

Careers in Arts and Humanities

Your 2025 guide to ECU courses that lead to careers in creative humanities, criminology, human services, psychology and counselling, social work and more.



What's your future career?

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| Broadcaster | Criminologist | Social Media Guru |
| Community Worker | Designer | Social Worker |
| Counsellor | Filmmaker | Strategic Communications Manager |
| Creative Content Producer | Journalist | Visual Artist |
| Creative Writer | Psychologist | Youth Worker |

**Creative
thinkers
made here.**

Unlock your superpower.

Creative thinking.

It's essential for tackling challenges.

Seizing opportunities.

For today.

But more importantly, tomorrow.

And it's not limited to 'creative' roles.

It's essential for **all** roles.

It's not a skill people are **born** with.

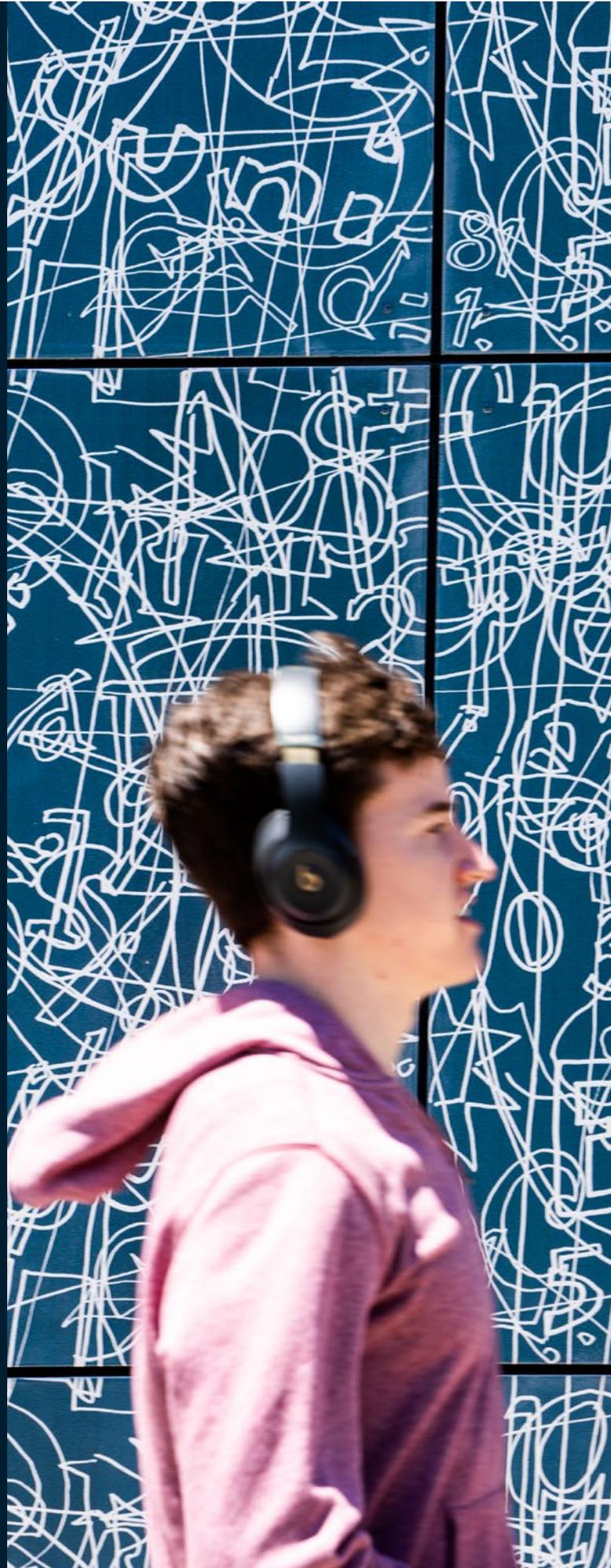
So at ECU, we **teach** it.

So you can give your future...**superpower**.



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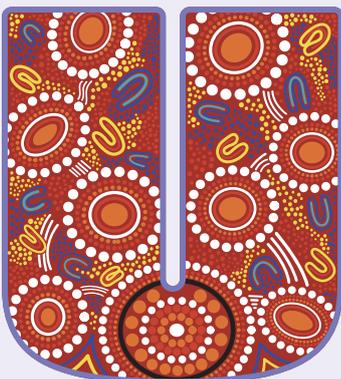
ECU is the only Australian university named after a woman – and what a woman she was!

Edith Cowan (OBE) achieved so much in her life, and in a world that didn't pay attention to the opinions of women.

The first woman elected to an Australian Parliament, Edith believed that education was fundamental to tackling social issues and was the key to growth, change and improvement.

She influenced the course of education in Australia, paving the way for many people to access education they could only previously dream of.

Like our university, Edith also believed strongly in the values of inclusion and equity. She fought hard to improve conditions for women, children, families, the poor, the under-educated and the elderly.



At ECU, we recognise and respect the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' communities, cultures and histories.

We also acknowledge and respect the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our campuses are located.

→ [Read more —
ecu.edu.au/about-ecu/indigenous-matters](https://ecu.edu.au/about-ecu/indigenous-matters)

Why study at ECU?

There are so many good reasons to choose ECU for study. Here are some of the better ones.



Get career ready while you study

During your studies, we'll help you build your personal brand to prepare you for a new career.



Industry partnerships open doors to you

Exciting internship or prac placements through our partnerships with IBM, West Coast Eagles, state-wide schools, hospitals and more.



Travel overseas as part of your studies

In lots of courses, you'll have opportunities like study exchanges with other unis, study tours and more.



Become a creative thinker

Creative thinking is a skill that's highly valued by employers and we'll help you make it your superpower.



Know you'll be supported

We'll help you adjust to your new life as a student, whatever your study or personal challenges.



