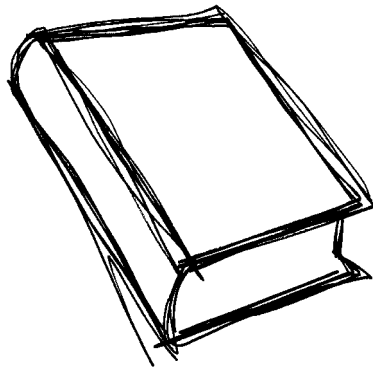


# **Bachelor of Arts 2010**



**Planning your degree**  
Completing your Majors/Minors

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# Majors and Minors

## What is a Major?

A Major is a program of study or specialisation that consists of a minimum number of credit points. Some Majors are quite open in their requirements. They allow you to navigate your way through the Major by meeting credit point requirements at each level. Others have core subject requirements to complete the Major. Some Majors are prescribed (i.e. there is no choice). All Majors require at least a pass in 24 credit points (or three subjects) at 300 level from the subjects offered for the Major. The requirements for each Major are set out in detail later in the *Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Handbook* and the *University of Wollongong Course Handbook* (<http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/ugcourses/index.html>).

## What is a Minor?

A Minor is a concentrated area of study that requires fewer credit points than a Major. Normally around 28 credit points, a Minor is a useful way of rounding out, or supplementing, a Major. In a language area, for example, a Minor could be useful if you want proficiency, but not necessarily fluency, in a language. However, you should note that you cannot cross count subjects from a nominated Minor into any other Major or Minor. Minors do not appear on your testamur but do appear on your transcript (i.e. your academic record).

## Approved Bachelor of Arts Majors

Every Bachelor of Arts student must complete one Major from the approved list of Majors in the Bachelor of Arts. The approved Majors are:

- Asia-Pacific Studies
- Australian Studies
- Chinese (Mandarin) for Non-Chinese Background Students
- Chinese (Mandarin) for Character Background Students
- Employment Relations
- English Language and Linguistics
- English Literatures
- European Studies
- French
- Gender Studies
- History
- Indigenous Studies
- Information Studies
- Italian
- Japanese
- Media and Cultural Studies
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Postcolonial Studies
- Resource and Environmental Studies
- Science and Technology Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- War and Society

The required credit points necessary to complete a Major within the Bachelor of Arts range from 52 credit points to 72 credit points.

## **Major/Minor Combinations**

You can undertake two Majors (commonly called a double Major, NOT a double degree) in the Bachelor of Arts. As long as your first Major is taken from those offered by the Faculty of Arts, the second Major can be taken from Arts or from any other Faculty, provided you meet the requirements for that Major.

For example, you could do a double Major in English Literatures and History, or Politics and Economics. It is also possible to undertake two Majors and a Minor within a 144 credit point Bachelor of Arts degree. If the two Majors chosen have common subjects at any level, you may count one subject twice towards the requirements of both Majors but may only count the credit points once towards the credit points required for the degree. If in doubt, see the staff at Arts Central.

Some students prefer to take subjects from a wider variety of disciplines and so may only take one Major. Other students have a particular passion for one discipline alone and will complete all available subjects in that discipline, thus far exceeding the minimum requirements to complete that discipline's Major. The Faculty encourages students to take two Majors if possible; often this will allow you to demonstrate two cohesive fields of study to potential employers. Students considering a career in Education and planning to complete a Diploma of Education may wish to discuss their Majors with the Faculty of Education when planning their BA degree.

## Choosing subjects for your Bachelor of Arts degree

### Graduation requirements of a Bachelor of Arts

- The completion of 144 credit points (minimum requirement). The student will normally achieve this by undertaking a fulltime study load of 24 credit points per session over 6 sessions (3 years)
- Only 60 credit points or ten 100 level subjects can be counted towards the degree.

### Selecting subjects for your Major

It is critical you read the *Course Handbook* covering your Major for the year that you enrolled to understand the requirements of the Major you wish to undertake\* :

1. The online *Course Handbook* can be viewed here:  
<http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/ugcourses/index.html>
2. Click the year in which you first enrolled/transferred into your Bachelor of Arts degree
3. Click 'Faculty of Arts'
4. Click 'Bachelor of Arts'
5. Scroll down and click the Major you wish to complete.
6. [Plan your Major schedule](#) (*Planning your Major study schedule, pg. 4*)
7. [Complete a Major plan](#) (*Sample Sociology Major plan, pg. 5*)

