CONNECT: ARTS & HUMANITIES

INCLUDING:
BACHELOR OF ARTS
BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS
FIVE REASONS TO STUDY ARTS & HUMANITIES AT UOW

1. WE SUPPORT YOU
Our students have told us that starting at university can be both exciting and a little daunting. We want you to get the most out of your degree and enjoy your time at UOW.

2. WE'RE EXPERTS IN OUR FIELD
The academic staff who teach you aren't just your teachers, they're also engaged in their academic disciplines, writing books and articles, editing journals, speaking at conferences, holding positions on international forums and leading key industry research in their fields. This means our staff know what's happening in the real world.
They will equip you with examples and material that is current and relevant in a global landscape that is constantly changing.

3. WE GIVE YOU CHOICE
Studying Arts and Humanities at UOW offers a range of ways to tailor your degree to suit you. You can choose two major study areas from the Bachelor of Arts, such as politics and history, or you can combine an arts major with a major study area from another faculty, such as psychology or management.
You can even take up a minor such as art history*, creative writing or music.

4. WE TEACH SKILLS THAT EMPLOYERS WANT
We all know how quickly the world changes: the impact of social media, fluctuations in the economy, awareness of climate change, and the way we engage and approach the workplace is vastly different to our parents’ day. With these changes in mind, employers are looking for graduates who are flexible and analytical, with adaptable skills that can be applied in a multitude of ways. They want people who can think critically and creatively, who can reason and who have informed opinions.
That is the foundation of every Arts and Humanities degree at UOW, putting you in high demand in the workplace.

5. WE GIVE YOU PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE
First-hand industry experience via an internship is invaluable when it comes to entering the workplace and carving out a career.
The UOW internship programs offer you ways to gain academic credit, get valuable on-the-job training that lets you apply your practical and theoretical skills, and helps you establish useful connections in your chosen field.
We know it is an important stepping stone in your transition from education to employment.

"Subject to approval."
The Bachelor of Arts (BA) allows you to gain foundational knowledge in many disciplines. It will equip you with essential broad skills, including critical and creative thinking, effective communication and problem solving, all of which are required for high achievement in a wide range of careers. This cross-discipline degree will give you new perspectives on approaching ideas and problems and expand your career options as you finish your studies. You will graduate with an interdisciplinary focus, flexibility, critical analysis and practical skills to prepare you for real world problems.

CAREER AND GRADUATE OUTCOMES

Examples include art historian, historian and heritage specialist, or in government policy, business administration and management, consultancy, publishing, teaching, marketing, working for international aid organisations, work in unions and non-government welfare agencies, diplomacy, university lecturing and research, archives and librarianship, translation and interpreting, journalism (print, radio and television), and advertising.

MAJORS

COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT*

Why does taking part in Anzac Day, or preserving a piece of rainforest mean different things to different people? What part is played by the media, government, the community, scientists and industries in dealing with our environmental crisis? This major has been designed to address issues that affect our community and our environment, and the skills needed to be able to understand, analyse and interpret these issues. It is an interdisciplinary study based around core and elective subjects chosen from a range of options offered across all our faculties. Possible subject include:

- Communication Media and Society
- Redefining Eden: Indigenous Peoples and the Environment
- Children’s and Young Adult Fantasy Literature
- Australia Fair: Post-Federation Australian Literature
- The Environmental Context: Imagining a Zero Carbon Future
- The Human Environment: Problems and Change

*This major is only available at UOW Batemans Bay, UOW Bega, UOW Shoalhaven and UOW Southern Highlands

CREATIVE WRITING

This major is a perfect way to explore writing in a critical and creative context. In creative writing you will produce new work in poetry, drama and short stories and reflect on these practices in relation to the history and politics of writing. This major pairs well with other subjects such as English literatures, Cultural Studies, Languages, Indigenous Studies and Philosophy.

CULTURAL STUDIES

Cultural Studies is an interdisciplinary field of inquiry that explores the production of culture, with a particular emphasis for the operations of power in everyday practices. It teaches skills in critical thinking, analysis and problem-solving, independent research, effective communication and cultural understanding and awareness of issues of social justice. These skills are vital for understanding and analysing complex and competing theories. Students graduate well-equipped to engage with the information-rich and culturally complex environment of the contemporary workplace.

