

# 2024 South West Course Guide



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**.

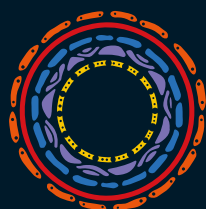


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**THE** World University  
Rankings  
Young  
2023 TOP 100



ECU respects the Noongar people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our campuses are built. We're also committed to developing our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff.

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

Ranked in the world's top 100 universities under 50 years old.

The top public university in Australia for undergraduate overall experience.





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Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Regional Futures) and Vice-President

## Welcome to ECU South West

ECU South West makes an ideal study destination on the doorstep of one of Australia's most iconic and scenic locations. Here, you'll get to experience the enviable lifestyle and quality of life in one of the fastest growing regions in Australia.

The South West Region's priorities include a focus on creative tech and digital connectivity, advanced manufacturing and a growing resources sector (mining and mine processing are the South West's most significant economic contributors), biodiversity and sustainability to build future resilience and education excellence.

The South West is also a preferred regional destination for health professionals as it's a model of integration and collaboration between the co-located clinical training and research, public and private healthcare systems.

At ECU, we know that employers in all industries around the world are looking for people who are problem solvers. People who are always trying to find new and better ways of doing

things; design is part of all industries. It's why we encourage and teach creative thinking in all of our courses.

Whatever you choose to study here, you can also expect to be part of a supportive and personalised learning environment.

This environment extends beyond Bunbury to our national Regional Learning Hubs program. The hubs, located across the South West region, provide general academic support, social connection, industry networking and a concierge-like service for regional and remote students. They also bridge a gap for online students who don't necessarily have access to some of these resources.

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# Why ECU?

There are so many good reasons to choose ECU South West for your uni education. 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.



## Grow your professional network

You'll have opportunities to make new contacts and connections thanks to our many industry partners in the South West region.



## Use our facilities for online study

If you're studying an ECU course online, you can drop into ECU South West or one of our Regional Learning Hubs and use the support services.



## 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 circumstances.



## Learn with leaders

As a student, you'll benefit from the expertise and industry experience of our world-class researchers and teaching academics.



## Get practical experience outside the classroom

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



## Feel right at home on campus

Your uni experience is made even better at ECU South West, where you'll have smaller class sizes, modern facilities and cool study spaces.



# About our study areas

At ECU South West, our courses are delivered by six schools. Here's a snapshot of each one, including the choices you have for major subjects.



## Arts & Humanities

Here, we offer bachelor degrees in Social Work and Arts. As a Social Work student, you'll undertake studies that are relevant to practice in regional, rural and remote settings.

In our Bachelor of Arts course, you'll focus on Creative and Professional Writing and English. This will prepare you for employment as a critical reader and thinker, and as a skilled writer in a variety of styles and forms. With either of these courses, you'll graduate with professional skills that can take you in many different career directions.



## Medical & Health Sciences

We teach a Bachelor of Health Science course at ECU South West. You can study one of four major subjects from Health Promotion, Nutrition, Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety, and Occupational Safety and Health. You can also study a Diploma of Environmental Health that can be a pathway to studying the Bachelor of Health Science. This course qualifies graduates for 'Authorised Technician' roles in local government.



## Business & Law

When you study Commerce here, you'll have six common core units and some electives. However, to complete the Bachelor of Commerce degree, you'll need to study the remaining units online or at the Joondalup Campus.



## Nursing & Midwifery

Our nursing and midwifery courses are developed with extensive industry involvement to ensure that what you are taught is current, responsive to changes in practice and informed by world-leading research. And as an ECU South West student, you'll have access to amazing facilities that give you a taste of a real hospital, plus the benefit of being part of smaller, more personalised classes.



## Teacher Education

Here, we offer you the choice of undergraduate courses in Early Childhood Studies or Primary Education. These courses will prepare you to become registered teachers, making a positive difference to the lives of young people, both in the region or as far as you want to go.



