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2024 Course Guide

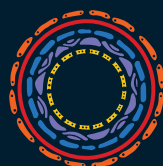
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ECU is committed to reconciliation and supports a Voice to Parliament being enshrined in the Australian Constitution. We recognise and respect the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' communities, cultures and histories. We also acknowledge and respect the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our campuses are located.



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



The top public university in Australia
for undergraduate teaching quality
for seven years in a row.

Arts & Humanities at ECU

ECU's School of Arts and Humanities offers great opportunities to become a savvy, problem-solving, future-building advocate, thinker, and maker!

You'll get the chance to be inspired by our leading educators and join like-minded students on your journey to developing your own talents.

Our future-focused courses, which cover skills from today's most valued careers, will give you all you need to succeed, with a strong emphasis on practical learning in our industry-standard facilities.

When you graduate from ECU, you will be informed and empowered; able to navigate our complex global world; and be engaged directly in advancing social justice, realising individual human potential, and creating a diverse and inclusive culture.

Whether in creative humanities, or across a range of psychology and social science offerings, our courses provide excellent career opportunities in the caring and creative professions.

Regardless of the course you choose, we can't wait to see how you find your talent, explore your passion and change the world.

How to design a career you hadn't thought of

Aryana wanted a career where she could pursue creativity, but it had to be practical, valuable and meaningful.

She started with a Bachelor of Design at ECU's School of Arts and Humanities, and an open mind. She now works at IBM as a UX Designer and a Business Analyst.



Read more — ecu.edu.au/extra/design-career



Rankings

In the 2023 Good Universities Guide, ECU received a 5 star rating for teaching quality. This rating has now been achieved for 16 years in a row. ECU has also received the following rankings for its Arts and Humanities disciplines:





World-class facilities

ECU has made a major commitment to arts and humanities through investment in multimillion-dollar facilities including the redevelopment of design, photography, visual arts and media studios, and new broadcasting studios whilst building our new ECU City campus where technology, industry and creativity will meet.

The ECU Psychological Services Centre is 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.



Connecting graduates with industry

Through our close links with industry professionals, we can ensure our teaching and courses are in line with what industries are seeking from graduates.

For example, students in their final semester of the Bachelor of Criminology and Justice degree have the option to complete a Capstone project, mentored by industry professionals and staff. The unit requires students to apply research and problem-solving skills.

Recent graduate of the course, Ola Zumis, said: **“Overall, my capstone project was a great experience that allowed me to hone my research and teamwork skills. I also appreciated the ‘real-life’ component of being supervised by an industry professional.”**



Read more — ecu.edu.au/extra/criminology-capstone





We're all about balance

The accessibility of our courses continues to grow as we offer more undergraduate courses online, and on all campuses, so you can balance your work, family and study commitments.

Love the arts but don't have an ATAR?

Our Creative Arts Portfolio Entry allows you to be considered for entry to specific undergraduate courses based on a digital portfolio of your work, plus an interview.

Look for the **CAPE** badge within this guide for eligible courses and majors.

→ Find out more — ecu.edu.au/cape



Professionally accredited courses

At ECU we offer you the option to study courses that are accredited, approved, or recognised by professional bodies such as:



Bachelor of Arts

Indicative ATAR: 70

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

At ECU we've developed an Arts course that prepares graduates with the skills needed to adapt to future workforces, whatever they may be. Arts graduates are highly employable and have an impact across our communities in many ways. They have strong critical, creative, practical and ethical skills that are highly adaptable within our increasingly diversified workplaces. So when you study a Bachelor of Arts, you'll experience a dynamic, creative and critical immersion in culture, history and politics. It's a transformative experience that's both interdisciplinary and empowering. The course allows you to choose between disciplines including Visual Arts, Creative and Professional Writing, English, or Historical and Political Studies. Most importantly, you'll be interacting with and learning from our dynamic staff who are accomplished artists and published writers of national and international standing and passionate about culture, politics and teaching.

Admission Requirements

One or more of the majors in this course has admission requirements. Refer to the major for more information.

Employment Opportunities

This degree provides students with lifelong transferable skills, equipping them for employment in a wide range of professional industries.

Careers

Public Servant, Government Adviser, International Consultant, Foreign Affairs Officer, Historian, Social Researcher, Heritage Consultant, Policy Analyst, Writer

Available Majors	JO	ML	SW	OL
Creative and Professional Writing		■	■	■
English		■	■	■
Historical and Political Studies		■		■
Visual Arts		■		



See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/W33



MAJORS

Creative and Professional Writing

This major fosters creative and professional writing skills for a variety of audiences to prepare students for a highly rewarding career in writing. Students are engaged in the writing industry and develop their own voice and style across genres, including drama, poetry, fiction and non-fiction. The major supports new writers to expand industry knowledge, prepare their writing to professional standard and build confidence to seek publishing opportunities. Writing students also gain valuable professional skills, including editing, developing an online author platform and understanding the publishing industry, ethical and legal elements of contemporary authorship.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates are able to seek employment in the expanding communications sector and in traditional and online publishing. Creative and Professional Writing provides a valuable skill-set for a portfolio career and there are abundant opportunities for freelance and content writing.

Careers

Writer, Editor, Content Writer, Reviewer, Communications Specialist, Publisher, Speech Writer, Non-fiction Writer, Researcher

[This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Arts double degrees.](#)



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

Emilie Lowe
ECU Writing graduate

English

English prepares students to enter the world of work as a rigorous reader, a compelling writer, an effective speaker, and an engaged, respectful world citizen – all skills employers seek.

Through the breadth and depth of their reading and writing, students develop a high level of transferable English language skills, along with a thorough understanding of human nature.

Employment Opportunities

The major successfully prepares the graduate for a diverse range of careers requiring communication skills, critical thinking, and considered analysis.

Careers

Author, Biographer, Government Adviser, Journalist, Overseas Aid Worker, Politician, Press Secretary, Public Servant, Publicist

[This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Arts double degrees.](#)





Historical and Political Studies

History and Politics address some of the most important and contentious issues facing humanity. In this major, students will examine the ideas, structures and processes that drive society at both the national and international level. One of the primary focuses of this course is the historical and political processes and patterns that have structured the relationship between individuals and communities. The unit explores the nature of contemporary political challenges and the role of leadership, the media, corporate interests, public opinion and grassroots political movements in framing and addressing these challenges. In addition there is a focus on the role understanding our history can play in informing solutions to these issues.

While the focus is global, thematic and interdisciplinary, specialist units are offered in Australian, European and Chinese politics. The major offers students the opportunity to build links between pressing contemporary issues that are impacting on global politics and international relations. These are contextualised through a historical lens that situates the discipline as a rigorous, evidence-based approach among multiple narratives that helps frame our understanding of politics and history.