Experience 5-star teaching

Your lecturers and tutors will help you get the best out of yourself and will introduce you to new networks and possible employers.



Get practical experience outside the classroom

You'll quickly turn theory into practice with work experience opportunities like internships, practicums and more.



Gain specialised skills

Our courses allow you to specialise in and gain expertise in a core discipline.



Life as a student

It doesn't matter if you've just left high school or you haven't been a student for a few years, study at uni is a whole new world.

The good news is, no matter what your study challenges, we're ready to help you succeed.

Adjusting to study whatever your situation

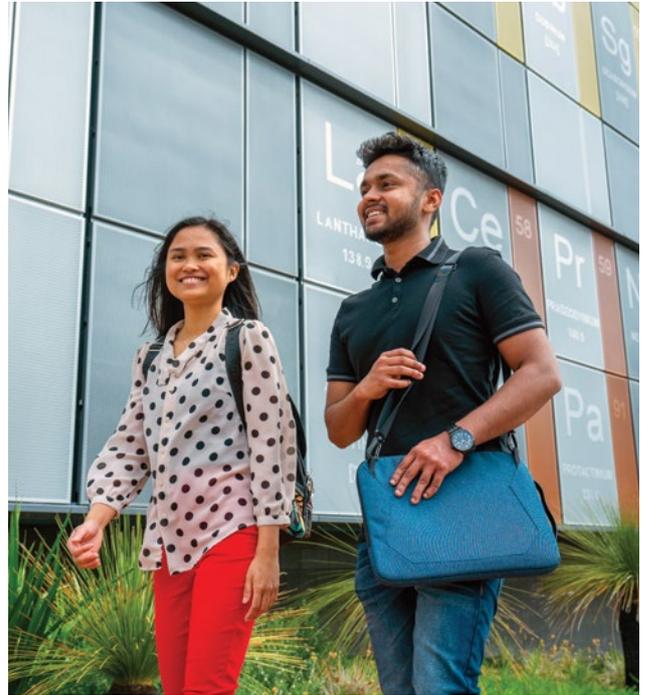
At ECU, we'll support you through your studies whatever your personal circumstances.

Our Access & Inclusion team will work with you to identify reasonable adjustments to your study and uni life.

This includes if you have a medical condition or disability or have responsibilities for caring for a family member in a similar situation. It might also include ensuring you can continue to observe any cultural or religious practices.

Adjusting to academic life

Learning at university can be a bit daunting to begin with, but we've got you covered whatever help you need.



That includes help with preparing assignments, help with researching or referencing, help with online study and loads more. You can even get a peer mentor in your first semester!

Free counselling service

If you need to discuss any personal issues that may be affecting your ability to study, we have a free, professional and confidential counselling service.





Career advice and job skills

You can get support and resources to help you plan your future career, as well as find work or volunteering experience while you're a student.

This includes career-based workshops, industry events, one-to-one career advice and more.

Student health services

All ECU campuses have health centres with doctors (GPs), nurses and allied health services to assist you if you need them.

Sports and gyms

Being physically active positively stimulates your student brain and helps you reduce the stress of assignment deadlines or exams.

So, it's a good thing that our campuses have terrific sports and gym facilities. You can also join group fitness classes, social sports teams or attend regular healthy activities like yoga classes.

Childcare for parents

If you're a student with children, our campuses provide professionally accredited Childcare Centres, and ECU Sports Centres offer short-term crèches.



Do you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

If that's your background and you'd like assistance with choosing a university entry pathway, please let us know.

Our team at the Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, called Kurungkurl Katitjin, can also help you better understand and adapt to university life.

And we provide services on campus like:

- Nala Karla Student Rooms and facilities
- Tutorial Assistance
- Elder-in-Residence Program



Find out more — ecu.edu.au/indigenous



Travel overseas while you study

University study is way more than lectures, reading and assignments. As a student, you might also have opportunities to travel overseas as part of your studies, where you can immerse yourself in a new culture and develop lasting friendships.

Not only will this look good on your résumé, but it's also an excellent opportunity for you to challenge yourself and broaden your horizons.

Student exchange

This is a program where you apply to study units related to your university course for one or two semesters in another country.

ECU has partnerships with 90 institutions in 35 countries around the world, so there's plenty to choose from.



Go on a study tour

Overseas study tours are possible during your time at ECU, and they usually run for one to two weeks.

You'll join a group of classmates and learn in another country, while developing your cultural communication skills. And having fun!



International Dual Degree

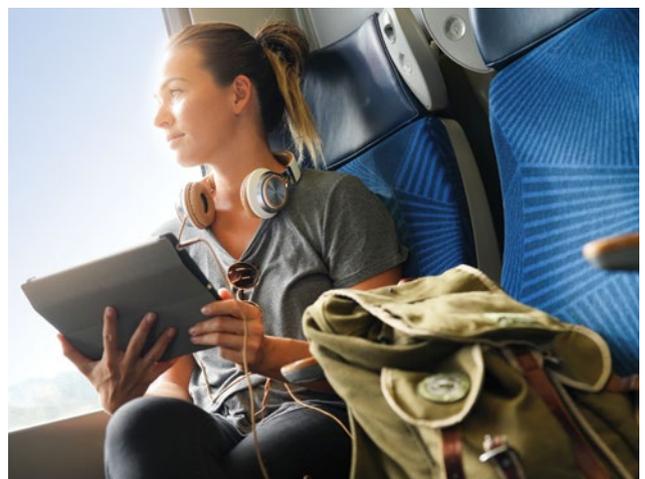
Study in the UK

ECU has a partnership with the University of Portsmouth in the UK that provides students from each university with the opportunity to spend a year in the other campus as part of their studies.