ENGLISH LITERATURES

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Stories are everywhere in the contemporary world, whether they are the stories told by politicians, by the media, or by people in their everyday interactions. The English Literatures major equips students to understand and critically analyse this mode of communication by focusing on the complex and fascinating kinds of stories found in literature, and the ways in which these stories are told. The major introduces a broad range of texts drawn from medieval to contemporary popular outlets, including children’s literature, graphic novels, poetry, and films. Employers look for graduates who can demonstrate analytical thinking, exceptional written and oral communication skills, and the capacity to appreciate differences in cultural perspectives. The English Literatures major, with its emphasis on critical thinking and its strong international orientation, enables students to develop these skills to a high level.

HISTORY

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History enriches our experience of the world by offering ways to understand the broad scope of human experiences, from our everyday lives to larger global processes. UOW’s History program focuses on themes that link Australian and international history, including culture, environment, gender, globalisation, historiography, labour, war, and regional development. You will graduate with skills in research and analysis, useful for government and community organisations, as well as the private sector.

INDIGENOUS STUDIES

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Indigenous Studies is an interdisciplinary major designed to equip students to think reflexively about issues that impact on Indigenous individuals and communities on a local, national and global scale. This major is anchored in the study of Australian Indigenous experiences and includes a focus on cultural, political, economic and social factors that have shaped, and continue to shape, the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The program is enriched through the study of international Indigenous experiences and engages with a range of Indigenous perspectives and organisations on a global scale.

PHILOSOPHY

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Philosophers study fundamental questions about a wide range of topics, such as the ethics of global aid, the impact of biotechnology, the nature of mind and language, and the structure of scientific knowledge and explanation. This major focuses on contemporary philosophical problems and helps you develop strong skills in critical analysis, and careful reasoning.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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This major enables you to learn camera skills, digital manipulation and printing to create photographic art works. Photography enhances your interpretative and critical analysis skills, and allows you to focus on or ignite a passion. You learn camera skills, digital and analogue manipulation and darkroom techniques to create photographic art works. Studying under the guidance of some of Australia’s leading contemporary photographic artists, you will gain the knowledge and skills to embark on a career as a practising visual artist and/or professional photographer.

POLITICS

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Politics occurs at many levels: from international relations to the nation state; from local communities to individuals. The Politics major examines political institutions, political economies, culture, class, gender and ethnicity—providing a constantly changing body of ideas, approaches and methods. Politics at UOW engages students to consider life choices and how they contribute to society. Politics graduates work in many fields including government policy analysis, advocacy roles, and business or civil society organisations.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

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The Science and Technology Studies major addresses complex real world problems such as global warming, or how to regulate scientific research. It combines sociological and historical perspectives on science, technology and medicine, and develops the skills to analyse and advise on technological and environmental policy.
SOCIOLOGY

Sociology examines social life, cultural and social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behaviour. Sociology teaches skills in analysis and problem-solving, research, and policy-making. You will develop attributes including sensitivity to a wide range of people and their backgrounds, an understanding of cultural diversity, and an awareness of injustices and inequality. Sociology graduates find employment in a wide range of fields, including the rapidly expanding sectors of social welfare, housing, education, and health.

WRITING & ENGLISH LITERATURES

The Writing & English Literatures major will give you the opportunity to complete a major that is analytical and applied. You will combine creative writing skills and knowledge with English literature studies. There are a wide range of electives in both disciplines to choose from. This major focuses on the study of literature from various periods and literary practice, and the practical application of this study through creative writing. You will develop analytical skills, critical understanding and the ability to create your own pieces of writing. You will also be exposed to a wide range of texts, with an emphasis on critical understanding and the practical formation of writing.

CHRISTIE WADE
Bachelor of Arts • Bachelor of Commerce (2005)
Marketing Manager, PayPal

Christie has always been up for a challenge, and her focus and thirst for knowledge has provided her with the opportunities she dreamed about.

“One of the things I love about my job is the fast-paced environment and the variety of my every day work. Some days I’ll be filming TV commercials with celebrity talent and other days are spent pouring over budgets and commercial models. My degree taught me the importance of prioritisation and how to effectively manage my time, which is something I value on a daily basis.

I would encourage every student to put 110% into every class, assignment and relationship through university. Challenge everything but listen and learn from those with more experience and/or other points of view. Set patterns that will take you through your career and open doors for you.”
The Languages program at UOW combines a core of language subjects supplemented by cultural and historical studies. Students who have studied a language previously or otherwise have some proficiency may be exempt from some introductory subjects. This program is a natural complement to UOW’s international student mobility program where students are encouraged to study abroad for a semester. Students studying other degrees, such as the sciences, engineering, law and commerce, can study a language for business and technical purposes in conjunction with their chosen discipline.

Language programs can be tailored specifically so that graduates are equipped with the appropriate skills to work professionally and competently in a language other than English. Being bilingual or multilingual enhances employability prospects and opens up global career options.