### Selecting elective subjects (subjects outside your Major):

1. Select *Elective*<sup>†</sup> subjects from the *General Schedule*<sup>‡</sup> (for the year that you enrolled) to fill any gaps in your study schedule. The *General Schedule* can be viewed here:  
<http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/uggeneralschedules/index.html>

### Finalising your degree plan

1. Look over some complete [degree plans](#) (*Suggested Degree Plan: Bachelor of Arts with a History Major, a Science and Technology Studies Major and a Minor in Indonesian, pg. 7*) as a guide.
2. Merge all your planned Majors, Minors and elective subjects into a single [Blank Degree Planning Template](#) (*Blank Degree Planning Template, pg. 6*)
3. Log on to SOLS to enrol the subjects you planned for the current and forthcoming semesters.
4. Continue to follow your degree plan throughout the course of your degree, being aware of any changes in subject availability that may happen on a year to year basis.

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\* You may also consult the printed *Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Handbook* which you would have received during your enrolment

<sup>†</sup> The term *Elective* is used to refer to any subject you select which does not count towards any of your planned Majors, or Minors

<sup>‡</sup> The *General Schedule* is a list of subjects that count towards any degree

## Planning your Major study schedule

To plan your Major study schedule compare the *Major Study Outline* against the *Major Study Program*.

The *Major Study Outline* lists the requirements to achieve a Major. The subjects which meet these requirements are listed in the *Major Study Program* (displayed on the right).

The *2010 Course Handbook* entry on the Sociology Major is shown below. The *Major Study Outline* is circled in red:

### Sociology

Sociology is the study of social life, cultural and social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behaviour. By acquiring sociological skills students develop the ability to analyse a wide variety of social processes, institutions, causes of social change and the structures of groups and societies.

Specific areas of study include social policy; social theory and methodologies; gender, sexuality and the body; class; crime and punishment; race and ethnicity; family, welfare and education reform; everyday interaction; social movements; social change in Asia; media and entertainment; and youth and popular culture.

In a rapidly changing world, sociology provides distinctive methodologies and perspectives that offer solutions to complex problems arising from social inequality, globalisation, criminal justice and racism.

Sociology is an exciting discipline with expanding opportunities for a wide range of career paths.

### Major Study

A major in Sociology consists of at least 54 credit points:

- at least 6 credit points of Sociology at 100- level in either SOC103 or SOC104
- at least 24 credit points at 200-level including SOC203 and SOC231 and an elective chosen from the list below;
- at least 24 credit points at 300-level from the list below.

The best way to plan a Major is by drawing up a small [table](#) (*Blank Degree Template, pg. 6*) covering your subject selection over the three years of your Bachelor of Arts. We have put together a sample of this planning practice on the following page using the Sociology Major as an example.

Study Program

Subject Code	Subject Name	Credit Points	Session
<b>100 level: At least one of the following</b>			
SOC 103	Introduction to Sociology	6	Autumn
SOC 104	Communication, Media & Society	6	Spring
<b>200 level: 24 credit points including SOC203 and SOC231</b>			
SOC 203	Explaining Society	8	Autumn
SOC 205	Childhoods, Families and Relationships	8	Spring
SOC 206	Youth and Popular Culture	8	Autumn
SOC 222	Crime, Criminality and Criminalisation	8	N/O 2010
SOC 224	Violence, Fear and Civilisation: The Evolution of States	8	Autumn
SOC 230	Body & Society	8	N/O 2010
SOC 231	Social Analysis	8	Spring
SOC 233	Living with Animals	8	Autumn
SOC 242	Contemporary Issues in Society	8	N/O 2010
SOC 243	Contesting Asia: Culture, Diversity Difference	8	Autumn
SOC 244	Punishment: Purpose, Practice, Policy	8	Spring
SOC 250	Everyday Interaction	8	Spring
SOC 272	Sociology of Work	8	Spring
POL 290	Women in Society	8	Autumn
MACS 200	Media Events and Rituals	8	Spring
<b>300 level: 24 credit points</b>			
SOC 302	Contemporary Social and Political Thought	8	Spring
SOC 303	The New Individual	8	N/O 2010
SOC 305	Race and Ethnic Studies	8	N/O 2010
SOC 308	Social Policy and the Neoliberal State	8	Spring
SOC 309	Social Movements and Community Activism	8	N/O 2010
SOC 310	The Third Sector	8	Autumn
SOC 318	Modernity, Development and Social Change	8	Autumn
SOC 325	Social Research Methods in Policy and Evaluation	8	Autumn
SOC 326	Globalising Asia	8	Spring
SOC 330	Gender and Society	8	Autumn
SOC 341	Special Topics	8	Autumn/Spring/Summer
SOC 349	Governing Society: The Self and the Social	8	N/O 2010
MACS 301	Culture & Emotion	8	Spring
MACS 325	Happiness: Investigating Its Causes and Conditions	8	Autumn

## Sociology Major

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- at least 24 credit points at 200-level including SOC203 and SOC231 and an elective chosen from the list below;
- at least 24 credit points at 300-level in SOC subjects.