Employment Opportunities

This major is useful for a wide range of careers including the public service, journalism, policy/research positions with political parties, and with national and international non-government agencies.

Careers

Research/Policy Officer, Journalist, State/Federal Member of Parliament Employee, Diplomatic Servant, Historian, Researcher, Politician, Public Servant, Policy Analyst

This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Arts double degrees as well as the Bachelor of Counter Terrorism Security and Intelligence.



Artwork by: Laura Mitchell

Visual Arts

CAPE

This is a practice-based visual arts major offering focused investigation across a range of two and three-dimensional studios including drawing, painting, printmaking and installation art. Through critical theory and potential cross-experimentation with existing studios such as glass, design, writing, film and video, animation, and photography, students are immersed within visual culture to develop hybrid and traditional approaches to their creative praxis.

The major is complemented by a rigorous conceptual focus to enable the student to develop their professional studio practice through a contemporary and historic lens. Students develop the confidence to exhibit publicly and to identify career opportunities in teaching, curating, independent studio practice, and with private and public arts agencies and institutions. The major culminates in a significant public exhibition, which further enhances the emphasis placed on professional practice.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates can find employment as curators, artists, designers, exhibition and installation team members and writers, both nationally and internationally.

Careers

Curator, Artist, Arts Writer, Exhibition/Installation Team Member, Multidisciplinary Artist/Designer

This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Arts double degrees.

For those without an ATAR, this course is available via Creative Arts Portfolio Entry (CAPE).



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ecu.edu.au/cape



Bachelor of Design

CAPE

Indicative ATAR: 70

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

Design is an ability to question assumptions. Designers are trained to ask, 'why?' because this can lead to exciting changes in the way things are done. Design is also the ability to think through doing. Like sketching and drawing, making models or quick prototypes to test your ideas through materials. It's satisfying work. And if you're not having fun making, you're doing it wrong.

In our Bachelor of Design course, you can explore design through a specialisation in Visual and Spatial Design or Games and Interactive Design. You'll develop transferable visual and spatial problem identification, ideation, and prototyping skills to establish your own place in the world, with a personal style, as well as career opportunities and entrepreneurial skills. And because we have real clients that need our ideas, by the end of your course you'll have real work to show to launch your design career. Or you can go on to further study, such as our Master of Design course.

Employment Opportunities

Employment is available in Service Design, Graphic Design, Spatial Design, Healthcare Design, Strategic Design, UX (User Experience Design), Web Design, Game Design. Increasingly, Design is a valued skill in a range of ancillary industries and students can work in transdisciplinary areas such as designing games for education and training, working with architectural design companies to create visualisations, and plan and manage public space, work with information industries such as libraries, archives and museums. The course equips students in managing projects, clients, and their roles in teams as well as the generic skills required to adapt to a rapidly evolving industry.

Careers

Graphic Designer, Spatial Designer, Service Designer, Web Designer, Game Designer, Interior Designer, Conceptual Artist, Illustrator

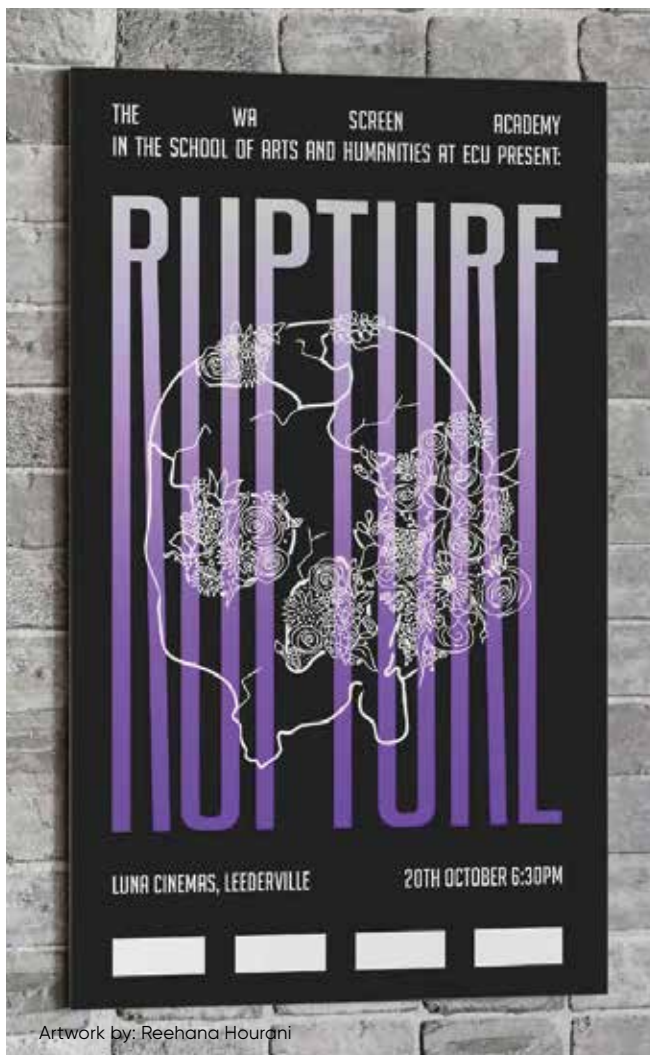
Available Majors	JO	ML	SW	OL
Games and Interactive Design		■		
Visual and Spatial Design		■		

→ See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/W64

For those without an ATAR, this course is available via Creative Arts Portfolio Entry (CAPE).

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“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



MAJORS

CAPE

Games and Interactive Design

This major prepares students for the emergent growth industries of entertainment and interactive design afforded by ubiquitous digital technologies. With a focus on game and interactive design, the major provides studies in both traditional multimedia and emerging digital interactive technologies, drawing together theory and knowledge from multiple creative disciplines including web, visual and interaction design.

Students gain skills and competence in the design, scripting, development and usability of digital media products for information, entertainment and commerce. Students will study the social and cultural impact and the psychological and social principles of digital products of web and other emergent digital products.

Production Experience

This unit set provides students with the opportunity to work with real-world clients to participate in the development of a creative project located in an industry environment. Projects can be carried out individually or in teams and will be based on a real life problem.

Students have the opportunity to respond to a client brief or negotiate with their lecturer regarding the nature of the project. The unit will require students to engage in authentic project management process as they develop their project, analysing needs and appropriate methods, developing design and implementation plans and critically evaluating results, establishing clear metrics, templates and standards.

For more information, see course details on our website.



Employment Opportunities

Employment opportunities include the development and design of games, game concepts, game scenarios, e-learning materials, websites, digital media, multimedia systems, digital content development, and digital design project management.

