor/)

English, Minor (0009) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/english-minor/)

Environmental Humanities, Minor (0381) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/environmental-humanities-minor/)

History and Political Thought, Minor (0013) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/history-political-thought-minor/)

Immersion Language, Minor (0014) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/immersion-language-minor/)

Indigenous Australian Studies, Minor (0015) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-minor/)

Indonesian, Minor (0309) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/indonesian-minor/)

International English, Minor (0018) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/international-english-minor/)

International Relations and Asian Studies, Minor (0019) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/international-relations-asian-studies-minor/)

Islamic Studies, Minor (0020) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/islamic-studies-minor/)

Japanese, Minor (0021) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/japanese-minor/)

Linguistics, Minor (0022) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/linguistics-minor/)

Music Performance Studies, Minor (0024) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/music-performance-studies-minor/)

Musicology, Minor (0025) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/musicology-minor/)

Philosophy, Minor (0028) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/philosophy-minor/)

Psychological Studies, Minor (0029) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/psychological-studies-minor/)

Social Science Majors

Anthropology, Major (0002) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/anthropology-major/)

Child and Community, Major (0045) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/child-community-major/)

Criminology and Criminal Justice, Major (0006) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/criminology-criminal-justice-major/)

Disability Studies, Major (0252) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/disability-studies-major/)

Geography and Urban Studies, Major (0010) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/geography-urban-studies-major/)

Heritage and Tourism, Major (0012) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/heritage-tourism-major/)

Peace and Development Studies, Major (0027) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/peace-development-studies-major/)

Sociology, Major (0030) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/sociology-major/)

Students should seek academic program advice as the Social Science major subjects are all compulsory and only available in particular semesters.

Replaced Majors and Minors
The majors and minors listed below count towards completion of this Program for students who began studying these majors and minors prior to the years indicated below.

M1052 Cultural and Social Analysis, Major (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1052.1), replaced by Culture and Society, Major in 2020 (listed above).

M1054 History and Political Thought, Major (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1054.1), replaced by History and Political Thought, Major in 2020 (listed above).

M1129 International English, Major (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1129.1), replaced by International English, Major in 2020 (listed above).

SM1070 Cultural and Social Analysis, Minor (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=SM1070.1), replaced by Culture and Society, Minor in 2020 (listed above).

SM1072 History and Political Thought, Minor (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=SM1072.1), replaced by History and Political Thought, Minor in 2020 (listed above).

SM1132 International English, Minor (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=SM1132.1), replacedy by International English, Minor in 2020 (listed above).

Recommended Sequence
Recommended Sequence - Bankstown and Penrith Campuses

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10
BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10
Select one of the following:		10
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	
One Level 1 Arts major subject		
	Credit Points	**40**
Spring session		
HUMN 1041	People, Place and Social Difference	10
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10
One Level 1 Arts major subject		10
	Credit Points	**40**
Year 2		
Autumn session		
HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10
One Level 1 Social Science major subject		10
Select one of the following:		10
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	
One Level 1 Arts major subject		
	Credit Points	**40**
Spring session		
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10
One Social Science major subject		10
One Arts major subject		10
One Arts minor subject		10
	Credit Points	**40**
Year 3		
Autumn session		
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10
One Social Science major subject		10
One Arts major subject		10

One Arts minor subject **or** Social Science major subject		10
Credit Points		**40**
Spring session		
Two Arts Major subjects		20
Two Social Science major subjects **or** one Social Science major subject and one Arts minor subject		20
Credit Points		**40**
Year 4		
Autumn session		
One Arts Major subject		10
One Arts minor subject		10
Two Social Science major subjects **or** one Social Science major subject and one Arts minor subject		20
Credit Points		**40**
Spring session		
CULT 3007	Contemporary Social Issues and Professional Practice	10
One Arts major subject		10
Two Social Science major subjects **or** one Social Science major subject and one Arts minor subject		20
Credit Points		**40**
Total Credit Points		**320**

Recommended Sequence - Parramatta Campus

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10
CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10
One Level 1 BA Core subject		10
One Level 1 BA Core subject		10
Credit Points		**40**
Spring session		
HUMN 1041	People, Place and Social Difference	10
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10
One Level 1 BA Core subject		10
One Level 1 BA Core subject		10
Credit Points		**40**
Year 2		
Autumn session		
HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10
One Level 1 Social Science major subject		10
One Level 1 Arts major subject		10
One Arts minor subject		10
Credit Points		**40**
Spring session		
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10
One Level 1 Arts major subject		10
Two Social Science major subjects **or** one Social Science major subject and one Arts minor subject		20
Credit Points		**40**
Year 3		
Autumn session		
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10

One Social Science major subject		10
One Arts major subject		10
One Arts minor subject **or** one Social Science major subject		10
Credit Points		**40**
Spring session		
Two Arts Major subjects		20
Two Social Science major subjects **or** one Social Science major subject and one Arts minor subject		20
Credit Points		**40**
Year 4		
Autumn session		
One Arts Major subject		10
One Arts minor subject		10
Two Social Science major subjects **or** one Social Science major subject and one Arts minor subject		20
Credit Points		**40**
Spring session		
CULT 3007	Contemporary Social Issues and Professional Practice	10
One Arts major subject		10
Two Social Science major subjects **or** one Social Science major subject and one Arts minor subject		20
Credit Points		**40**
Total Credit Points		**320**

Equivalent Core Subjects

The Core subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these units in 2020 or earlier.

CULT 1020 Working with Communities, replaced by HUMN 1060 (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/subject-details/humn1060/) Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies

HUMN 2049 Social Research Methods, replaced by HUMN 2066 (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/subject-details/humn2066/) Investigating and Communicating Social Problems