



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Behavioural Science

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School of Arts & Sciences

Do you wish to work with marginalised people to help them achieve social justice? The University of Notre Dame Australia's Bachelor of Behavioural Science is a three-year degree. As part of your degree, you will explore and analyse different socio-economic groups and communities within society and see how they cope with their various government, social, and legal pressures. You will also receive training that allows you to work compassionately with marginalised people and help them achieve social justice. Get in touch today to start your learning journey.

Why study this degree?

The Bachelor of Behavioural Science is a unique program that combines elements of psychology, political science, cultural studies and sociology. Integrating specialised knowledge developed in these social science disciplines and with a strong focus on critical psychology, the program forges a connection between traditional psychology and social work.

During this program, you will understand your place and role in society and respect social and cultural diversity. Embedded within the degree is a specific emphasis on the assumptions and practices that promote substantive reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

As a graduate, you will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to work with those who may be experiencing marginalisation or disadvantage. Depending on your particular specialisations and choice of subjects, employment opportunities will be available in various industries and fields, including advertising, community development, social impact assessment and more.

Work Integrated Learning: The Behavioural Science Internship forms a vital part of this degree and offers you the chance to apply the theoretical knowledge of your degree in a professional environment.

The Internship requires that you complete a minimum of 90 hours within an organisation in conjunction with regular class contact. You may undertake specific projects or tasks, engage in directed research, facilitate groups, write reports and develop projects or program initiatives as part of your internship.

Program summary

For a Bachelor of Behavioural Science you will complete 24 courses.

Twelve Behavioural Science courses are completed and you may choose to use eight elective courses to study a Major in another discipline or six elective courses to study a Minor, or you can use your elective courses to study more Behavioural Science courses.

Required Communications course (1 course)

All students in the Bachelor of Arts complete this course.

- ARTS1000 Academic Writing, Communication and Research

Twelve (12) required Behavioural Science courses

- *Introductory*
 - BESC1000 Developmental Psychology
 - BESC1020 Foundations of Human Behaviour
 - ABOR1000 Aboriginal People
 - BESC1050 Social Science Research
- *Intermediate*
 - BESC2240 Discourse, Power and Politics
 - BESC2140 Organisational Behaviour
 - BESC2250 Culture and Society
 - BESC2160 Psychological Perspectives on Health
- *Advanced*
 - BESC3930 Community: Policy and Development
 - BESC3150 Professional Practice in Behavioural Science
 - BESC3110 Research methods and Practice
 - BESC3940 Behavioural Science Internship

Eight (8) elective courses

These courses may be used to form an 8 course Major or a 6 course Minor from the list of disciplines below. Or you can complete extra Behavioural Sciences courses.

- Archaeology
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts-major-archaeology>)
- Biology (Major only)
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-science-major-biology>)
- English Literature
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts-major-english-literature>)
- Environmental Management
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts-major-environmental-management>)
- History (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts-major-history>)
- Human Resource Management
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fremantle/our-programs/majors-and-minors?v=Human%20Resource%20Management>)
- Journalism
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts-major-journalism>)

- Mathematics (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fremantle/our-programs/majors-and-minors?v=Mathematics>)
- Philosophy
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts-second-major-philosophy>)
- Politics and International Relations
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts-major-politics-and-international-relations>)
- Social Justice
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts-major-social-justice>)
- Theology
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts-major-theology>)

core-curriculum

Core Curriculum

- CORE I: Foundations of Wisdom
- CORE II: Elective
 - Electives in philosophy and\or theology
 - Professional embedded electives that integrate studies in a profession with philosophy and\or theology
 - An option to undertake a pilgrimage embedded in

the study of the philosophy and theology of pilgrimage, e.g., World Youth Day

- An option to undertake a course that integrates philosophy & theology with community service and charity work
 - An option to undertake an elective in philosophy, theology, and the liberal arts contained within an international experience
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Full details of the **Bachelor of Behavioural Science** program requirements are contained in the Program Requirements

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0022/385/of-Behavioural-Science.pdf).

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More information regarding courses can be found at the course descriptions

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/arts-and-sciences/course-descriptions>) page.

Please note: The availability of these courses is indicative only and may be subject to change.

Entry requirements

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Entry requirements WA

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Behavioural Science graduates will be able to:

1. Identify and evaluate evidence-based resources and information
2. Differentiate between individual, group/organisational, and societal level factors that influence human behaviour
3. Analyse the complex nature of these influences to promote social and emotional wellbeing
4. Analyse the socially constructed nature of knowledge, culture, and values and the role these factors play in shaping society
5. Relate appropriate theoretical frameworks and models to specific social issues to achieve transformative practice
6. Communicate arguments and/or ideas in a range of forms and forums
7. Work independently and in collaboration with others
8. Engage in critical reflexivity as a mechanism for understanding oneself in relation to society
9. Promote social justice as empowerment and liberation through respect for cultural diversity and reflexive ethical practice.