Careers

Game Concept Artist, Game Evaluator, Educational Game Designer, Game Level Designer, Game Researcher, Web Designer, Web Developer, Interface Designer, Interaction Designer

For those without an ATAR, this course is available via Creative Arts Portfolio Entry (CAPE).



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Visual and Spatial Design

CAPE

The economic basis of the design industry has changed from manufacturing to the provision of services and strategies. In this major, design is seen as part of a whole system, with a focus on sustainable design practices that consider environmental, social, cultural and economic needs. This major prepares students for a rapidly changing industry that encompasses the converging fields of graphic design, spatial design, service design, strategic design, and social design. Through an emphasis on live briefs for real clients, students develop an informed, critical, creative approach to crafting visual communications, environments, services, through to challenging and improving current applications of design. Students will understand the impact design has on the development of local and global communities. Students learn and develop skills that suit them for work in both the professional design industry and within organisations that employ design thinking.

Employment Opportunities

Employable in industries where the broader application of design is utilised.

Careers

Retail Spatial Designer, Interior Designer, Display and Event Designer, Graphic Designer, Information Designer, Service Designer, Data Visualiser, Social Designer, Human-Centred Designer

For those without an ATAR, this course is available via Creative Arts Portfolio Entry (CAPE).



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Artwork by: Gabriella Bechard

Bachelor of Media and Communication

Indicative ATAR: 70

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

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

Employers are looking for people who can think strategically, be creative, communicate strongly, work in teams and problem-solve. Skills you'll be developing when you study our Media and Communication degree. Here, you'll be multi-skilling, working with peers on diverse and exciting projects and adapting to an ever-changing media world. Students acquire knowledge about the cultural impact of the media and gain critical insights to make a meaningful contribution to the local and global communication industries and wider society.

We encourage flexibility, so you can specialise in Advertising, Broadcasting and Digital Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies, Public Relations, Photomedia, Screen Production or Screen Studies. Or maybe two of these areas. Or pair one with a major from Arts or Design. It's your journey, so choose where you want to go!

Whatever your chosen path, you can expect to be guided by highly qualified staff, including award-winning practitioners, teachers, and world standard cultural studies academics. You'll have opportunities for placements and real-world projects, thanks to our strong links with industry. And the students you meet and work with at ECU will probably become industry colleagues of the future.

Admission Requirements

One or more of the majors in this course has admission requirements. Refer to the major for more information.

Employment Opportunities

This degree provides students with advanced communication and critical engagement skills that are essential in a wide range of professions.

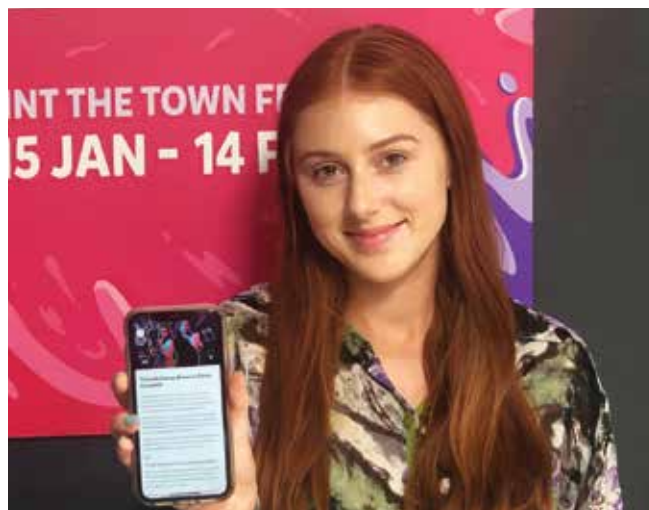
Careers

Broadcaster, Journalist, Writer, Public Relations Consultant, Communications Officer, Film Maker, Script Writer, Social Media Analyst, Content Creator

Available Majors	JO	ML	SW	OL
Advertising		■		■
Broadcasting and Digital Journalism		■		
Media and Cultural Studies		■		■
Photomedia		■		
Public Relations		■		■
Screen Production		■		
Screen Studies		■		



See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/W63



“The level of practical experience I gained from the journalism major was surprising and valuable.”

Grace Flynn
ECU Media and Communication graduate

MAJORS

Advertising

Advertising is a discipline that combines strategic thinking, creativity, communication and science with potential career paths through advertising agencies and commercial organisations. The Advertising major includes creative strategy, design elements, channel planning and specific communications research to develop and showcase a student's individual strengths. The major addresses the discipline as a communication specialism rather than a sub-section of a marketing plan.

Professional Recognition

International Advertising Association (IAA) have accredited this unit set.

Careers

Advertising Manager, Media Planner, Account Planner, Marketing Officer, Copywriter, Market Researcher, Advertising Executive, Media Analyst, Media Researcher, Art Director

This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Media and Communication double degree.



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

Jerrie Demasi
ECU Broadcasting graduate

Broadcasting and Digital Journalism

This is a major for storytellers with a mission to inform, educate and entertain audiences. It provides both knowledge and practical skills for broadcasting and digital journalism, particularly broadcast and online. Students explore the rapidly changing world of the professional journalist, and learn how to navigate the complexities of media law and ethics. Students work in state-of-the-art radio and TV studios, explore smart phone journalism, develop online content, record interviews and prepare news reports and packages for radio and television. In an age of fake news, there is a strong emphasis on factual and evidence-based journalism.

The major also focuses on building knowledge, developing research and analytical skills and acquiring practical skills for an ever-changing media landscape. There is focus on student employability, and what employers want such as effective writers and speakers, team players and problem solvers. These abilities are transferable across a wide range of media and communication jobs.

Careers

Journalist, Broadcaster, Radio Reporter, Producer, Television Presenter, Digital Editor, Political Media Staff, Film/Food/Music Reviewer, Digital Content Producer

This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Media and Communication.

Media and Cultural Studies

Prepares students for future success in traversing our media-driven environment. Studying this major equips students with the ability to ask meaningful questions about issues such as the power and influence of traditional media, the complexities and contradictions of social media and the ubiquity of popular culture. Particularly the focus is on these forces that affect everyday life.

It introduces students to a significant range of contemporary theoretical ideas as well as critical approaches used to analyse popular culture, media texts, media technologies, media institutions and their place in the world today. By studying any of the topics covered in the major, students develop a set of critical thinking and analytical skills along with an ability to work independently and communicate effectively.

Employment Opportunities

Students will have a strong sense of contemporary cultural awareness and media savvy with advanced communication and critical appraisal skills which will benefit a broad range of careers.