This leads to you graduating with a unique dual degree in disciplines such as Biomedical Science, Cybercrime, Security and Intelligence, Environmental Science, Exercise and Sports Science, Media and Communication and Sport Business.

The number of courses is expected to grow, but it's another way you can spend time in another country, build contacts and experience, and have two degrees on your résumé.

➔ [Read more —
ecu.edu.au/uni-portsmouth](https://ecu.edu.au/uni-portsmouth)



Careers in arts and humanities

Find your passion: caring? creative? or both!

Arts and Humanities is all about giving you a great career in the caring and creative professions, to make a difference in the world, and have a job that fulfills you, challenges you, and gives you great opportunities.

Our courses give you deep expertise in a professional discipline that the world needs. We mix hands-on experience, practical learning, and industry placements to increase your chances of finding employment and making a difference to the world.

If a course interests you, follow the QR code to our web page where you can check out the fine details.

Giving you an early taste

We believe the sooner you start working in the field you've chosen, the better prepared you'll be when you graduate—even if you decide that field isn't for you!

So as a student you'll have employer based opportunities, such as placements with a range of employers through our Work Integrated Learning program. In our social science, social work, and youth work courses you are guaranteed a placement to give you a head start in your career.

You might also have an opportunity to undertake an internship with one of ECU's many partners, such as global giant IBM. IBM offers paid internships to students while they're studying, with the chance of employment when they graduate!

Get career ready while you study

ECU's Get Career Ready program works with you from your first year until the end of your final year. It builds up your skills in areas like interviewing, leadership, application writing and job search.

The program also offers experiences to help you build your personal brand, like volunteering opportunities and casual or vacation employment. You'll also meet potential employers through ECU events like Career Fairs and Meet the Employer workshops.

→ [Read More](#)



“As I completed my internship at IBM, I was offered a full-time graduate position.”

Aryana Eraman
ECU Design graduate

Aryana now works at IBM as a UX Designer and a Business Analyst.

→ [Read Aryana's story](#)



“Each step of the way I doubted whether I was capable, but I managed to overcome each step.”

Hayley Plunkett
ECU Broadcasting graduate

→ [Read Hayley's story](#)



Creative humanities courses

Do you have a story to tell? How will you communicate it? Our brand new creative humanities courses are for creative and curious people who aspire to be the artists, broadcasters, communicators, designers, film makers, journalists, media producers and writers of the future.

Our courses give you the time and space to develop specialist skills in your chosen field, and know the inner workings of your industry and how to make a personally fulfilling career.

Love to be creative but don't have an ATAR?

Our Creative Humanities Portfolio Entry allows you to be considered for entry to specific undergraduate courses based on a digital portfolio of your work.

→ Find out more — ecu.edu.au/chpe



Bachelor of Communication

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time		■		■
Part-time		■		■

This course will prepare you for an ever-changing communication sector. In a crowded media landscape, your challenge is to help organisations build credibility, trust and awareness of their brand with their target audiences.

You'll develop the knowledge and skills for a diverse range of communication fields, including advertising, public relations, digital communication, public affairs and community relations/engagement.

You'll also gain an awareness of strategic communication theories and practices, with a focus on designing advertising and public relations campaigns. And you'll explore contemporary communication planning and practices with an emphasis on ethics, environmental issues, diversity and digital communication.

In your final 'capstone' unit, you'll engage in a comprehensive, hands-on creative agency experience producing portfolios of industry standard work for real clients.

Career Opportunities

The employment outlook for roles as a communication professional, including in advertising and public relations is growing fast.

Throughout this course you'll develop strategic communication skills and practice and learn about roles in fields related to advertising and public relations, such as Advertising Creative, Communication Officer, Media Advisor and Creative Content Producer.



See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/F35



“I was able to make tangible connections between what we were learning, and the career in which I'd use that knowledge.”

Hania Owsinski
ECU Communication graduate



Bachelor of Creative Writing

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time		■		■
Part-time		■		■

What makes a piece of writing attractive to both publishers and readers? If you study this course, designed for lovers of writing and reading, you'll find out.

Here, you'll develop your awareness of and attention to voice, empathy, purpose, and influence, while being introduced to the techniques of writing for a variety of forms, including fiction, poetry, non-fiction and dramatic scripts.

You'll also explore contemporary approaches and the commercial realities of creative writing and publishing with an emphasis on popular forms and genres, ethics, and environmental issues.

Career Opportunities

Writing is a profession. And writing skills are required beyond the conventional publishing industry. It's why this course covers a wide range of fields that require knowledge and skills applicable to creative writing – some you may never have thought of!

So, you can translate your creative writing skills into fields like writing web content, marketing, advertising and internal company communications.

And as a high proportion of authors freelance or are self-employed, the course will introduce you to the entrepreneurial skills needed to promote your work and earn income from creative writing.



See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/F92



“ECU provided the flexibility for me to create a full-length feature at 21.”

Emily Lowe
ECU Writing graduate



Bachelor of Design

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability: JO ML SW OL

Full-time		■		
Part-time		■		

The design industry is undergoing a dynamic transformation, with jobs in cutting-edge fields like Service Design, Human-Centred Design, and Experience (UX) Design rapidly replacing traditional positions in Graphic, Spatial, or Digital Design.

If you're a designer, this is precisely where you want to be. This shift not only represents the future of design, but also opens the door to exciting and in-demand career opportunities.

You'll learn to create products, systems, services or environments that are functional and user-friendly, collaborating with other professionals such as engineers, marketers, and project managers to bring your designs to life. And when you graduate, you'll also have a portfolio of real client work to launch your design career.

Career Opportunities

With this degree, you'll find employment in emerging areas like Service Design, Graphic Design, Spatial Design, Healthcare Design, Strategic Design, User Experience (UX) Design, Digital Design or Game Design.

