

# Bachelor of Arts

## Course Structure for Bachelor of Arts

Each standard subject is usually worth 12.5 credit points. A **full-time study load** is 4 subjects (50 points) per semester. The **Bachelor of Arts** requires the successful completion of **24 subjects (300 points)**.

Year 1	S1	Arts Foundation Subject (Core Subject)	Arts Elective (Level 1)	Arts Elective (Level 1)	Breadth
	S2	Arts Major (Level 1)	Arts Elective (Level 1)	Arts Elective (Level 1)	Breadth
Year 2	S1	Arts Major (Level 2)	Arts Major (Level 2)	Arts Elective (Level 2)	Breadth
	S2	Arts Major (Level 2)	Arts Elective (Level 2)	Arts Elective (Level 2)	Breadth
Year 3	S1	Arts Major (Level 3)	Arts Elective (Level 3)	Arts Elective (Level 3)	Breadth or Arts Elective
	S2	Arts Major (Level 3)	Arts Major - Capstone (Level 3)	Arts Elective (Level 3)	Breadth or Arts Elective

### Major Subjects

You must complete at least one major (maximum two) consisting of eight subjects (100 points) within a single area of study.

This will include:

- one Arts Foundation subject,
- one level 1 subject,
- three level 2 subjects, and
- three level 3 subjects.

### Core Subjects (Arts Foundation)

A compulsory (core) subject out of a choice of six that counts towards a non-language major at level 1, completed in the first 100 points of your degree.

### Arts Elective Subjects

You have a choice of subjects from the Arts disciplines.

**Double major:** You can choose to do subjects from another area of study to make up a second major.

**Minor:** You may also complete a minor. This consists of six subjects within a single area of study comprising of two subjects each at levels 1, 2 and 3.

### Breadth Subjects

You will need to complete a minimum of four subjects from outside Arts disciplines, including at least one from level 2 or 3.

## NOTES ABOUT THE BACHELOR OF ARTS

### A flexible structure

All courses have specific requirements students need to meet, however there is a range of flexibility to help you make the most of your degree.

Some examples include:

- Finalising your choice of major in Year 2
- Using eight Arts electives (100 points) to make up a second major, or six Arts electives (75 points) to complete a minor
- Studying Asian languages (Chinese, Japanese and Indonesian) as breadth (Entry point 1, 2 or 3 only)

### Course requirements

#### Level 1

- One Arts Foundation subject in first 100 points of your degree
- Minimum of six subjects (75 points) of Arts
- Maximum of three subjects (37.5 points) of breadth

#### Level 2

- Minimum of six subjects (75 points) of Arts

#### Level 3

- Minimum of six subjects (75 points) of Arts

#### Total

- Minimum of 18 subjects (225 points) and maximum 20 subjects (250 points) of Arts
- Minimum four subjects (50 points) of breadth and maximum six subjects (75 points), at least one subject (12.5 points) at level 2 or 3
- Completion of at least four subjects (50 points) at each level before being able to progress to the next level
- Completion of an overall total of 24 subjects (300 points)
- Maximum of 10 subjects (125 points) in any one area of study
- No more than a total of 10 subjects (125 points) taken at level 1

#### Major Requirements

- Completion of at least one major and a maximum of two
- For a second major, you can complete two level 1 subjects from that area of study OR an additional Arts Foundation subject and a level 1 subject in that area of study to meet the level 1 requirement for a major.

#### For more information:

Learn more about the specific requirements of your course by referring to the University Handbook – [handbook.unimelb.edu.au](http://handbook.unimelb.edu.au)

Look at the Faculty of Arts website – [ba.unimelb.edu.au](http://ba.unimelb.edu.au)

## PLAN YOUR COURSE

### STEP 1: BUILD

Add the core subjects to your Course Map first.

**Core subjects** are compulsory subjects that must be completed in order to meet the requirements of your course.

These subjects are usually prerequisites for later subjects, which means you need to successfully pass these to be able to progress to the next subject.

### STEP 2: EXPLORE

Select elective subjects which can complement a major pathway or allow you to pursue other areas of interest.

There may or may not be prerequisites for majors or other options down the track.

**Elective subjects** (also referred to as optional subjects) are discipline subjects from your Faculty.

Courses that require completion of electives or optional subjects allow you to choose from a list which is available in the University Handbook.

### STEP 3: EXPAND

You will usually need to complete at least four breadth subjects as part of your course.

You can build coherent breadth tracks (approved sets of three or more subjects) or select single subjects of interest.

**Breadth subjects** are from disciplines outside your degree. Breadth subjects allow you to gain knowledge and understanding across a broader range of disciplines, enabling you to develop interests and opportunities in areas distinct from your core studies.

### STEP 4: SPECIALISE

You might not need to decide on a major right away but many Year 2 and 3 subjects leading to a major, minor or specialisation have prerequisites that you should review.

A **major, minor or specialisation** refers to a concentration of subjects that equips you with specialised knowledge in your chosen field of study.

Each course has **different requirements** for a major, minor or specialisation. For example, while some offer a selection of subjects to choose from, others have a fixed set of subjects.

