

# Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts

2019 Offerings

- Acting
- Arts Management
- Dance
- Music
- Music Theatre
- Performing Arts



# Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts at Edith Cowan University

The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) at ECU is one of the world's leading performing arts academies. WAAPA is recognised nationally and internationally for the quality of its graduates. It provides the most comprehensive range of performing arts training in Australia – both on stage and behind the scenes. Entry into each course is competitive, and prospective students undertake an audition and/or an interview as part of the application process.

In many instances, WAAPA can accept video auditions and interviews for international applicants. Please check the WAAPA website [waapa.ecu.edu.au](http://waapa.ecu.edu.au) (under Courses and Admissions) for further details.

## Showcasing Your Talent

Each year, students, staff and critically acclaimed guest artists collaborate to present hundreds of performances across a range of concerts, plays, dance, music theatre, opera and film. Many of these events take place in WAAPA's own performance venues at ECU's Mount Lawley Campus. Exciting community partnerships also enable WAAPA students to perform in a diverse range of spaces in the Perth metropolitan area and beyond.

## Creative Arts Best in Australia

We've been rated Australia's top university for overall education experience and teaching quality in the Creative Arts discipline in the 2018 QILT ratings.

## The Edith Spiegelent

ECU is the first university in the world to acquire its very own Spiegelent. Renamed 'The Edith', it provides a unique performance space for WAAPA students to hone their craft. Jerome Davenport, a graduate of WAAPA's Props and Scenery course, and an internationally acclaimed aerosol artist and muralist, was commissioned to create an exciting façade and theatrical external look for The Edith. The interior retains its handmade architecture of wood, mirrors, canvas and leaded glass, with intricate detailing in velvet and brocade.





### Star Graduates

WAAPA graduates are in high demand and excel in their chosen professions. Some are highly celebrated:

- Hugh Jackman
- Rachelle Durkin
- Dacre Montgomery
- Emma Matthews
- Frances O'Connor
- Jamie Oehlers
- Marcus Graham
- Eddie Perfect
- William McInnes
- Tim Minchin
- Lisa McCune
- Jai Courtney

### Industry Partners

Here are some examples of where our students have undertaken work projects or professional experience:

- Australian Chamber Orchestra
- Australian Dance Theatre
- Bell Shakespeare Company
- Cirque du Soleil
- Melbourne Theatre Company
- Opera Australia
- Perth International Arts Festival
- Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
- Shakespeare's Globe Theatre (London)
- Sydney Dance Company
- The Really Useful Company Asia Pacific
- West Australian Ballet

**"I chose WAAPA as it is the leading performing arts institution in Australia and boasts one of the highest number of performances every year."**

My experience here has been really great so far. My lecturers are incredibly dedicated and are willing to go the extra mile to help us understand what is being taught in class. They really make the effort to tailor their classes to the cohort's specific needs and to cater to students of all different levels so that we are all on the same page. In my course, we constantly have people from the industry coming to speak with us and conduct workshops. I've always loved these sessions as they have been so valuable in giving me a glimpse into the industry and the challenges I might face as an artiste. More importantly, through these exchanges, I get to listen and learn from the mistakes these people have made, which will help me with the challenges I am likely to face in the course of my career.

**Ashley Chua**  
Bachelor of Music student  
Singapore





# Courses

We offer a diverse range of disciplines, courses, majors, minors and electives.

Visit [ecugetready.com.au/waapa](http://ecugetready.com.au/waapa) for more information on our Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts offerings.

## Undergraduate Courses

- **Bachelor of Arts (Acting)** – *Unique in Western Australia*
- **Bachelor of Arts (Arts Management)** – *Unique in Australia*
- **Bachelor of Arts (Dance)** – *Unique in Western Australia*
- **Bachelor of Arts (Music Theatre)** – *Unique in Western Australia*
- **Bachelor of Music** – *Unique in Western Australia*  
Majors: • Classical Performance: Instrumental  
• Classical Performance: Vocal • Composition and Music Technology • Contemporary Music • Jazz
- **Bachelor of Performing Arts** – *Unique in Australia*  
Majors: • Performance Making • Practice Transition  
• Production and Design

## Postgraduate Courses

- **Master of Arts (Performing Arts)** – *Unique in Western Australia*
- **Doctor of Philosophy**
- **Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated)**



# Why Study at ECU?

We equip you with the confidence and practical skills to deal with whatever challenges may come your way, no matter where you are in the world. We have direct links with industry and organisations, which means you get hands-on experience while you're studying. Our degrees are internationally recognised and a considerable number of courses are professionally accredited by a variety of national and international organisations. Your learning extends beyond the classroom with our practicum, work integrated learning, and internships.

## Perth

Perth is the capital city of Western Australia, which is the largest state in Australia and The Economist Intelligence Unit (2004-2017) has rated Perth one of the top 10 most liveable cities in the world for the past 14 years.



### Getting Around Perth

Perth has a modern and safe public transport network that is convenient and accessible for students.

- **Free bus service:** Perth, Fremantle and Joondalup city zones have a free bus service.
- **Discount:** Full-time students receive between 40% and 45% discount on all public transport.

Visit the Transperth website [transperth.wa.gov.au](http://transperth.wa.gov.au) for more information



### Population

**Perth:** 2 million  
**Western Australia:** 2.58 million  
**Australia:** 24 million

## Rankings



### Most Satisfied Students

Ranked the top public university in Australia for most satisfied students in the 2017 and 2018 QILT survey results.



### Times Higher Education

Ranked 101-150 in the Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings for 2018.



### Five-Star Teaching Quality

Five star rating for teaching quality for 11 years in a row in the Good University Guide.



## International Scholarships

Our scholarships provide you with a **20%** fee reduction off your tuition fees for the duration of your course, worth up to **\$27,200**.

Visit [ecu.edu.au/international-scholarships](http://ecu.edu.au/international-scholarships) for more information.

**Our changing world needs a university to change with it.**

**A university where courses composed with industry deliver the most relevant knowledge and skills.**

**So be the graduate the changing world needs.**

**And **get ready** at ECU.**

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