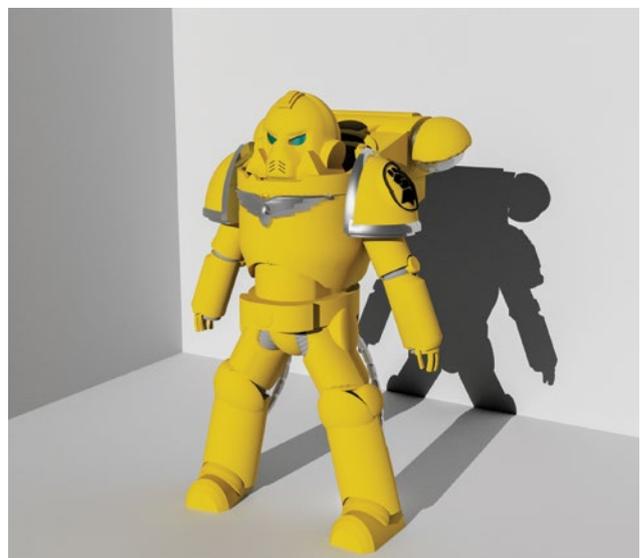
Examples might include designing apps for education and training, working with architectural design companies to create visualisations, and planning and managing public spaces, as well as working with information industries such as libraries, archives and museums.

➔ [See more course information —
ecu.edu.au/courses/P79](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/P79)



“I'd always wanted to help people, but I never thought as a creative that I would find a way to both earn an income and do that.”

Aimee Chappell
ECU Design graduate





Bachelor of Journalism and Broadcast Media

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time		■		
Part-time		■		

Journalism is a vital component of a strong democracy and a powerful tool for social change. And broadcasting is the best way to tell that story -online, on radio, or TV, and through socials.

In this course you'll develop the skills to go beyond traditional reporting practices and using all media platforms to explore issues related to social justice, climate change, diversity, and inclusivity.

The course focuses on teaching news, entertainment and sport reporting and presenting. You'll also learn how to monetise your content to work as a freelancer.

Career Opportunities

The course will develop your skills and knowledge to successfully work as a print, radio or television journalist and broadcaster, a social media influencer or consultant, media presenter, producer, content creator, film/food/music reviewer, blogger and much more.

➔ See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/H31



“I got so much experience and real-world advice from lecturers and tutors who are professionals in the industry.”

Jerrie Demasi
ECU Broadcasting graduate

Bachelor of Screen Production

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability: JO ML SW OL

Full-time ■

Part-time ■

Nurture your passion, amplify your voice, and empower yourself to leave an indelible mark on the world. Welcome to the transformative power of screen storytelling!

This course encourages you to become a catalyst for positive change by bringing critical issues to the forefront, challenging societal norms, and highlighting diverse perspectives that might otherwise go unheard.

You'll engage in collaborative projects with fellow students to tackle industry ventures, while further honing your scriptwriting, visual storytelling, and creative problem-solving skills. In your final year, you'll have the opportunity to collaborate with clients.

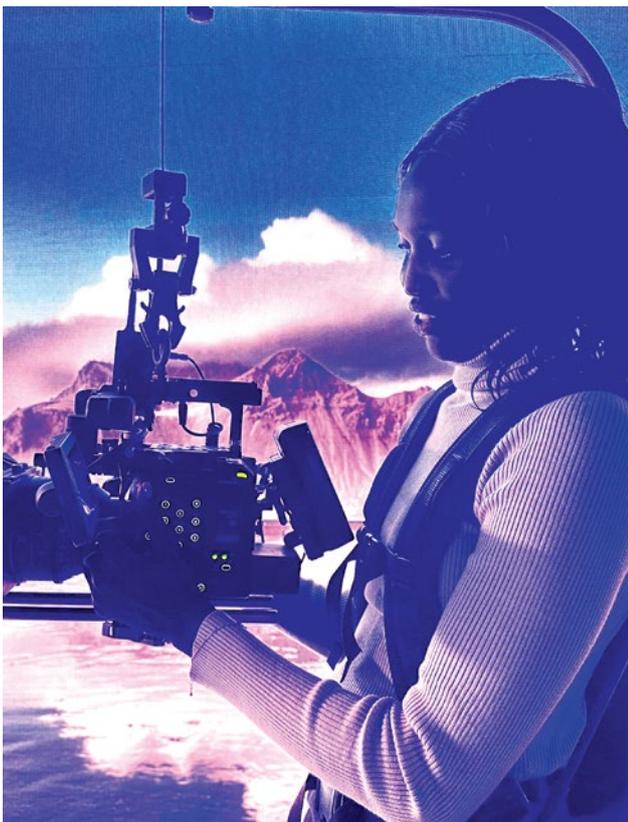
Career Opportunities

As a graduate you can pursue diverse and fulfilling careers across the creative industries. The screen production industry offers a range of creative, technical, managerial, and administrative roles.

The skills and knowledge you build during the course will open doors to a wide range of roles in areas such as corporate and independent filmmaking, media production, journalism and broadcasting, marketing and public relations, business development, education, and festival and arts administration.

The screen production sector also provides ample opportunities for you to apply your expertise and contribute to creating engaging and arresting content.

→ [See more course information —
ecu.edu.au/courses/D53](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/D53)



WA Screen Academy

Be at the centre of cinematic innovation! ECU is home to the WA Screen Academy. By studying screen or journalism and broadcast media you will be part of this amazing academy and supercharge your future career in the creative industries.





Take an inside look at some of ECU's creative humanities graduates and how their studies helped them to build on their passions.



Bachelor of Visual Arts

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability: JO ML SW OL

Full-time		■		
Part-time		■		

Art is critical to the way we tell the stories that shape society.