Careers

Communications Officer, Media/Communications Policy Officer, Research Officer, Media Strategist, Media Advisor, Film Critic, Producer, Public Relations Consultant, Writer, Social Commentator

This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Media and Communication double degree.

Photomedia

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The Photomedia major encourages critical and creative thinking in the application of image production pertinent to contemporary photographic practice. Students investigate historical and analytical perspectives in photography and explore original visual strategies and aesthetic values to communicate their ideas.

Studying photographic language, technologies and techniques prepares students for a diverse range of current practices employing photomedia including contemporary art, advertising, fashion, illustration, editorial, photojournalism and videography. Knowledge acquired in seminars, workshops and assignment production and exhibition is suited to a variety of contexts and applications empowering students to create work related to their own personal and professional aspirations.

Employment Opportunities

This major prepares students for work in a number of areas that involve photography.

Careers

Fine Art Photographer, Photojournalist, Fashion Photographer, Commercial Photographer, Event Photographer, Videographer, Photography Editor

This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Media and Communication double degree.

For those without an ATAR, this course is available via Creative Arts Portfolio Entry (CAPE).

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“Studying a Communications degree with journalism and photomedia units gave me the tools to shine a light on my passions.”

Claire Martin
ECU Photomedia graduate

Public Relations

Public relations uses various strategies to build and maintain relationships between organisations and the public. It is the key to effective communication in all sectors of business, government, academic and not-for-profit industries. The PR major provides students with the practical expertise to make an effective contribution at any level. It equips students with critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills, and the ability to take the initiative and make decisions.

Through a focus on technology, creativity and the arts as a foundation to sustainable, ethical and innovative business practice, the PR program at ECU is well-placed for a progressive and fast-moving world. We use our unique position in the School of Arts and Humanities to develop programs, research, and opportunities based on experience, mentorship, and a close interaction between students, staff and industry professionals.

Employment Opportunities

This major not only prepares students for employment specifically in public relations, but also in many other communication and media-related fields. It has a broadly applicable skill-set that transfers readily across many areas and sectors of business.

Careers

Media Relations Manager, Media Strategist, Event Management, Public Affairs Manager, Risk Management Communications, Brand Manager, Media Advisor, Corporate Affairs Manager, Corporate Relations Manager

This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Media and Communication double degree.



Screen Production

CAPE

Students will produce creative and engaging content for the screen in ECU's Screen Production major. They will collaborate with WAAPA screen actors, dancers and composers. Students will learn skills in concept development and scriptwriting, production management and directing, camera and editing while working collaboratively in small groups on diverse projects including drama, factuals, music video and screen installations. They will utilise the state-of-the-art TV studio and training facilities to forge vocational skills and make creative partnerships to last a lifetime. Students excelling in the Screen Production major have the opportunity to apply for postgraduate studies in the School or entry to the prestigious Master of Screen Studies at the WA Screen Academy.

Careers

Film Director, Film Editor, Film Producer, Film Critic, Television Producer, Cinematographer, Scriptwriter, Media Support Officer, Web Content Producer

This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Media and Communication double degree.

For those without an ATAR, this course is available via Creative Arts Portfolio Entry (CAPE).



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Screen Studies

Provides a strong theoretical and analytical foundation, the opportunity to take electives in areas that will enhance the student's specialisation, and an intensive production program in a variety of formats and genres. These include film and multicam drama, documentary and client-based productions including music videos and television commercials. Students also develop skills in digital production and post-production techniques as well as associated web-based content.

The major makes significant use of its strong links to industry and the professional community to engage with and mentor students. Many professional and community partnerships have been established to ensure students, academics and members of the industry work together to share ideas, knowledge and expertise, and collaborate on the industry-focused projects that form a significant component of the teaching program. Components are delivered in cooperation with the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Employment Opportunities

This major prepares graduates for employment in digital production for the screen, concentrating on the key positions of producer, director, scriptwriter, cinematographer, editor, sound and production designer.

Careers

Producer, Director, Editor, Screenwriter, Sound Recordist, Sound Mixer, Cinematographer, Film Critic, Series Creator

This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Media and Communication double degree.



“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 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		■		

Secondary Location

The first two years of the course and final semester (fourth year) are delivered at ECU's Mount Lawley Campus. The third year (full-time) is delivered at the University of Portsmouth, Portsmouth, United Kingdom. Students will need to relocate to Portsmouth for this portion of the course.

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. Specialisations are available in either Media and Journalism or Screen, Media and Cultural Studies providing relevant industry skills and a comprehensive transdisciplinary understanding of media production, consumption and representation.

Admission Requirements

Applications for this course are not accepted through ECU's Experience Based Entry Scheme.

Employment Opportunities

This degree provides students with advanced communication and critical engagement skills that are essential in a wide range of professions.

Careers

Broadcaster, Journalist, Writer, Communications Officer, Film Maker, Script Writer, Content Creator, Media Commentator, Production Manager

Available Majors	JO	ML	SW	OL
Media and Journalism		■		
Screen, Media and Cultural Studies		■		



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



Dual Degrees at ECU and the University of Portsmouth

ECU and the University of Portsmouth (UK) are working in partnership to provide students a truly global educational experience while receiving two degrees.

Based between both universities, students will study for a dual degree in less time than it would take to study both degrees consecutively.

Students benefit from the teaching expertise, research and facilities of both institutions, expanding their life experience, and benefiting from studying their chosen field in an international context.



Find out more —
ecu.edu.au/uni-portsmouth





MAJORS

Media and Journalism

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Employment Opportunities

This major provides students with advanced communication and critical engagement skills that are essential in a wide range of professions.

Careers

Journalist, Broadcaster, Radio Reporter, Producer, Television Presenter, Digital Editor, Political Media Staff, Film/Food/Music Reviewer, Digital Content Producer

Screen, Media and Cultural Studies

Students will produce creative and engaging content for the screen in ECU's Screen, Media and Cultural Studies major. Work with WAAPA screen actors, dancers and composers. Learn skills in concept development and scriptwriting, production management and directing, camera and editing while working collaboratively in small groups on diverse projects including drama, factuals, music video and screen installations. Soak up our state-of-the-art TV studio and training facilities. Forge vocational skills and make creative partnerships to last a lifetime.

Students excelling in the Screen Production major have the opportunity to apply for postgraduate studies in the School or entry to the prestigious Master of Screen Studies at the WA Screen Academy.

Employment Opportunities

This major provides students with screen production skills alongside critical engagement skills that are essential in a wide range of media and communication professions.