Practical component

Students are required to complete an 80 hour BESC3940 Behavioural Science Internship or ARTS3002 Internship or Professional Project.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this program can follow diverse career paths in the private and public sectors; The following careers are open to graduates: community development, youth work, policy development, corporate liaison, advertising, social impact assessment and more.

Real-world experience

You will learn from academics who are industry leaders and, through our practicum placements and internship programs, you will gain real professional experience and make valuable contacts with potential employers.

Honours

An Honours award is available for this program. Further information can be found in the Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Honours) regulations

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0024/384/of-Arts-Honours.pdf), or by contacting the School of Arts & Sciences (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-arts-and-sciences>).

Study Abroad

A global perspective adds a valuable dimension to your university education. At Notre Dame University you can study while experiencing the world. We encourage students to become active global citizens through a range of exchange programs, professional placements, study tours, and volunteer opportunities. Visit International Opportunities

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/international-students>) to find out more.

Fees and costs

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a place at a university where the Australian Government pays part of your fees. This part is a subsidy, not a loan, and you don't have to pay it back. However, this subsidy does not cover the entire cost of your study. Students must pay the rest, which is called the 'student contribution amount'.

In a Commonwealth Supported Place, your fees are subsidised by the Australian Government. Your fees will be split into two portions:

The Commonwealth contribution, which is the portion paid by the Australian Government.

The student contribution, which is the portion you pay. You may choose to pay upfront or defer your student contribution with a HECS-HELP Loan. The HECS-HELP loan scheme (<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-link/node/106/5de65e70-6656-4297-a79d-19fd4a6deadd>) assists eligible students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your HECS-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Eligible students will be offered a CSP – you do not need to apply.

International Full-Fee Paying

Tuition costs depend on an international student's study load and discipline. Fees are payable each semester at

least four weeks prior to the commencement of your program.

For indicative fees and information on how to pay, including Government loan schemes and our online calculator, visit our [Fees, costs and scholarships page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships>).

Student profile data

Tables 1 and 2 below give an indication of the likely peer cohort for new students in this Program. It provides data on all students who commenced in this Program in the most relevant recent intake period, including those admitted through all offer rounds and international students studying in Australia.

Fremantle Student Profile Data

TABLE 1a - Bachelor of Behavioural Science BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

Applicant background	Semester 1 2022	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
(A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)	8	44%
(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study	<5	N/P
(C) Work and life experience	N/A	N/A

(Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)		
(D) Recent secondary education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points) 	<5	N/P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, interview, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR) 	<5	N/P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <i>not</i> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, interview, school marks & recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement) 	<5	N/P
International students	N/A	N/A
<i>All students</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

TABLE 1b - Bachelor of Behavioural Science ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON THE BASIS OF *RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION* IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

RECENT SECONDARY	ATAR (Excluding	Selection Rank (ATAR plus any
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EDUCATION - ATAR-based offers	adjustment factors) *	adjustment factors) *[only if relevant]
Highest rank to receive an offer	94.25	94.25
Median rank to receive an offer	89.05	89.05
Lowest rank to receive an offer	70.00	70.00

**TABLE 2a - Bachelor of Behavioural Science
(Honours) BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1,
2022 INTAKE**

Applicant background	Semester 1 2022	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
(A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)	<5	100%
<i>All students</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>100%</i>

Notes:

“<5” – the number of students is less than 5

N/A – Students not accepted in this category

N/P – Not published: the number is hidden to prevent the calculation of numbers in cells with less than 5 students

In 2022, due to COVID, additional adjustment factor points were granted to applicants from NSW, ACT and VIC.

More information

Considering your uni options?

Talk to one of our career advisors for a personalised advice session (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>). Our advisors provide support while choosing a program of study and completing our application process. **Book my session. (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>)**

For more information, please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 8 9433 0533 or email future@nd.edu.au (<mailto:future@nd.edu.au>).

All international enquiries should contact the International Students Office on international@nd.edu.au (<mailto:international@nd.edu.au>).

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Need help? Ask Notre Dame

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

Duration type: Full time; Part time

Campus: Fremantle

Study mode: On campus

Commencement: Semester 1; Semester 2

Program code: 3034

CRICOS code: 040261C

Fee: Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP); International
II Fees

Practical Component: 90 hrs

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