This course will develop your ability to use the tools and techniques of visual art, from drawing to printmaking to digital art. You will use these skills to make work that addresses matters of social importance and helps to influence the ways audiences think about issues of local and global significance.

You'll also have the opportunity to make art in the heart of Perth's cultural centre.

As a graduate, you'll discover employment opportunities within the vibrant cultural sector, both nationally and internationally – as artists, curators, designers, exhibition and installation team members, creative directors and writers.

Career Opportunities

As a graduate, you'll work within the vibrant cultural sector, both nationally and internationally, as an artist, curator, designer, exhibition and installation team member, creative director, arts administrator or even as an arts writer.



See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/F23



Bachelor of Global Media and Communication

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 3.5 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time		■		
Part-time		■		

This International Dual Degree provides you with an opportunity to gain valuable international experience while receiving two degrees.

Graduates will receive both a Bachelor of Global Media and Communication from ECU, and a BA (Hons) Global Communications and Media from the University of Portsmouth (UK).

It will equip you with the necessary skills for a career in the media and communications industry and takes advantage of the specialisations each university offers.

The course prepares graduates to work in the media industries nationally and internationally. It focuses on providing a critical understanding of global media, practical industry skills, cultural contexts and professional communication, and fosters a creative and critical global mindset. The choice of units will help you navigate complexity and diversity in a rapidly changing work environment.

While studying this course you will be able to choose a mix of subjects across screen production, journalism, broadcast media, advertising and PR that will supercharge your global career opportunities.

Career Opportunities

Global media and communications leads to many career outcomes in the creative industries aided by your international outlook. Combine practical career-defining study with the experience of studying overseas.

→ See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/T58



From Perth to Portsmouth: a unique dual degree

From an employer's perspective, getting two degrees from two leading universities is going to give you the upper hand. University of Portsmouth's Dr Neil Watson says "It shows you've experienced your field of study in two different parts of the world."

→ Find out more

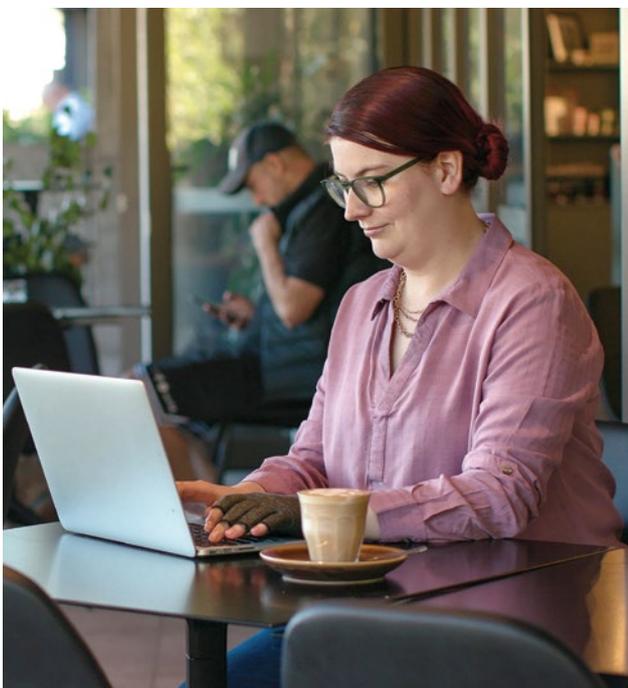




Psychology, counselling and criminology courses

To work as a professional in psychology, counselling or criminology you need an enquiring mind, and the ability to think critically. You also need to care. In these courses, you'll learn about people's experiences, their feelings, behaviours, and interactions and how they make decisions and take specific actions.

Our psychology courses are accredited with the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council and are recognised internationally. When you graduate, you'll have a pathway to Honours and postgraduate studies, leading to registration as a psychologist.



Full-time mum, full-time student, full-time life

Samantha Mowle is a psychology student who really appreciates flexibility. And she found it at a university that's renowned for helping all kinds of students get into their study groove.



[Read Samatha's story](#)



“Criminology and Justice encompasses knowledge from fields including social science, psychology and forensics. ECU's close links with WA Police provided opportunity to gain a deeper understanding.”

Declan Brooks-Crew
ECU Criminology and Justice graduate
and PhD graduate



Bachelor of Counselling

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration:	3 years full-time or part-time equivalent			
Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time	■			■
Part-time	■			■

Ah, humans. Complex beings, just waiting for you to better understand them. In this mind-opening course, you'll learn about human development – from children to adolescents, to adulthood, and finally the experience of older age, illness and death. And we promise you'll learn a lot about yourself along the way.

The clinical knowledge, diverse expertise and experience of our academic staff will help you develop the foundational skills, to use this knowledge in the future should you pursue postgraduate studies in counselling and psychotherapy.

There's also a lot of flexibility in the course that allows you to tailor your study to areas of interest by choosing from a wide range of majors, minors and electives.

Career Opportunities

This course prepares you for a range of entry-level human services positions requiring counselling in both family and community services and in youth work. Your career options will vary depending on what subjects you choose to major in, as well as the electives you do. Entry level positions are also available in youth welfare services, including homeless support services, youth health, youth advice, advocacy and support programs. Employers of youth work graduates include Local, State and Federal Government, national charities and local community organisations.



→ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C56



Double your degree, multiply your career options

Studying a double degree is a great way of keeping your options open and can demonstrate a higher level of expertise to future employers.

A double degree also gives you the flexibility to tailor your study and create your own niche. It's a kind of employability superpower.

You can study a Bachelor of Psychology with a Bachelor of Laws or a Bachelor of Commerce, so you'll enter the workforce with greater options.



Bachelor of Psychology

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability: JO ML SW OL

Full-time	■			■
Part-time	■			■

Do you have a humanities or science background? This course is your bridge to employment opportunities in many different fields, including mental health, human resources, or child and family services. You'll learn how to analyse and research behaviour and be able to explain interactions between people and their environment. It's your new superpower.