**FRENCH**

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French is one of the two working languages of the United Nations, and one of the two official languages of the International Olympic Committee. Students graduate with a comprehensive ability to speak and write in French, and understand French culture. Students have the opportunity to work for organisations involved in international politics and welfare.

**ITALIAN**

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Learning Italian helps students better understand the structure and the communicative resources of their own language. It provides the opportunity to recognise and respond personally to culture-specific information and changing cultural trends, providing students with the ability to identify differences between Italian culture and their own cultural heritage.

**JAPANESE**

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Studying Japanese is a linguistic journey that provides an introduction to a fascinating modern culture. It specifically focuses on developing spoken and written language skills that can be used in real-world situations.

**MANDARIN FOR NON-CHINESE BACKGROUND STUDENTS**

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This course provides the necessary skills to compete in a burgeoning and highly competitive global workplace. Business relations with China have become critical to the world’s economy. Having the ability to comprehend normal spoken and written Mandarin will enhance graduate career opportunities. Students are encouraged to undertake a month’s study at a Chinese university.

**MANDARIN FOR CHARACTER BACKGROUND STUDENTS**

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This major teaches students the skills needed to gather, process and evaluate information on current socio-political topics and identify the differences between Chinese and other cultural heritages by analysing film, poetry and other cultural products to be able to mediate between these cultures sensitively.

The Chinese (Mandarin) Character Background major is for students who already know Chinese characters, but who either speak a Chinese dialect such as Shanghaiese, Cantonese or Taiwanesese and do not speak Mandarin, or wish to improve their Mandarin skills.

**SPANISH**

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The Spanish major comprises language subjects and studies in the history and culture of the Hispanic world, including literature, music, film and art. On completion of the degree students will be able to converse, read and translate Spanish in all real contexts, including the contemporary Spanish work environment.

This new degree is specifically designed to give students the high level training and skills necessary to make them competitive for a successful career in the public service or politics. This cross-disciplinary degree gives students an appreciation of the political, ethical and economic perspectives needed to make a difference in contemporary society. In particular, it will enable them to interpret and apply complex economic ideas and data and understand the basis behind political organisations and policy making processes. It will develop a broader philosophical lens for understanding popular movements, systems of government and ethical forms of behaviour.

Students will cultivate a broad knowledge base across all three areas by studying core and elective subjects and will deepen their knowledge in at least one of these areas through major fields of study. A capstone subject will allow students to bring key components from all three disciplines into a coherent whole, and simulate real world scenarios.

**CAREER AND GRADUATE OUTCOMES**

Examples include analytical and decision-making positions in the public, private and non-profit sectors; economic and social analyst; economist; journalist; and political advisor.

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**MOYA COLLETT**

Bachelor of Arts (Hons), 2003
Executive Officer (Timor-Leste)
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Throughout her degree, Moya appreciated the opportunity to think, write and argue about the big issues that affect both Australian and international society. Her love for politics has taken her on an exciting journey.

“You’re more likely to be successful if you pursue what you love, rather than what you imagine to be a sensible choice. After my Arts degree at UOW I was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to do a Masters of Science in International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Then I was awarded an Australian Postgraduate Award to complete a PhD in International Relations at the University of New South Wales. I joined the Australian Government of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in 2008 and have been on a posting to our Embassy in Bangkok, where I was responsible for analysing developments in Thai politics and assessing the likely impact on Australian interests in South-East Asia. I have just returned to Canberra and am now working on our bilateral relationship with Timor-Leste. A career at DFAT is endlessly fascinating and challenging.

“I’ve learnt that relationships between individuals are everything. On the international stage, for example, state-based interests and values should drive foreign policy, but individuals in key positions can choose when, where and how to pursue those interests - and they often make those choices for a myriad of personal reasons.”
HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the BA or BPPE degree you need to have that degree listed as a preference with the University AdmissionCentre (UAC). More information on this process can be found on the UAC website at uac.edu.au.

UoW also has special entry options for current Year 12 students. These include Early Admissions, Alternative Entry, Local and Regional Bonus Points and Points to UoW schemes. For more information contact UniAdvice: uniadvice@uow.edu.au
SEE US FOR YOURSELF:
CAMPUS TOURS

You don’t need to be a student at UOW to see firsthand why our campus is special and why we all love it here. UOW campus tours allow you to see our facilities and meet people doing what they do best. It’s your chance to check out UOW and ask as many questions as you like.

Our free, hour-long tours are conducted by current UOW students, and run at 10 am and 3 pm every Friday throughout the year. Arrange a tour via phone on 1300 367 869 or book online at uow.edu.au/future

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