### Study Program

Subject Code	Subject Name	CP	Session
<b>100 level: At least one of the following</b>			
SOC 103	Introduction to Sociology	6	Autumn
SOC 104	Communication, Media and Society	6	Spring
<b>200 level: 24 credit points including SOC203 and SOC231</b>			
SOC 203	Explaining Society	8	Autumn
SOC 205	Childhood, Families and Relationships	8	Spring
SOC 206	Youth and Popular Culture	8	Autumn
SOC 222	Crime, Criminality and Criminalisation	8	N/O 2010
SOC 224	Violence, Fear and Civilisation: The Evolution of States	8	Autumn
SOC 230	Body and Society	8	N/O 2010
SOC 231	Social Analysis	8	Spring
SOC 233	Living with Animals	8	Autumn
SOC 242	Contemporary Issues in Society	8	N/O 2010
SOC 243	Contesting Asia: Culture, Diversity, Difference	8	Autumn
SOC 244	Punishment: Purpose, Practice, Policy	8	Spring
SOC 250	Everyday Interaction	8	Spring
SOC 272	Sociology of Work	8	Spring
POL 290	Women in Society: Productive and Reproductive Labour	8	Autumn
MACS200	Media Events and Rituals	8	Spring
<b>300 level: 24 credit points</b>			
SOC 302	Contemporary Social and Political Thought	8	Spring
SOC 303	The New Individual	8	N/O 2010
SOC 305	Race and Ethnic Studies	8	N/O 2010
SOC 308	Social Policy and the Neoliberal State	8	Spring
SOC 309	Social Movement and Community Activism	8	N/O 2010
SOC 310	The Third Sector	8	Autumn
SOC 318	Modernity, Development and Social Change	8	Autumn
SOC 325	Social Research Methods in Policy and Evaluation	8	Autumn
SOC 326	Globalising Asia	8	Spring
SOC 330	Gender and Society	8	Autumn
SOC 341	Special Topics	8	Autumn/ Spring/ Summer
SOC 349	Governing Society: The Self and the Social	8	N/O 2010
MACS301	Culture & Emotion	8	Spring
MACS325	Happiness: Investigating its Causes and Conditions	8	Autumn

## Sample Sociology Major plan

### First Year

Autumn Session:

**SOC 103** \_\_\_\_\_

Elective \_\_\_\_\_

Elective \_\_\_\_\_

Elective \_\_\_\_\_

Spring Session:

**SOC 104** \_\_\_\_\_

Elective \_\_\_\_\_

Elective \_\_\_\_\_

Elective \_\_\_\_\_

### Second Year

Autumn Session:

**SOC 203** \_\_\_\_\_

**A 200lvl SOC subject** \_\_\_\_\_

Elective \_\_\_\_\_

Spring Session:

**SOC 231** \_\_\_\_\_

**A 200lvl SOC subject** \_\_\_\_\_

Elective \_\_\_\_\_

### Third Year

Autumn Session:

**A 300lvl SOC subject** \_\_\_\_\_

**A 300lvl SOC subject** \_\_\_\_\_

Elective \_\_\_\_\_

Spring Session:

**A 300lvl SOC subject** \_\_\_\_\_

**A 300lvl SOC subject** \_\_\_\_\_

Elective \_\_\_\_\_

#### PLEASE NOTE:

\* Subjects on offer change from year to year

+ This sample subject selection plan assumes a full-time study load of 24 credit points a semester

## Blank Degree Planning Template

(Use this template in consultation with *Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Handbook*)

**Insert Degree Name (Majors, Minors) here** \_\_\_\_\_

	1 <sup>st</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Final year
Autumn			
Autumn			
Autumn			
Autumn			
Spring			
Spring			
Spring			
Spring			
<b>Total Credit Points per year</b>			

**Credit Points over Course of Degree**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Major credit point breakdown**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Major credit point breakdown**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Minor credit point breakdown**

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## Suggested Degree Plan

(Use this plan in consultation with *Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Handbook*)