Note: When you graduate, you'll have a pathway to Honours and postgraduate studies, leading to registration as a psychologist.

Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities in psychology span across many fields, including human resources management, criminal justice, education, rehabilitation, business, mental health, counselling, and the administration and provision of social services. Any job or role that involves understanding and guiding human behaviour, showing empathy and compassion, and displaying skills such as the ability to evaluate the needs of a client, write formal reports, and keep accurate and organised records.

This course will also prepare you for further postgraduate studies in psychology.

→ See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/W74



“Personal development continues well beyond your twenties and if you don't at least give it a shot, you'll never know what you could have achieved.”

Dan Campbell
ECU Psychology student

→ Dan plans to help working class men live better lives. Read Dan's story.





Bachelor of Psychology and Counselling

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

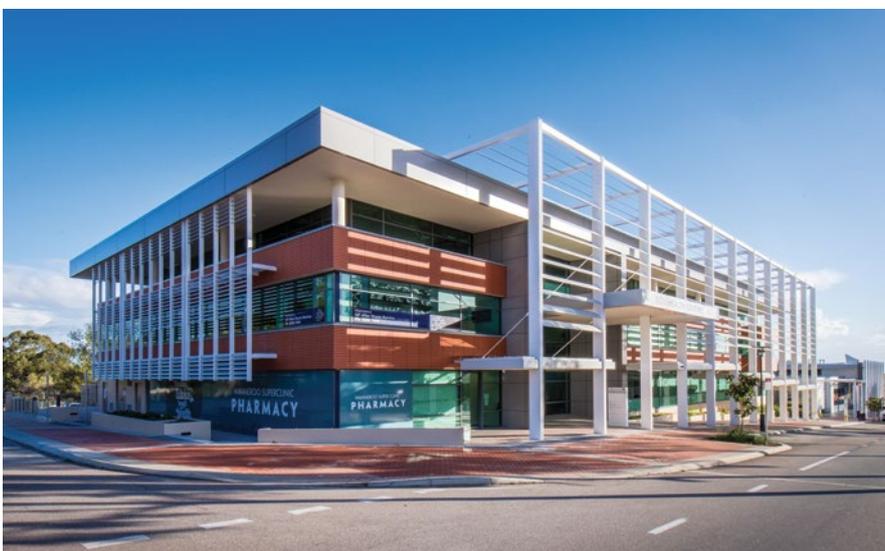
Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time	■			■
Part-time	■			■

If you have an interest in the science of psychology and in counselling, this course will introduce you to the professional art of counselling with the added bonus of preparing you for advanced psychology training. You'll acquire skills to analyse and research behaviour and to be able to explain interactions between people and their environment. The course is also a great springboard to postgraduate studies in psychology and counselling.

Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities include counselling, human resources management, criminal justice, education, rehabilitation, business, mental health, and the administration and provision of social services. That means jobs or roles that involve understanding and guiding human behaviour, showing empathy and compassion, and displaying skills such as the ability to evaluate the needs of a client, write formal reports, and keep accurate and organised records.

→ See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/W65



State-of-the-art psychology clinic

The ECU Psychological Services Centre of a state-of-the-art psychology clinic and training centre where Clinical Psychology students provide services to the public under direct supervision of experienced clinical psychologists.



Bachelor of Psychology, Criminology and Justice

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time	■			■
Part-time	■			■

If you're interested in the human mind, especially the kind that turns to crime, this might be your course. It's more focused on psychology than our Bachelor of Criminology and Justice and will suit you best if you're thinking of further study in psychology or criminology or if you're thinking about employment within the criminal justice system. Are you ready?

Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities include case management in the criminal justice system, human resources management, education, rehabilitation, business, mental health, and the administration and provision of social services. Essentially, any job or role that involves understanding and guiding human behaviour, showing empathy and compassion, and displaying skills such as the ability to evaluate the needs of a client, write formal reports, and keep accurate and organised records.

➔ [See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/W73](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/W73)



“The entire study experience at ECU has been rewarding, enjoyable and has helped me grow as a person.”

Georgia Williams
ECU Psychology, Criminology
and Justice graduate



Bachelor of Criminology and Justice

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time	■			■
Part-time	■			■

Crime fascinates a lot of us. It's why there are so many TV shows and films that feature criminals. In this course, you'll learn why people commit crime, how society should respond to crime and how we can prevent or minimise the harm from criminal behaviour. Your studies will encompass the whole system – from how laws are made, through to how police, courts and corrections deal with people who break these laws. You'll also examine the concept of justice, and what it means to different groups of people in the criminal justice system, and to society more broadly.

Career Opportunities

The course will give you a professional boost, increasing your understanding of contemporary theory and research that informs criminology and justice professions. You'll also develop the skills required for employment in criminology and justice, including Indigenous cultural responsiveness. Your future job title could be Police Officer, Community Corrections Officer, Parole Officer, Youth Justice Officer, Prison Officer, Research & Policy Officer, Family/Juvenile Counsellor, Family Law Case Worker, Customs Officer or Security Officer.

“My capstone project was a great experience that allowed me to hone in on my research and teamwork skills. I appreciated being supervised by an industry professional.”

Ola Zumis
ECU Criminology
and Justice graduate

→ Read more about Ola's
Criminology Capstone



→ See more course information —
ecu.edu.au/courses/G81



Extend your career options

ECU's Bachelor of Criminology and Justice can also be studied with a Bachelor of Laws as a double degree, so you'll enter the workforce with a great deal of options.

We also have a suite of new postgraduate Criminology and Justice courses available. Upskill to advance your career or change direction altogether with a range of courses in the growing field of Criminology and Justice.