Careers

Film Director, Film Editor, Film Producer, Film Critic, Television Producer, Cinematographer, Scriptwriter, Media Support Officer, Web Content Producer

Bachelor of Psychology

Indicative ATAR: 70

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

Psychology is about all of us. Our lived experiences, our feelings, thoughts, behaviours, understandings, interactions, and decisions. It's also about the way we live with ourselves and others. Our degree in psychology is designed for students with a humanities or science background and is a bridge to many different employment opportunities, including in mental health, human resources, child and family services, alcohol and drug counselling, rehabilitation and disability, migrant support or research and policy development. It will equip you with skills in analysing and researching behaviour and explaining interactions between people and their environment, learning from expert academics, researchers and practitioners.

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

Professional Recognition

Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) has accredited this course.



Employment 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; in particular, performing in 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. Finally, this course will prepare students for further postgraduate studies in psychology.

Careers

Public Sector Worker, Government Agency Worker, Market Researcher, Children and Family Service Provider, Marketer, Human Resource Worker, Statistician, Mental Health Services Worker, Financial Service Worker

→ [See more course information —
ecu.edu.au/courses/W74](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/W74)



“For any would-be mature age students thinking about further education, or for those who the lack of academic achievement has become a bit of a bugbear like myself – don’t be afraid to take it on.”

Dan Campbell
Bachelor of Psychology student

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	■			■

This course provides students with introductory counselling skills to complement their knowledge of the discipline of psychology. It prepares students for working in a counselling role, or for further postgraduate studies in psychology and counselling. The course equips students with skills in analysing, researching behaviour and explaining interactions between people and their environment.

Professional Recognition

Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) has accredited this course.

Employment Opportunities

Employment opportunities include counselling, human resources management, criminal justice, education, rehabilitation, business, mental health, and the administration and provision of social services, and performing in 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; in particular, this double major of psychology and counselling prepares students for work in a counselling role, or for further postgraduate studies in psychology and counselling.

Careers

Counsellor, Public Sector Worker, Government Agency Worker, Market Researcher, Children and Family Service Provider, Marketer, Human Resource Worker, Statistician, Mental Health Services Worker



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



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	■			■

This course is designed for students who wish to pursue further study in the area of psychology, criminology, or justice, or those who wish to be employed within the criminal justice system. The course equips students with skills in analysing, researching behaviour and explaining interactions between people and their environment.

Professional Recognition

Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) has accredited this course.

Employment 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, and performing in 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; in particular, this double major of psychology, criminology and justice prepares students for work within the criminal justice system, or for further postgraduate studies in psychology, criminology and justice.

Careers

Criminology and Justice System Worker, Counsellor, Public Sector Worker, Government Agency Worker, Market Researcher, Children and Family Service Provider, Marketer, Human Resource Worker, Statistician

→ [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 to grow as a person.”

Georgia Williams
ECU Psychology, Criminology & Justice graduate



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	■			■

Are you passionate about working with and supporting people and communities to enhance their wellbeing? Our Social Science degree provides you with the skills, knowledge and capacity to make that kind of difference. In this course, you'll study social change, gender equality, community development, sustainability and cultural diversity, child development, working with groups, and policy development through a social justice and human rights lens. You'll also learn how to conduct social research using a range of methods, techniques and technologies.

You can study completely online, or on-campus. Either way, you'll be under the guidance of lecturers who have extensive industry and research experiences to share with you. During your studies, you'll have opportunities to develop your networks, meet industry professionals and apply your knowledge to become work ready through 400 hours of field placement. And as a graduate with a Social Science degree, you'll be recognised by the Australian Community Workers Association and be eligible for full membership.

Practicum

Students are required to complete a professional placement unit during the course. The requirements for this professional placement vary depending on the major that is selected but both majors must meet the Standards of Practice as set by the Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA). There are attendance requirements for this practicum.

Clearance and/or Risk Management Protocols Required

Risk Management Assessment is negotiated with the agencies and ECU under agreement arrangements. Prior to placement students must upload into SONIA a current National Police Clearance. The Unit Coordinator may discuss the contents of the National Police Clearance with the student if there is any potential risk to student, agency and ECU. Agencies may request a Working with Children Check (or equivalent) before commencing placement. Students on practicum must observe professional practice rules.

For more information, see course details on our website.

Professional Recognition

Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA) have accredited this course. To meet the professional accreditation requirements with ACWA, students must undertake certain units including 400 hours in the community and social science field.

Employment Opportunities

This course prepares graduates for working with people and communities, and being able to specialise in family support, community work and community development.

Careers

Community Worker, Community Development Officer, Policy Officer, Family Support Officer, Parent Education Coordinator, Project Officer

Available Majors	JO	ML	SW	OL
Children and Family Studies	■			■
Human Services and Community Work	■			■



See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/C58



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 pressures there were others sharing a similar experience."**

"We encouraged each other to persevere."



Read more about how Tanya is making a difference in women's lives — ecu.edu.au/extra/i-am-woman

MAJORS

Children and Family Studies

Equips students with knowledge and skills of working in leadership positions with children, families and communities in a range of fields. These fields include family support, parent education and policy development.

Practicum

This major includes two professional placement components. The first one is undertaken in the first year of study, while the second is a year-long placement undertaken in the third year of study.

Clearance and/or Risk Management Protocols Required

Students are required to provide evidence of a valid Working With Children Check. Students on practicum must observe professional practice rules.

For more information, see course details on our website.

Professional Recognition

Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA) have professionally accredited this course. To meet the professional accreditation requirements with ACWA, students selecting this major as part of the Bachelor of Social Science must undertake certain units including 400 hours in the community and social science field.

Employment Opportunities

This major prepares graduates for a range of positions in the family support, and community development field in local, state government and in the not-for-profit sector.

Careers

Children Services Coordinator, Coordinator of Parent Education and Early Intervention Programs, Family Support Officer/Coordinator, Community Development Officer/Coordinator, Policy Officer

Human Services and Community Work

Provides students with the knowledge and skills required to work with people and communities in diverse settings. This major covers community work, interpersonal and helping skills, cultural and gender dimensions, social policy, social research, leadership and management, and challenges students to consider viewing and solving societal issues from a number of perspectives.

Practicum

Students are required to complete a year-long professional placement unit of 400 hours.

Clearance and/or Risk Management Protocols Required

Students must apply for a Working With Children Check. Students are required to complete risk management protocols on commencement of their practicum.

For more information, see course details on our website.

Professional Recognition

Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA) have accredited this unit set.

Membership

Students can apply for membership with the Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA).

Employment Opportunities

This major prepares the student to work as a human services worker, community worker and in leadership positions in some areas of the community services sector.

