DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (7198)

Effective from: 2025
Approved Abbreviation: DipSocSc
Western Sydney University Program Code: 7198
AQF Level: 5

This program applies to students who commenced in Autumn Block 1, 2025 or later.

Replaced Programs

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

For Commencement Year 2023-2024 - 7188 Diploma in Culture, Society and Justice (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/diploma-culture-society-justice/)

The Diploma in Social Sciences is an engaging and flexible interdisciplinary program providing students with essential knowledge and analytical skills transferrable to a wide range of career options and future academic study. Through the program, students will investigate various social, cultural, legal, political, environmental, and economic challenges facing contemporary society and gain critical insight into key debates and perspectives that shape our understanding and professional practice across a range of fields. The Diploma program offers various avenues by which students can personalise learning, enhance their future employability and build their critical capacities to impact wider social change positively and ethically.

Study Mode
One year full-time or two years part-time.

Program Advice

Dr Christopher Roffey (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/14340/)

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
The College - Nirimba Education Precinct	Full Time	Internal	See above
The College - Nirimba Education Precinct	Part Time	Internal	See above
Bankstown City Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above
Bankstown City Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above

This program is open to Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents who are aged 17 years or over and not currently enrolled in or completing Year 12 in the same year of intended admission.

If you would like more information on The College's pathway diplomas, please visit: Pathway Programs | The College (westernsydney.edu.au) (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/the-college/courses/)

For direct applications to Western Sydney University please visit: Western Sydney University (uac.edu.au) (https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/)

For UAC applications please visit: Universities Admissions Centre - UAC (https://www.uac.edu.au/)

Program Structure

Students will need to enrol in **one subject that will run online for 17 weeks** (in either Autumn or Spring sessions) and will **simultaneously study another four subjects on campus in block mode (1 subject studied every 4 weeks)** during this period. Please note that subjects in blocks are studied over 4 weeks.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 110 credit points including the subjects listed below.

Start Year Intake

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Autumn Semester		
GEDU 0016	Employability and Graduate Success (WSTC Prep) (Studied over 17 weeks)	15
Autumn Block 1		
GEDU 1001	Introduction to University Life (WSTC)	10
Autumn Block 2		
GEDU 1002	Core Foundations and Key Ideas (WSTC)	10
Autumn Block 3		
CULT 1028	Introduction to Criminology and Justice (WSTC)	10
Autumn Block 4		
HUMN 1068	Intersectionality: Identity, Diversity and Difference (WSTC)	10
Spring Semester		
GEDU 0017	Transition Success (WSTC Prep) (Studied over 17 weeks)	15
Spring Block 1		
HUMN 1070	Indigenous Australia: People, Places and Philosophies (WSTC)	10
Spring Block 2		
HUMN 1069	Human Rights and Community Action (WSTC)	10
Spring Block 3		
Choose one elective subject[1]		10
Spring Block 4		
Choose one elective subject[1]		10
Total credit points		**110**

[1] Students may choose electives from any other subject offered under a Destination College Diploma. These subjects cannot be University subjects or other College subjects.

Mid Year Intake

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Spring Semester		
GEDU 0016	Employability and Graduate Success (WSTC Prep) (Studied over 17 weeks)	15
Spring Block 1		
GEDU 1001	Introduction to University Life (WSTC)	10
Spring Block 2		
GEDU 1002	Core Foundations and Key Ideas (WSTC)	10
Spring Block 3		
CULT 1028	Introduction to Criminology and Justice (WSTC)	10
Spring Block 4		
HUMN 1068	Intersectionality: Identity, Diversity and Difference (WSTC)	10
Autumn Semester		
GEDU 0017	Transition Success (WSTC Prep)	15
Autumn Block 1		
HUMN 1070	Indigenous Australia: People, Places and Philosophies (WSTC)	10
Autumn Block 2		
HUMN 1069	Human Rights and Community Action (WSTC)	10
Autumn Block 3		
Choose one elective subject[1]		
Autumn Block 4		
Choose one elective subject[1]		
Total Credit Points		**110**

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Available Electives

Students may choose any subject from the below Destination College Diploma subjects as their electives. Please note, not all elective options may be available on all campuses or in all teaching sessions. Elective subjects cannot be the same as compulsory program-specific subjects.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
BIOS 1040	Natural Science (WSTC)	10
BIOS 1041	Fundamentals of Biotechnology (WSTC)	10
BLDG 1019	Construction Site Administration (WSTC)	10
BLDG 1020	Domestic Construction (WSTC)	10
BLDG 1021	Commercial Construction (WSTC)	10
BLDG 1022	Construction Site Safety (WSTC)	10
BUSM 1045	Creative Enterprises and Information Technologies (WSTC)	10
BUSM 1046	Managing and Leading Enterprises (WSTC)	10
CART 1009	Exploring the Creative Industries (WSTC)	10
CHEM 1013	Essential Chemistry (WSTC)	10
COMM 1046	Data Dynamics: Influence, Ethics, and Power (WSTC)	10
COMP 1015	Programming Fundamentals and Algorithmic Design (WSTC)	10
COMP 1016	Foundations of Networking and Cyber Security (WSTC)	10
CULT 1028	Introduction to Criminology and Justice (WSTC)	10
CULT 1029	The Individual in a Global Context: The Concepts and Ideas that Shape Us (WSTC)	10
DESN 1023	Visual Media Design (WSTC)	10
ECON 1015	Understanding the Economic Context of Enterprises (WSTC)	10
EDUC 1010	Educational Psychology (WSTC)	10
EDUC 1012	Literacy and Numeracy for Educators (WSTC)	10
EDUC 1013	Sociology for Educators(WSTC)	10
EDUC 2015	Education for Sustainability (WSTC)	10
ENGR 1053	Applied Physics for Engineers (WSTC)	10
ENVL 1008	Sustainable and Ethical Industry Practices (WSTC)	10
FINC 1004	Financial Concepts and the Language of Business (WSTC)	10
GEDU 1002	Core Foundations and Key Ideas (WSTC)	10
HLTH 1021	Effective Communication in Health (WSTC)	10
HLTH 1022	Evidence in Health Practice (WSTC)	10
HLTH 1023	Diversity in Health (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1068	Intersectionality: Identity, Diversity and Difference (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1069	Human Rights and Community Action (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1070	Indigenous Australia: People, Places and Philosophies (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1072	The Human Experience: Fundamentals of Arts and Humanities (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1073	Understanding Contemporary Australia (WSTC)	10
INFO 1005	Website Design(WSTC)	10
INFS 1017	Database Design and Management (WSTC)	10
LANG 1033	Cultural Crossroads: Understanding the World Through Texts (WSTC)	10
MATH 1039	Engineering Mathematics and Statistics (WSTC)	10
MATH 1040	Engineering Mathematics and Computing (WSTC)	10
MATH 1042	Mathematics for the Digital World (WSTC)	10
MKTG 1013	Marketing Enterprises (WSTC)	10
NATS 1029	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 (WSTC)	10
NATS 1030	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 (WSTC)	10
NATS 1032	Introduction to Applied Science and Technology (WSTC)	10
PROC 1009	Materials Science in Engineering (WSTC)	10
PUBH 1015	People, Health and Society (WSTC)	10
TEAC 2067	Being a Teacher (WSTC)	10