Social science, social work and youth work courses

In these courses you'll tackle the many challenges in society's overall well-being, including those impacting the most vulnerable populations. You'll become a social change maker, working with individuals, communities, and care-focused organisations to create positive outcomes.

Many of the courses in this area can be studied online, allowing you to balance work and/or family responsibilities with being a student.



It's not everyday you meet anyone so dedicated to supporting women impacted by family and domestic violence. Meet Tanya Langford.

"I chose to study Social Science to enable me to create a pathway of helping disempowered women to overcome societal issues."

As Tanya says, "At ECU I loved hearing from other students like me –mature age/single mothers-and realising that when I felt anxiety around study and other societal pressures there were others sharing a similar experience."

"We encouraged each other to persevere."

[→ Read more](#)



Bachelor of Social Science

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time	■			■
Part-time	■			■

Do you have a deep understanding of others, strong ability to connect with vulnerable people and are passionate about supporting people and communities to enhance their wellbeing? This accredited degree will give you the community and human services skills, knowledge and capacity to make a difference in the lives of individuals and diverse communities. Through a social science and human rights lens, you'll study how communities work, develop and change over time. You'll explore concepts of social change, gender equality, cultural diversity, sustainability, child development, and policy development.

You will have opportunities to develop your networks, meet industry professionals and apply your knowledge through 400 hours of field placement to become work ready upon graduation. It's your time to shine.

Career Opportunities

This course prepares you for working with people and communities, and being able to specialise in community work, community development and family support. Your job title could be Community Worker, Community Development Officer, Policy Officer, Family Support Officer, Parent Education Coordinator or Project Officer.

→ [See more course information —
ecu.edu.au/courses/C58](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/C58)





Bachelor of Social Work

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 4 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time			■	■
Part-time			■	■

Social workers champion eco-social justice, equality and human rights. We stand alongside individuals and communities to improve society’s overall wellbeing, especially for the most vulnerable populations. In this accredited course you’ll develop professional and relational skills for a career that can take you in many directions, including working in mental health, community development, child protection or social research. Are you ready to stand for something and create real change?

Career Opportunities

As we said above, there are many areas you can seek employment in with this qualification. Possible future job titles could be Community Activist, Community Development Officer, Mental Health Worker, Human Service Manager, Child Protection Officer, Policy Research Officer, Hospital Social Worker, Community Health Worker, Family Support Worker, Disability Advocate, or Counsellor.

➔ [See more course information —
ecu.edu.au/courses/K41](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/K41)



“Social Work is inclusive and seeks to help people who are vulnerable/ since I have a passion for helping people, especially those living with disabilities, I was drawn to this course.”

Mwansa Lwando
ECU South West
Social Work graduate

➔ Find out why Mwansa chose Social Work





Bachelor of Youth Work

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration:	3 years full-time or part-time equivalent			
Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time	■			■
Part-time	■			■

Youth workers provide guidance, support, and resources to assist young people aged 12-26 to navigate the challenges they face, while fostering personal growth and empowerment. In this course you will learn interpersonal and helping skills, inclusive practice and how to create social change with and for young people.

You'll study specialist youth work units and choose from complementary areas that will support your career as a Youth Worker such as psychology, human services, community development, counselling, and criminology.

Career Opportunities

This course will prepare you for a range of positions in youth work. This might be in youth welfare services including homeless support services, youth health, youth advocacy and support programs, in youth centres, the education sector or with local government.

This course can lead to careers in youth addiction, youth justice, child protection or youth mental health services. Or you may wish to pursue a career with a special focus on recreation, sport, adventure programs, youth arts, youth counselling, addiction services, youth mental health services, or youth justice.

→ See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/C57



ECU Youth Work graduates and students have found their placements at Youth Futures has influenced their varying career directions.



Find out more about where Youth Work can take you



What pathway can you take into ECU?

If you don't have an ATAR, or you do but got a lower ATAR than expected, you still have pathway options into university courses.

For some of these pathways, you may need to have completed WACE or meet English competency requirements.

University Preparation courses

This is a pathway we recommend to students who didn't get a great ATAR result or don't have an ATAR. UniPrep courses are free too.

UniPrep is either a full semester course or one of two intensive courses – UniPrep Accelerate for 4 weeks in January and UniPrep Summer for 9 weeks, from November to January.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/uniprep

Experience Based Entry

This pathway allows both school leavers and other applicants to be considered for entry to an undergraduate course by assessing your ability to succeed in higher education. It's based on a portfolio of evidence you provide to us that includes your goals, ambitions and references.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/experience

Creative Humanities Portfolio Entry

If you've finished school without an ATAR but you're really interested in art and design, this might be your pathway.

You'll need to complete an application and attend an interview, plus show us your portfolio.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/chpe

VET Pathway

If you've completed or started a VET course at a TAFE or another training organisation since high school, you might also have a pathway to uni.

If you completed a Diploma or an Advanced Diploma you may be eligible to go straight into an undergraduate course.