Careers

Community Worker, Community Development Officer, Community Support Worker, Family Welfare Officer, Parent and Early Intervention Program Coordinator, Child and Family Support Worker, Child Protection Worker



Bachelor of Counselling

Indicative ATAR: 70

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

Our counselling degree will start you on an enthralling journey to unravel the human mind. You'll begin to explore the relationship between biology, psychology and our environment. Like learning a different language, you'll immerse yourself in this explorative experience beginning with an exploration of yourself through self-reflection; a look at where both we, and others come from, our families, countries, languages, customs and practices. You'll learn about the development of humans – from infant development, to tumultuous adolescence, the becoming of adulthood, and culminating in the experience of older age, illness and death.

The course gives you the opportunity to learn interpersonal competencies, including communication, interpersonal skills, teamwork, self-reflection, negotiation and conflict resolution skills. 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 – in your own relationships, but more importantly should you wish to pursue postgraduate studies in counselling and psychotherapy.

Admission Requirements

One or more of the majors in this course has admission requirements. Refer to the major for more information.

Employment Opportunities

This course prepares students for a range of entry-level human services positions which utilise counselling.

Careers

Entry-Level Counsellor, Client Liaison, Community Worker, Family Welfare Officer, Human Service Worker, Mental Health Worker, Pastoral Roles

Available Majors	JO	ML	SW	OL
Family and Child Support	■			■
Professional Youth Work	■			■

→ [See more course information —
ecu.edu.au/courses/C56](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/C56)

MAJORS

Family and Child Support

Equips students with knowledge and skills of working in leadership positions with children, families and communities in a range of fields. These fields include early education and care, family support, parent education and policy and service development. The major adopts the frameworks of human rights and social inclusion and includes a practical placement to enable students to apply their theoretical knowledge to practice and to develop professional networks in the field. The major can be combined with other related fields such as counselling, criminology and justice, psychology and youth work.

Practicum

This major includes one year-long professional placement that needs to be undertaken in the third year of study. There are attendance requirements for this practicum.

Clearance and/or Risk Management Protocols Required

All students are required to obtain a Working with Children Check card (or equivalent if resident outside Western Australia, for example, a National Police Clearance) prior to commencement of practicum placement in the final year of study. Students on practicum must observe professional practice rules. For more information, see course details on our website.

Employment Opportunities

Prepares graduates for a range of positions in the field of family and child support. Graduates can expect to access positions such as coordinators of family support and early intervention programs in various local and state government agencies and in the not-for-profit sector.

Careers

Coordinator of Early Intervention Programs, Family Support Officer/Coordinator, Policy Officer

[This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Criminology and Justice.](#)



Professional Youth Work

Provides an opportunity for students to combine a youth work major with complementary areas of study. This includes Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies, Addiction Studies, Health Promotion, Community Work, Criminology, Psychology, Counselling, Visual Arts, Media and Communications, and Event Management.

Admission Requirements

All applicants are required to obtain a Working with Children Check card (or equivalent if resident outside Western Australia, for example, a National Police Clearance) prior to commencement of practicum. If a student is denied this card they will not be able to complete the practicum and will not be able to complete this unit set, with equivalents considered.

Practicum

Students are required to undertake a practical placement in at least two different youth work agencies. This placement is assessed by portfolio against the requirement of the Western Australian Association of Youth Workers. There are attendance requirements for this practicum.

Clearance and/or Risk Management Protocols Required

Risk Management Assessment is negotiated with the agencies and ECU under agreement arrangements. Western Australian applicants are required to have a Working With Children Check. Applicants from other Australian states and territories must be able to meet the criminal checks relevant to their jurisdiction.

International students must meet Western Australian requirements, in addition to the requirements of their home country. Students on practicum must observe professional practice rules.

For more information, see course details on our website.

Employment Opportunities

Prepares graduates for a diverse range of positions in youth work. Depending on students' selection of complementary studies they may wish to pursue careers with a special focus on recreation, sport, adventure programs, youth arts, youth counselling, addiction services, youth mental health services, or youth justice. Entry level positions may be in youth welfare services including homeless support services, youth health, youth advice, advocacy and support programs. Graduates also find employment in youth holiday programs, youth activity centres, informal education with young people, school-based support programs, and chaplaincy.

Employers of youth work graduates include, Local, State and Federal Government, National Charities and local community organisations.

Careers

Youth Worker, Youth Support Worker, Youth Development Officer, Youth Activities Officer, Youth Welfare Worker, Youth and Family Mediation, Youth Health Educator, Youth Policy Officer, Youth Outreach Worker

[This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Criminology and Justice.](#)



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 are champions for social justice, equality and human rights. They stand alongside individuals and communities to improve society's overall wellbeing, especially for the most vulnerable populations. Our Social Work course is taught by staff with extensive frontline social work experience. It focuses on working alongside regional, rural and remote communities, and integrating sustainability into social work practice.

With the professional skills you'll develop, your career can take you in many directions. This might include working in mental health, community development, child protection or social research. You could be running groups, such as with young people, new parents, or people in prisons. Or you could be supporting communities to organise projects, campaigning for impactful social policy to transform systemic issues like homelessness, racism or even climate change.

Clinical or Professional Work Placement

Students are required to undertake two 14-week social work field placements.

For more information, see course details on our website.

Professional Recognition

Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) has accredited this course.

Membership

Graduates are eligible to apply for membership with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

Non-Standard Timetable

Students who elect to study online will be required to attend for face-to-face, classroom-based activities for a minimum of 20 days (140 hours) spread over the four years of the course. This is a requirement set by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) for accredited programs that are offered online. Graduates of accredited programs are eligible for membership to AASW.

Careers

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



See more course information —
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 Lawndo
ECU South West Social Work graduate





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	■			■

Provides a comprehensive program of study in the essentials of youth work as an embedded practice within community work. The course includes specialist units in youth work, plus complementary studies in community work. Students can choose complementary areas of study such as Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies, Addiction Studies, Family and Child Support, Community Work, Criminology, Psychology, Counselling, Visual Arts, Media and Communication, Events Management, and Outdoor Adventure.

Practicum

A key feature of the course is the year-long supervised practicum that offers students the opportunity to gain real world experience working with young people in supportive environments. This is a core unit. Students graduate with valuable employability skills and enhanced job prospects. There are attendance requirements for this practicum.

Clearance and/or Risk Management Protocols Required

Risk Management Assessment is negotiated with the agencies and ECU under agreement arrangements. Western Australian applicants are required to have a Working With Children Check. Applicants from other Australian states and territories must be able to meet the criminal records checks relevant to their jurisdiction. International students must meet Western Australian requirements, in addition to the requirements of their home country. The practicum coordinator must view the

Working with Children Check before students commence practicum. Placement agencies may also need to see the Working with Children Check. If a student is denied this card they will not be able to complete the practicum and will not be able to graduate from the course. Students on practicum must observe professional practice rules.