### Bachelor of Arts with a *History Major*, a *Science and Technology Studies Major* and a Minor in *Indonesian*

	1 <sup>st</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Final year
Autumn	INDO151 (6cp)	INDO251 (8cp)	HIST310 or HIST334 or HIST318 or HIST343 or HIST350 (8cp)
Autumn	AUST101 or INDS150 (6cp)	HIST220 or HIST202 or HIST291 or SMAC201 or INDS200(If INDS150 completed) (8cp)	HIST310 or HIST334 or HIST318 or HIST343 or HIST350 (8cp)
Autumn	STS 100 (6cp)	STS 219 (8cp)	STS 300 or STS 399 or MACS335 (8cp)
Autumn	HIST124 or INDS150 (6cp)	—	—
Spring	INDO152 (6cp)	INDO252 (8cp)	STS 309 (8cp)
Spring	STS 112 or STS 116 or STS 128 (6cp)	HIST201 or HIST203 or HIST239 or HIST255 or FREN210 (8cp)	STS 320 or STS 399 or HIST342 or PHIL380 (8cp)
Spring	STS 112 or STS 116 or STS 128 (6cp)	STS 218 or STS 230 or STS 238 (8cp)	HIST322 or HIST325 or HIST339 or HIST342 or HIST343 or HIST350 or HIST394 or POL 368 or WAR 300 (8cp)
Spring	HIST107 or AUST102 or INDS150 (cp)	—	—
<b>Total Credit Points per year</b>	48	48	48

Credit Points over Course of Degree = 48cp + 48cp + 48cp  
 = 144cp **DEGREE COMPLETE!**

*Indonesian Minor* = 6 + 6 + 8 + 8 = 28cp **MINOR COMPLETE!**

*History Major* = 6cp + 6cp + 6cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp = 58cp **MAJOR COMPLETE!**

*Science and Technology Studies Major* = 6cp + 6cp + 6cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp = 58cp **MAJOR COMPLETE!**

Subjects that count towards *Science and Technology Studies Major*

Subjects that count towards *Indonesian Minor*

Subjects that count towards *History Major*

— indicates a subject need not be taken in this slot, as student has already met the standard full-time study load of 24 credit points for that semester

\* Subjects on offer change from year to year.

† This suggested degree plan assumes a full-time study load of 24 credit points a semester

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## Suggested Degree Plan

(Use this plan in consultation with *Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Handbook*)

### Bachelor of Arts with an *English Literatures* Major and a Minor in *English Language and Linguistics for English Speaking Background students (ESB)*

	1 <sup>st</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Final year
Autumn	ENGL120 (6cp)	ENGL228 or ENGL230 or ENGL259 or ENGL266 (8cp)	ENGL334 or ENGL340 or ENGL365 or ENGL366 or ENGL376 (8cp)
Autumn	ELL 182 (6cp)	LING210	ENGL334 or ENGL340 or ENGL365 or ENGL366 or ENGL376 (8cp)
Autumn	Elective (6cp)	ELL 271	ENGL334 or ENGL340 or ENGL365 or ENGL366 or ENGL376 (8cp)
Autumn	Elective (6cp)	—	—
Spring	ENGL131(6cp)	ENGL248 or ENGL264 or ENGL265 or ENGL267 (8cp)	ENGL312 or ENGL377 or ENGL340 or ENGL345 or ENGL373 (8cp)
Spring	ELL171 (6cp)	ENGL248 or ENGL264 or ENGL265 or ENGL267 (8cp)	ENGL312 or ENGL377 or ENGL340 or ENGL345 or ENGL373 (8cp)
Spring	Elective (6cp)	ENGL248 or ENGL264 or ENGL265 or ENGL267 (8cp)	ENGL312 or ENGL377 or ENGL340 or ENGL345 or ENGL373 (8cp)
Spring	Elective (6cp)	—	—
<b>Total Credit Points per year</b>	48	48	48

#### Credit Points over Course of Degree

$$= 48cp + 48cp + 48cp$$

$$= 144cp \text{ DEGREE COMPLETE!}$$

$$\text{English Language and Linguistics (ESB) Minor} = 6cp + 6cp + 8cp + 8cp = 28cp \text{ MINOR COMPLETE!}$$

$$\text{English Literatures Major} = 6cp + 6cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp$$

$$= 92cp \text{ MAJOR COMPLETE! Only requires a minimum of 54cp to complete the Major.}$$

Subjects that count towards *English Literatures* Major

Subjects that count towards *English Language and Linguistics for English Speaking Background students (ESB) Minor*

Electives

— indicates a subject need not be taken in this slot, as student has already met the standard full-time study load of 24 credit points for that semester

\* Subjects on offer change from year to year

† This suggested degree plan assumes a full-time study load of 24 credit points a semester