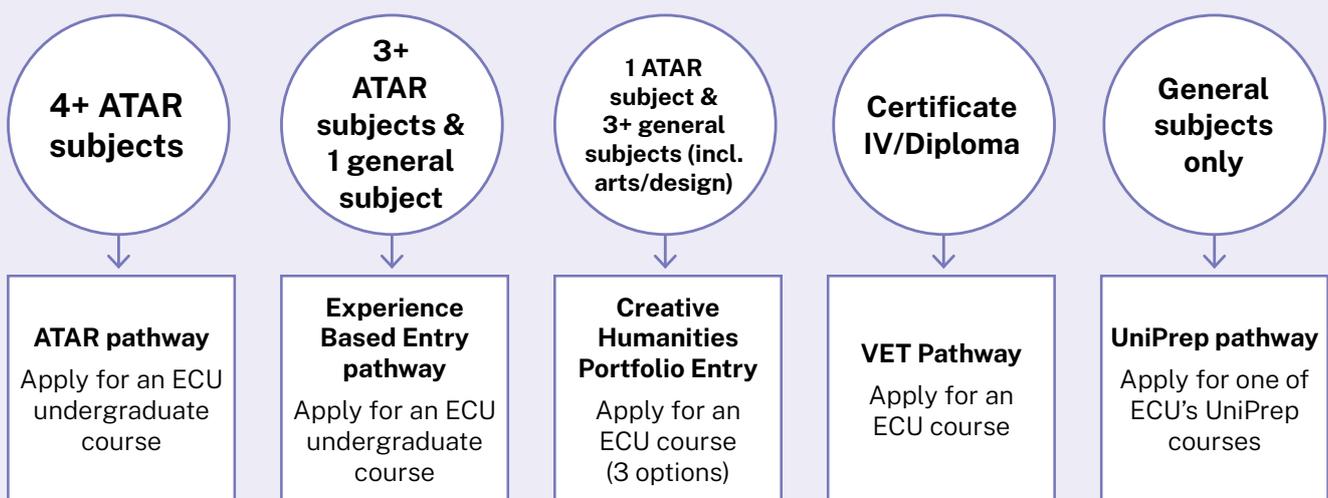
→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/pathways



Pathways and applications for Year 12 students



What are you studying this year?



Notes

1. All Year 12 students applying for ECU courses need to apply via TISC, meet English competency requirements and achieve WACE.
2. Depending on your current school, you may qualify for an adjustment to your ATAR (higher). Ask us about this.
3. For WAAPA courses or for the Secondary Education course (Music Education specialisation), please apply direct to ECU.

How to apply

Application options can vary, depending upon your situation and your chosen pathway.

Australian universities have 4 standard categories that cover student applications. These are:

- Recent secondary education (typically most school leavers)
- Work and life experience (people who left secondary ed 2+ years ago, haven't studied a VET course and have professional or work experience)
- Vocational education and training (VET) (includes TAFE students and other VET providers)
- Higher education student (people who may have studied a higher ed course or completed a bridging or enabling course)

We won't try to explain these here, but we suggest you visit our Applying page and see which category is your best fit. The page also details your different entry requirements and options.

→ Find out more — ecu.edu.au/apply



If you'd rather talk to us about applying for courses, we'd love to hear from you.

Call 134 328 or drop into your nearest ECU campus.

Become an ECU student in 6 steps

- 1 Choose your course.**
Consider having a back-up course in case you've applied for a popular course, and it's oversubscribed. You can apply for up to 3 courses at once.
- 2 Check course entry requirements.**
Some courses have special admission or 'inherent' requirements so check these too.
- 3 Check the application date.**
Don't miss the deadline for your chosen course/s.
- 4 Apply for a scholarship.**
These are awarded to all kinds of people, not just high achievers. You can do this when you apply for a course.
- 5 Have your paperwork ready and go online.**
You'll need scanned copies of other qualifications, your résumé or other required paperwork ready to upload.
- 6 Accept your offer.**
If you're successful, we'll send you an offer of a place. We hope you accept it and become an ECU student!



Apply for a scholarship

Our scholarships are awarded to students from all kinds of backgrounds and for all kinds of reasons. It's not just the academically brilliant ones.

This includes people who've had a challenging life without the same opportunities as others. A scholarship can help you realise your ambitions by paying for fees, textbooks and living expenses.

You can apply for a scholarship when you apply for an ECU course.



Find out more —
ecu.edu.au/scholarships

Still deciding on a career?

It's not unusual for uni students to be unsure about careers or what course to study.

If that sounds like you, here are some ways to help you decide what to study.



Try our 5-minute Career Finder quiz

This quiz might surprise you with a suggested career direction and courses that take you there.

→ Take the quiz — ecu.edu.au/study/career-finder/quiz



Come to an event

Visit one of our campuses and attend an Open Day or an information evening.

→ Find out more — ecu.edu.au/events



Check out our study areas

Our eight study areas cover courses that lead to different careers and industries.

→ Find out more — ecu.edu.au/degrees/study-areas



Study a broader course

Some courses have a broad range of subjects in the first year to help you figure out what to specialise in for the last 2 or 3 years. Examples are a Bachelor of Commerce or a Bachelor of Science.

Postgraduate courses in Arts and Humanities

When you first come to university you study an undergraduate degree, like the courses featured earlier in this guide.

Postgraduate courses are what you might choose to study after you graduate with a bachelor's degree. For example, you might do a Bachelor of Communication and then add specialist skills in a Master of Screen Production.

There are different types of postgrad courses and different reasons why people study them. Some, like Graduate Certificate courses can be completed in a short time, allowing you to add to your existing skills in a specific field, or even help you change career direction with new skills.

If you think you'd like to explore your chosen field in greater depth, including some research, then a Masters or even a PhD are the postgraduate courses you would study.

Popular arts and humanities postgrad courses include our Graduate Diploma of Broadcasting, or a Master of Criminology and Justice.



ECU City

Our new campus in the heart of the Perth CBD will represent the future of university education – urban, connected, integrated with business and community – and part of the lifeblood of a thriving city.

Located at the heart of Perth's commercial, cultural and entertainment districts, ECU City will feature state-of-the-art creative arts, design and film production studios, tech labs and broadcasting facilities.

ECU City will open to students from 2026.

➔ Discover more at — citycampus.ecu.edu.au



Greening ECU

Edith Cowan University is committed to reducing the environmental impact associated with its operations by conducting its activities in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. This includes implementing strategies and technologies that minimise waste of resources and demonstrate environmentally sensitive development, innovation and continuous improvement.

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