## Science

When you study a Bachelor of Science degree here, you'll choose a major in Conservation Biology or in Environmental Management. You can also select from a range of optional units. Your units will be delivered as a series of lectures and weekly laboratory classes, supported by technology enhanced learning and digital content. You'll also participate in practicum weeks where you'll carry out fieldwork activities.



## Study online from the South West

ECU has a wide range of courses that can be studied online from the South West, including the only online accredited law degree in WA.

Online students also have access to ECU South West's on-campus facilities and can benefit from the support services and Regional Learning Hubs that ECU provides.

Visit [ecu.edu.au/online](https://ecu.edu.au/online) for a full list of online courses available.



# The courses we teach

Study Type	Code	Course	ATAR	Min Years Study	Availability
<b>ENTRY PATHWAYS</b>					
ENTRY PATHWAYS	C28	● University Preparation Course	N/A	0.5	FT, PT
<b>UNDERGRADUATE</b>					
ARTS & HUMANITIES	W33	Bachelor of Arts <sup>1</sup> <b>Majors available:</b> Creative & Professional Writing, English	70	3	FT, PT
	K41	● Bachelor of Social Work	70	4	FT, PT
BUSINESS	W23	Bachelor of Commerce <sup>1</sup>	70	3	FT, PT
MEDICAL & HEALTH SCIENCES	C54	● Diploma of Environmental Health	N/A	1	FT, PT
	K97	● Bachelor of Health Science <sup>1</sup> <b>Majors available:</b> Health Promotion, Nutrition, Occupational & Environmental Health & Safety, Occupational Safety & Health	70	3	FT, PT
NURSING & MIDWIFERY	C33	Bachelor of Science (Nursing)	70	3	FT, PT
	Y76	● Bachelor of Science (Nursing) / Bachelor of Science (Midwifery)	75	4	FT, PT
SCIENCE	M04	Bachelor of Science <b>Majors available:</b> Conservation Biology, Environmental Management	70	3	FT, PT
TEACHER EDUCATION	Y42	● Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Studies)	70	4	FT, PT
	Y41	● Bachelor of Education (Primary)	70	4	FT, PT
<b>POSTGRADUATE</b>					
RESEARCH	L61	Doctor of Philosophy	N/A	3	FT, PT

## Notes:

- Non-standard timetable. For more information, visit the course web page.

1 Please note that courses may not be able to be studied in their entirety at ECU South West and not all majors are offered on campus. See the course page on our website for full details.

Visit [ecu.edu.au/south-west](https://ecu.edu.au/south-west) for full course details.











# 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. 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.

Our Access and Inclusion team will work with you to identify reasonable adjustments to your study and uni life. They'll also provide ongoing support to you through an individual Learning Access Plan.

## 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 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 psychological 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.



# 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.

## University Preparation courses

This is a pathway we recommend to students who didn't get an ATAR, or didn't get the ATAR they had hoped for. UniPrep courses are free too.

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

→ Read more about UniPrep — [ecu.edu.au/uniprep](https://ecu.edu.au/uniprep)

## Experience Based Entry

If you don't have an ATAR (or had a near-miss) or any VET qualifications, like a Cert IV, this could be your way into university.

You'll need to include a letter telling us about your goals and why you want to go to uni as part of your application, along with references.

→ Read more about Experience Based Entry — [ecu.edu.au/experience](https://ecu.edu.au/experience)

## Aboriginal University Readiness Assessment

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, this assessment will give you a more holistic and personal approach to starting at university.

ECU's Kurongkurl Katitjin team will ensure you have a smooth transition into university life. This includes discussing your entry options and course application and any further assessment of core skills if you don't meet minimum entry requirements.

→ For more information, visit — [ecu.edu.au/indigenous](https://ecu.edu.au/indigenous)

## Diploma or Cert IV Entry

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.