# The term *Elective* is used to refer to any subject you select which does not count towards any of your planned Majors, or Minors. The [General Schedule](#) is a list of subjects that count towards any degree

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**Suggested Degree Plan**  
(Use this plan in consultation with *Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Handbook*)

**Bachelor of Arts (*Community, Culture and Environment*)**

	1 <sup>st</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Final year
Autumn	AUST101 (6cp)	INDS201 (8cp) or INDS200 or ENGL259 (8cp)	HIST334 or SOC310 or SOC325 or STS300 (8cp)
Autumn	Elective (6cp)	INDS201 (8cp) or INDS200 or ENGL259 (8cp)	HIST334 or SOC310 or SOC325 or STS300 (8cp)
Autumn	Elective (6cp)	Elective (8cp)	Elective (8cp)
Autumn	Elective (6cp)	—	—
Spring	AUST102 (6cp)	ENGL267 or HIST239 or MACS200 or POL 222 or SOC 231 or STS218 or EESC211 (8cp)	ARTS301 or ENGL337(If ENGL259 or ENGL267 completed) or HIST322 or INDS300 or POL323 (if POL 222 completed) or SOC 308 (8cp)
Spring	Elective (6cp)	Elective (8cp)	Elective (8cp)
Spring	Elective (6cp)	Elective (8cp)	Elective (8cp)
Spring	Elective (6cp)	—	—
<b>Total Credit Points per year</b>	48	48	48

Credit Points over Course of Degree = 48cp + 48cp + 48cp = 144cp **DEGREE COMPLETE!**

*Community, Culture and Environment* Major = 6cp + 6cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp = 60cp **MAJOR COMPLETE! Only requires a minimum of 54cp to complete the Major**

**Subjects that count towards *Community, Culture and Environment* Major**

**Electives**

— indicates a subject need not be taken in this slot, as student has already met the standard full-time study load of 24 credit points for that semester

# The term Elective is used to refer to any subject you select which does not count towards any of your planned Majors, or Minors. The [General Schedule](#) is a list of subjects that count towards any degree

† This suggested degree plan assumes a full-time study load of 24 credit points a semester

\* Subjects on offer change from year to year

## Suggested Degree Plan

(Use this plan in consultation with *Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Handbook*)

### Bachelor of Arts (*Community, Culture and Environment*) and a second Major in *History*

	1 <sup>st</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Final year
Autumn	INDS150 (6cp)	ENGL259 (8cp)	HIST334 (8cp)
Autumn	AUST101 (6cp)	INDS201 (8cp)	HIST350 (8cp)
Autumn	ENGL120 or ERLS100 or ELL 182 (6cp)	INDS200 (8cp)	SOC310 or SOC325 or STS300 (8cp)
Autumn	ENGL120 or ERLS100 or ELL 182 (6cp)	—	—
Spring	AUST102 (6cp)	HIST239 (8cp)	HIST322 (8cp)
Spring	EESC104 or ELL171 or MACS120 or PHIL151 or POL 121 (6cp)	ENGL267 or HIST239 or MACS200 or POL 222 or SOC 231 or STS218 or EESC211 (8cp)	ARTS301 or ENGL337(If ENGL259 or ENGL267 completed) or HIST322 or INDS300 or POL323 (if POL 222 completed) or SOC 308 (8cp)
Spring	EESC104 or ELL171 or MACS120 or PHIL151 or POL 121 (6cp)	ENGL267 or HIST239 or MACS200 or POL 222 or SOC 231 or STS218 or EESC211 (8cp)	ARTS301 or ENGL337(If ENGL259 or ENGL267 completed) or HIST322 or INDS300 or POL323 (if POL 222 completed) or SOC 308 (8cp)
Spring	EESC104 or ELL171 or MACS120 or PHIL151 or POL 121 (6cp)	—	—
<b>Total Credit Points per year</b>	48	48	48

**Credit Points over Course of Degree**

= 48cp + 48cp + 48cp

= 144cp **DEGREE COMPLETE!**

**Community, Culture and Environment Major** = 6cp + 6cp + 6cp + 6cp + 6cp + 6cp + 6cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp = 90cp **MAJOR COMPLETE! Only requires a minimum of 54cp to complete the Major.**

**History Major** = 6cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp = 54cp **MAJOR COMPLETE!**

Subjects that count towards *Community, Culture and Environment* Major.

Subjects that count towards *History* Major.

\* Subjects on offer change from year to year.

† This suggested degree plan assumes a full-time study load of 24 credit points a semester.

— indicates a subject need not be taken in this slot, as student has already met the standard full-time study load of 24 credit points for that semester.

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