



BACHELOR OF ARTS

Behavioural and Social Sciences and Humanities





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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The BA is a versatile program that does not limit you to one career path. You can keep your options open when you study the humanities and social sciences in depth. The BA will equip you with the type of multidisciplinary learning experience required for employment in a knowledge economy.

Students entering the program will be exposed to learning the skills of knowledge management, interpersonal communication, teamwork and independent and critical thinking suitable for service industries, a teaching career, the public and community sectors, media, marketing and social research. If your interest lies in disciplines recognised in the Victorian Essential Learning Standards, then our BA is for you. Teaching methods available in the BA include history, literature, language-other-than-English (LOTE), sociology and psychology. After completing a BA and a Graduate Diploma in Education you are fully qualified to enter the teaching profession. In addition the BA offers a fully-accredited single major in psychology, which can qualify you to proceed on to honours and postgraduate study.

Graduate surveys identify that such knowledge-based jobs are the main career destinations for BA graduates. Two surveys (by Pantelopoulos in 1999 and Blaskett and Smith in 2002) identified the following

employment outcomes for BA graduates from Ballarat:

- Journalist at a regional newspaper
- Data analyst at Roy Morgan Market Research
- Human Resource Manager at the Department of Natural Resources and Environment
- Case manager for people with a disability at the Department of Human Services
- Secondary school teacher
- Sales representative at a recording company
- Coordinator of a Victims' Assistance Program at a community health centre
- News broadcast researcher for a major television network
- Librarian at the State Library of Victoria
- Research analyst for the Australian Bureau of Statistics
- English teacher in Japan
- Freelance editor of a Lonely Planet guide

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The BA focuses on issues which influence culture and society:

- Support for students in the transition to higher education through a first semester program. This 'Foundation Program' includes three courses:
 - Introduction to Social Inquiry
 - Narrative and Text
 - The Western Tradition
- After first semester, you can specialise in multidisciplinary plans in Social Inquiry, Globalisation Studies, or Literary and Cultural Inquiry, which cover areas such as history, literature, the social sciences, film, philosophy, indigenous studies and Japanese



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Providing a program that combines recognised disciplines in the liberal arts with a multidisciplinary focus on culture and society, the Bachelor of Arts challenges you to engage in life changing learning experiences.

- An APAC accredited plan in Psychology is an option;
- A minor in History, Indigenous Studies, Philosophy or Japanese is also available;
- An advanced study program ('Capstone Program') that deepens students' skills and specialist discipline-based knowledge.
- You always have the option of part-time study at any stage during the program.

Forms of assessment in the program encourage the growth of multidisciplinary and generic skills and encourage you to develop the talents of logical and analytical thinking. They include: team-based assessment, tasks that involve public presentation and debating skills, creative works, fieldwork and workplace-centred projects, as well as traditional essay writing and examinations. An annual summer school, run in a fortnight block across January and February, affords students flexibility in planning their academic year.

COURSES YOU CAN TAKE IN THE BA

The following will give you a sense of the different types of courses that you could take:

- Asia in Focus
- Logic and Reasoning
- Aboriginal Affairs and Indigenous Activism
- The Victorian Age in Literature
- Fantasy and Speculative Fiction
- World Empires and Their Cultures
- Urban Anthropology
- Studies in World Cinema

- Youth Studies
- Western Political Philosophy
- Me, Them and Us: Managing Cultural Diversity in Context
- Hollywood Cinema
- Goldfields Heritage
- Indigenous Culture
- The Global Community

STAFF IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Staff in the humanities and social sciences have a range of teaching and research interests in history, philosophy, indigenous studies, sociology, literature and film. To view individual staff profiles go to www.ballarat.edu.au/ard/bssh/staff.shtml

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

VCE including prerequisites (units 3 & 4 of an English choice), interstate or overseas equivalent, or Mature Age entry.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Current Year 12 student: VTAC
Non Year 12 Applicant: VTAC or via the Tertiary Access Scheme. For further information, please contact Student Recruitment on 1800 811 711. Tertiary Access Scheme applicants are required to complete the 'Direct Applications for Admission' form. VTAC Code: 37301

FEES

For information regarding fees please visit www.ballarat.edu.au/fees

FURTHER STUDY

Arts graduates often continue to study and achieve higher degrees. The range of programs available at UB include the Graduate Diploma in Education, psychology honours, or an honours year in the humanities or social sciences potentially leading on to doctoral studies.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The above information may not apply to international students.

For further information contact

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www.ballarat.edu.au/international

The commencement of all programs is subject to available funding and enrolment quotas.

All information contained in this publication including the availability of programs and fees, is correct at the time of going to press. However the University reserves the right to alter any course, procedure or fee. Students should check for any amendment prior to enrolment.



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FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information regarding student services, program flyers
and information on all programs can be obtained from the addresses below.



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