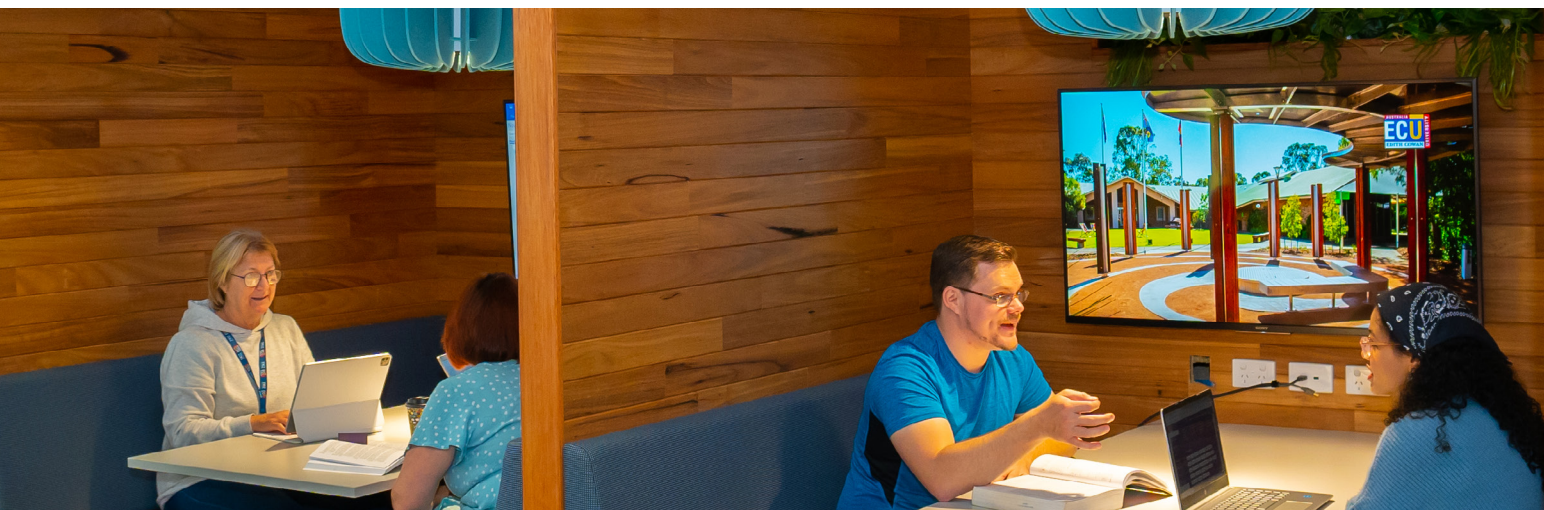
→ Read more about all pathways — [ecu.edu.au/pathways](https://ecu.edu.au/pathways)



"I'd been out of school for a long time but UniPrep gave me the skills to write essays, research and manage my time effectively."

Kelly Vestby  
UniPrep graduate and Nursing graduate





# 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 (usually mature age students who've been working)
- Vocational education and training (VET) (think TAFE students)
- Higher education student (people who've got a degree or done a bridging course)

We won't try to explain these in this space, 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.

→ Everything about applying is here — [ecu.edu.au/apply](https://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 ECU South West.

## Apply for a scholarship

When you apply for an ECU course, you should also consider applying for one of our scholarships.

These are awarded to students from all kinds of backgrounds and for all kinds of reasons. 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.

→ For more information, visit — [ecu.edu.au/scholarships](https://ecu.edu.au/scholarships)

## Become an ECU student in 6 steps

### Choose your course

- 1 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.

### Check entry requirements

- 2 Some courses have special admission or 'inherent' requirements so check these too.

### Check the application date

- 3 Don't miss the deadline for your chosen course/s.

### Apply for a scholarship

- 4 These are awarded to all kinds of people, not just high achievers. You can do this when you apply for a course.

### Have your paperwork ready

- 5 You'll need scanned copies of other qualifications, your résumé or other required paperwork ready to upload.


### Accept your offer.

- 6 If you're successful, we'll send you an offer of a place. We hope you accept it and become an ECU student!

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