### UNDECIDED?

If you are undecided about your major, you can start with the subjects that you are interested in and work forwards; what later level subjects and majors do these subjects lead to?

For most majors, you don't need to decide in Year 1, but understanding where your subjects can lead is important as you proceed through your course.

## PLAN YOUR COURSE (continued)

Use the blank course structure below as a guide to plan your course. It is easiest to plan your course while referring to your course-specific requirements and the University Handbook.

You do not have to plan your whole degree at this point but the subjects that you choose in Year 1 can impact on your choices in Year 2 and 3.

Remember to consult the University Handbook to find out more about course requirements and subject availability, as well as breadth and elective options: [handbook.unimelb.edu.au](http://handbook.unimelb.edu.au)

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Year 2	S1				
	S2				
Year 3	S1				
	S2				

### WHAT DO I DO NEXT? ENROL IN YOUR SUBJECTS (STUDY PLAN)

Once you have mapped your subjects you can add them to your Study Plan via [my.unimelb](http://my.unimelb) for the current year only.

For information about enrolling in subjects visit: [students.unimelb.edu.au/admin/enrol-in-subjects](http://students.unimelb.edu.au/admin/enrol-in-subjects)

*Please note: You normally have until the end of the second week of classes to change your subject selection for the semester.*

## EXPAND YOUR POSSIBILITIES AT MELBOURNE

### Your Melbourne degree offers some exciting opportunities to study for credit in unique ways:

- Consider **studying overseas** via a Study Abroad or Exchange opportunity or a 'University of Melbourne Overseas Subject'.
- Add an additional area of study to your transcript by enrolling in a 100 point **concurrent diploma** alongside your bachelors degree.
- Check your Faculty's options for studying via internship, work placement, research or volunteering subjects; these are a great way to integrate your knowledge and skills through a practical experience.

There are a number of opportunities you can get involved in outside of classes to complement your study.

Consider attending industry events, public lectures and professional skills workshops, volunteering, meeting with an alumni mentor or joining a student club.

Your Faculty or School website and student newsletter are great places to find out about these opportunities.

### Tailor it to you!

For some students, a 3 year map doesn't suit them.

If you are planning to:

- enrol part-time,
- have advanced standing,
- undertake summer or winter intensive subjects,
- take some time off to volunteer,
- complete an internship, or
- complete a concurrent diploma

you may need to draft a more flexible course map to suit your individual situation.

*International students: Please note you must normally be enrolled on a full-time basis unless you have special approval to reduce your study load.*

### HELPFUL LINKS

Finding all the Uni terms and definitions confusing?

- Use the University glossary to understand it all: [students.unimelb.edu.au/admin/unispeak](https://students.unimelb.edu.au/admin/unispeak)

Need support?

- The University of Melbourne offers one of the most comprehensive student support networks in Australia. Find everything listed here: [services.unimelb.edu.au/finder](https://services.unimelb.edu.au/finder)

Where are the libraries?

- All the locations and opening hours are here: [library.unimelb.edu.au](https://library.unimelb.edu.au)

## WHAT NEXT?

### Create your timetable

Check when Class Registration opens for your subjects: [students.unimelb.edu.au/admin/class-registration](https://students.unimelb.edu.au/admin/class-registration)

### Attend your First Year at Melbourne appointment

Log into 'Book a Stop 1 Advisor' to book your appointment: [students.unimelb.edu.au/myuniapps/book-a-stop-1-adviser](https://students.unimelb.edu.au/myuniapps/book-a-stop-1-adviser)

### Orientation: Make the Most of Melbourne

Discover the campus, new friends and experience University life at Orientation! [orientation.unimelb.edu.au](https://orientation.unimelb.edu.au)

### Classes start!

- Semester 1 starts on Monday 26 February
- Semester 2 starts on Monday 23 July

Get ready by:

- Checking where your classes are
- Logging into the Learning Management System (LMS) for subject information (including required reading and textbooks): [app.lms.unimelb.edu.au](https://app.lms.unimelb.edu.au)
- Noting the key University dates: [unimelb.edu.au/dates](https://unimelb.edu.au/dates)
- Following Stop 1 on Facebook and Twitter: [@uomstop1](https://twitter.com/uomstop1)
- Following First Year at Melbourne on Facebook and Instagram: [@firstyearatunimelb](https://www.instagram.com/firstyearatunimelb)

## HOW CAN STOP 1 HELP?

### Stop 1 is the home of student services online, on the phone and in person.

We can help you with admissions, enrolment, course planning, administration, support services, and skills and development.

We offer a range of support services, workshops, programs and expert advice, including:

- Enrolment help and course or subject advice
- Health and wellbeing
- Housing and financial aid
- Equity and disability support
- Transition to University
- Academic skills and learning support
- Careers, exchange and volunteering

*Remember, our support services are not just for when things go wrong but also to extend and develop your skills and experience.*

### For more information:

You can book appointments online, check our opening hours to drop in, submit an online enquiry or live chat, or call us: [students.unimelb.edu.au/stop1](https://students.unimelb.edu.au/stop1)  
Find out the best way to manage your admin, study effectively, maximise your wellbeing and prepare for your future: [students.unimelb.edu.au](https://students.unimelb.edu.au)