For more information, see course details on our website.

Membership

Graduates are eligible to apply for membership with the Youth Work WA. Graduates can apply for full membership of Youth Work WA.

Employment Opportunities

This course prepares graduates for various positions in youth work. Entry level positions may be in youth welfare services including homeless support services, youth health, youth advice, advocacy and support programs, in the education sector or with local government. Graduates also find employment in youth holiday programs, youth activity centres, informal education with young people, school-based support programs, and chaplaincy. Graduates who take double majors may be prepared for graduate roles in youth addiction, youth justice, child protection or youth mental health services, depending upon their choice of complementary major.

Depending on students' selection of complementary studies they may wish to pursue careers with a special focus on recreation, sport, adventure programs, youth arts, youth counselling, addiction services, youth mental health services, or youth justice.

Employers of youth work graduates include, Local, State and Federal Government, National Charities and local community organisations.

Careers

Youth Worker, Youth Support Worker, Youth Development Officer, Youth Activities Officer, Youth Welfare Worker, Youth and Family Mediation, Youth Health Educator, Youth Policy Officer, Youth Outreach Worker



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



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 and criminal behaviour are topics that fascinate many of us. Why people commit crime, how society should respond to crime and how can we prevent and minimise the harms associated with criminal behaviour are some of the issues you'll consider when you study criminology and justice at ECU.

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.

Importantly, we start to prepare you for employment as soon as you start. This preparation culminates in amazing opportunities such as workplace practicums, involvement in industry-based projects and work integrated learning via our own 'Criminal Justice Review Project'.

Our goal is to ensure that you're exposed to cutting-edge content and opportunities to help you decide how and where you want to contribute to the world of criminal justice.

Admission Requirements

One or more of the majors in this course has admission requirements. Refer to the major for more information.

Employment Opportunities

Students gain a significant background in the contemporary theory and research that informs criminology and justice professions. They also develop professional skills required for employment in criminology and justice, including Indigenous cultural responsiveness.

Careers

Police Officer, Community Corrections Officer, Parole Officer, Youth Justice Officer, Prison Officer, Research & Policy Officer, Family/Juvenile Counsellor, Family Law Case Worker, Customs Officer, Security Officer

Available Majors	JO	ML	SW	OL
Addiction Studies	■			■
Corrections	■			■
Family and Child Support	■			■
Policing	■			■
Professional Youth Work	■			■
Security Management	■			■

➔ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/G81

MAJORS

Addiction Studies

Provides students with an understanding of the use and problems associated with alcohol, tobacco and other psychoactive drugs. Students investigate fundamental concepts about drug use and drug users, psychoactive drug use, the nature of addiction and dependency and behaviour change. Australian and international approaches to drug policy, intervention initiatives, alcohol and other drug counselling skills, and evidence-based approaches to reducing harm are also covered.

Non-Standard Timetable

Two units within this major require students to attend on-campus classes. Students who are unable to attend classes may, with the permission of the Course Coordinator, substitute two online counselling units from the School of Arts and Humanities.

Employment Opportunities

There are interesting and dynamic addiction studies career pathways available in a range of health promotion agencies, not-for-profit organisations, research centres, welfare agencies, corrective services and the justice sector.

Careers

Community Health Officer, Drug Rehabilitation Officer, Youth Worker, Child Health Officer, Health Care Officer, Health Promotion Officer, Health Officer, Drug Policy Worker, Quit Smoking Project Officer

This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Science and its double degrees, as well as the Bachelor of Health Science.

Corrections

Provides students with a unique opportunity to gain valuable knowledge in the criminal justice system, with a focus on offender management. The major develops students' interpersonal and leadership skills, while building a comprehensive understanding of the theories of offender management and motivational change. Students will develop an appreciation for the complex issues surrounding offender management and how they can work within an environment that seeks to reduce recidivism.

The major is relevant to students with an interest in criminology and justice, but also has a wider appeal to social work, psychology, security and other students in the humanities discipline.

Employment Opportunities

The criminal justice system is a popular career path, with employment opportunities in fields such as the court system, government and private prison systems, community-based corrections, and offender treatment programs. Employment opportunities also exist in community services, sociology and youth work, the public and private sector, Government agencies, research and universities, criminology, policy development, intelligence, crime analysis and restorative justice.

Careers

Community Corrections Officer, Youth Justice Officer, Prison Officer, Crime Prevention Officer, Victim Support Officer, Policy Development Officer, Researcher, Community Services Officer, Security Services Officer, Intelligence Officer

This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of Criminology and Justice double degree.



“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 & Justice graduate and PhD graduate

Family and Child Support

Equips students with knowledge and skills of working in leadership positions with children, families and communities in a range of fields. These fields include early education and care, family support, parent education and policy and service development. The major adopts the frameworks of human rights and social inclusion and includes a practical placement to enable students to apply their theoretical knowledge to practice and to develop professional networks in the field. The major can be combined with other related fields such as counselling, criminology and justice, psychology and youth work.

Practicum

This major includes one year-long professional placement that needs to be undertaken in the third year of study. There are attendance requirements for this practicum.

Clearance and/or Risk Management Protocols Required

All students are required to obtain a Working with Children Check card (or equivalent if resident outside Western Australia, for example, a National Police Clearance) prior to commencement of practicum placement in the final year of study. Students on practicum must observe professional practice rules. For more information, see course details on our website.

Employment Opportunities

Prepares graduates for a range of positions in the field of family and child support. Graduates can expect to access positions such as coordinators of family support and early intervention programs in various local and state government agencies and in the not-for-profit sector.

Careers

Coordinator of Early Intervention Programs, Family Support Officer/Coordinator, Policy Officer

[This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Counselling.](#)

Policing

Provides students with an understanding of the broad range of areas relevant to contemporary policing. Adopting a justice perspective, students acquire theoretical and practical knowledge in areas such as intelligence, security, investigative practices, interviewing procedures, specialist policing units, and crime prevention and ethics. Although learning occurs within the context of an evidence-based policing paradigm, emphasis is placed on the practical skills relevant to this discipline area.

The major is relevant to students with an interest in criminology and justice, but has a wider appeal to social work, psychology, security and students enrolled in the social sciences or humanities.

Employment Opportunities

Employment opportunities exist in law enforcement, as well as customs, state and federal police, state and national security, community services, sociology and youth work, public and private sector, Government agencies, research and universities, criminology, policy development, intelligence, crime analysis and restorative justice.

Careers

State or Federal Police Officer, ASIO Officer, Private Security Officer, Security Services Officer, Policy Development Officer, Intelligence Officer

[This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of Criminology and Justice double degree.](#)





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Professional Youth Work

Provides an opportunity for students to combine a youth work major with complementary areas of study. This includes Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies, Addiction Studies, Health Promotion, Community Work, Criminology, Psychology, Counselling, Visual Arts, Media and Communications, and Event Management.

Admission Requirements

All applicants are required to obtain a Working with Children Check card (or equivalent if resident outside Western Australia, for example, a National Police Clearance) prior to commencement of practicum. If a student is denied this card they will not be able to complete the practicum and will not be able to complete this unit set, with equivalents considered.

Practicum

Students are required to undertake a practical placement in at least two different youth work agencies. This placement is assessed by portfolio against the requirement of the Western Australian Association of Youth Workers. There are attendance requirements for this practicum.

Clearance and/or Risk Management Protocols Required

Risk Management Assessment is negotiated with the agencies and ECU under agreement arrangements. Western Australian applicants are required to have a Working With Children Check. Applicants from other Australian states and territories must be able to meet the criminal checks relevant to their jurisdiction. International students must meet Western Australian requirements, in addition to the requirements of their home country. Students on practicum must observe professional practice rules.

For more information, see course details on our website.

Employment Opportunities

Prepares graduates for a diverse range of positions in youth work. Depending on students' selection of complementary studies they may wish to pursue careers with a special focus on recreation, sport, adventure programs, youth arts, youth counselling, addiction services, youth mental health services, or youth justice.

Entry level positions may be in youth welfare services including homeless support services, youth health, youth advice, advocacy and support programs. Graduates also find employment in youth holiday programs, youth activity centres, informal education with young people, school-based support programs, and chaplaincy.

Employers of youth work graduates include, Local, State and Federal Government, National Charities and local community organisations.

Careers

Youth Worker, Youth Support Worker, Youth Development Officer, Youth Activities Officer, Youth Welfare Worker, Youth and Family Mediation, Youth Health Educator, Youth Policy Officer, Youth Outreach Worker

[This major can also be studied in the Bachelor of Counselling.](#)

Security Management

Brings together key aspects of national and international security, with an emphasis on contemporary security issues. Students will undertake specialised study in how to counter the terrorist threat, think critically, and analyse and understand criminal motivation. Students will learn to use suitable technology to secure assets, protect critical and national infrastructure, and employ security management techniques to achieve desired security outcomes.

Employment Opportunities

This major equips students to access careers in national security, corporate security, defence, government, policing and law enforcement, homeland security, critical infrastructure protection, threat and risk assessment, security consultancy, corporate intelligence, counter terrorism, and security analysis.

Careers

Security Manager, Critical Infrastructure Manager, Organisational Security Manager, Corporate Security Manager, Security Consultant, Security Systems Manager, Security Analyst, Security Auditor, Risk and Security Manager, Security and Risk Analyst

Associate Degree in Criminology and Justice

Indicative ATAR: 70

Duration: 2 years full-time or part-time equivalent

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

Adopts a contemporary approach to the education of practitioners in the areas of policing and corrections. Students will develop an understanding of the theory and research that informs policing practice and offender management, as well as excellent academic literacy skills, including cultural awareness. The course facilitates students' practical skills and provides opportunities to apply learning.

Admission Requirements

All applicants are required to meet the admission requirements of the Western Australian Police or the Department of Corrective Services. Applicants who have previously completed equivalent police or corrections training in another jurisdiction will be considered for entrance.

Admission requirements for WA Police can be found at www.stepforward.wa.gov.au

Admission requirements for Corrective Services (Community Corrections Officer, Youth Custodial Officer, Youth Justice Officer or Prison Officer) can be found at www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-justice/working-corrections

Practicum

Students are required to complete Police or Corrective Services training as a unit in the last semester of study. Students must apply for this independently, it is not organised by ECU.

For more information, see course details on our website.

Employment Opportunities

This course links closely with the WA Police Academy and the Department of Corrective Services, giving students the opportunity to participate in relevant practical training and providing a career pathway into policing or corrections.

The course also provides a unique career development opportunity for those working in the area of policing, security, public safety, custodial corrections or community corrections. Students are able to apply their existing knowledge of policing and/or offender management to their learning and develop their academic literacy skills with a high level of support. These skills include understanding and applying research, academic writing and critical thinking.

Careers

Police Officer, Community Corrections Officer, Parole Officer, Youth Justice Officer, Research & Policy Officer, Youth Custodial Officer, Prison Officer



See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/C25



Double Degrees

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Commerce

Indicative ATAR: 70

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

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

Students attend the Mount Lawley Campus for the Arts component and the Joondalup Campus for the Commerce component.

→ See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/W57

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Media and Communication

Indicative ATAR: 70

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

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

→ See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/W62

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Science

Indicative ATAR: 70

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

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

Students are required to attend classes at both Campuses to complete the course.

→ See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/W58

Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Psychology

Indicative ATAR: 70

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

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

→ See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/W75



Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Criminology and Justice

Indicative ATAR: 85

Duration: 5 years full-time or part-time equivalent

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

→ See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/K30

Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Psychology

Indicative ATAR: 85

Duration: 5 years full-time or part-time equivalent

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

→ See more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/W83



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.

ECU City will seamlessly bring together Creative Industries, Business and Technology to deliver a world-class university campus that reimagines education and transforms the city of Perth.



ECU City will be home to:

- Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA)
- Founding Pianos
- Broadcast Media
- Communication and Creative Writing
- Design, Photography and Visual Arts
- WA Screen Academy
- Kurongkurl Katitjin, ECU's Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research
- Business and Law
- Technology programs from the School of Science
- University Pathway Programs

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.

→ To follow the journey, visit citycampus.ecu.edu.au

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!





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.

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.

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.

Student health services

The ECU campuses in Joondalup and Mount Lawley have student health centres with doctors (GPs), and nurses to assist you if you need them. The services are covered by Medicare or Overseas Student Health Funds so most visits are free or low cost.



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.

▶ Watch a short video on pathways to ECU — youtu.be/p1UUREajINI

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/degrees/uniprep

Creative Arts 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.

→ Read more about CAPE — ecu.edu.au/future-students/course-entry/creative-arts-portfolio-entry

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/future-students/course-entry/experience-based-entry-scheme

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.

→ To read more about all pathways — ecu.edu.au/degrees/pathways

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.

Screen Studies

You can study the Screen Studies major (Bachelor of Media and Communications degree) if you have an Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media or equivalent.

If you have a Diploma of Screen and Media, you'll need to do a transitional semester to qualify.

Talk to us to check your eligibility. You'll need to apply direct to us not via TISC.



Everything about applying is here — ecu.edu.au/future-students/applying

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 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.**
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!

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