



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Arts (Major: Philosophy)

School of Arts & Sciences, Fremantle Campus

Who am I? What is the meaning of life? How can we be certain of the truth? A Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Philosophy deals with some of the most important questions facing each of us. Apart from tackling such complex issues, this degree will teach you how to improve your own critical thinking abilities - a skill which you can apply to your career after university.

Why study this major?

The Philosophy Major fosters philosophical thought which is central to the way we see ourselves and the wider world. The Major provides a detailed introduction to the Western philosophical tradition, from the Ancient World right up until the present day. Along the way, you will grapple with some of the thorniest questions in moral philosophy, learn basic philosophical reasoning, and develop a capacity for critical thinking and clear expression.

Philosophy is available as a Major and Minor in the following programs, including double degree variations:

- Bachelor of Arts
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/fremantle/s-of-arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts>)
- Bachelor of Arts (Architecture)
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/fremantle/s-of-arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts-architecture>) (Minor only)
- Bachelor of Behavioural Science
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/fremantle/s-of-arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-behavioural-science>)
- Bachelor of Communications and Media
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/fremantle/s-of-arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-communications-and-media>) (second Major and Minor)
- Bachelor of Science
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/fremantle/s-of-arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-science>) (Minor only)

You can also complete a 3 year Bachelor of Philosophy (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/fremantle/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/undergraduate/bachelor-of-philosophy>) degree.

Structure of Philosophy Major in the Bachelor of Arts

The Philosophy Major includes these requirements:

Students must complete one Major, comprised of required courses and approved elective courses to a total of EIGHT (8) x 25 units of credit. More information about the courses can be found at the [course descriptions \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/arts-and-sciences/course-descriptions\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/arts-and-sciences/course-descriptions) page.

The Major may include TWO introductory 1000 level courses:

- CORE1010 Introduction to Philosophy
- CORE1020 Ethics

The Major must include at least SIX (6) of the following courses, including at least two (2) courses at the 3000 level:

- PHIL2100 History of Philosophy: Ancient
- PHIL2110 History of Philosophy: Medieval
- PHIL2130 History of Philosophy: Modern
- PHIL2140 History of Philosophy: Contemporary
- PHIL3710 Logical and Critical Thinking
- PHIL3210 Philosophy of the Human Person
- PHIL3090 Moral Philosophy
- PHIL3050 Aesthetics: Philosophy of Art
- PHIL3300 Epistemology: Ways of Knowing
- PHIL3150 Philosophy of Love and Friendship
- PHIL3080 Natural Law
- PHIL3520 Philosophy of Religion
- PHIL3550 Myth and Meaning
- PHIL3510 Metaphysics: Theories of Being and Existence
- PHIL3310 Cosmology and Philosophy of Science

- PHIL3410 Political Philosophy
- PHIL3950 Special Topics in Philosophy and Ethics

Please check availability with the School of Philosophy and Theology

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Regulations

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0023/384/Program-Regulations-2020-2021-of-Arts.pdf).

Here you can find full details of the Major, Second Major and Minor requirements

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0021/219/Major-Second-Major-and-Minor-Requirements.pdf).

Here you can find full details of the courses on offer in 2020 and 2021

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0021/245/Courses-on-Offer-2020-2021.pdf).

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

Study Abroad

You will have the opportunity to complete part of your degree at one of our partner institutions

through our exchange program. Get in touch with the Study Abroad Office

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

studying in Asia, Europe and North America.

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.

Entry requirements

Academic requirements for this program are outlined below. In addition, to be eligible for admission, all applicants need to satisfy minimum requirements outlined at [admission requirements](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements)

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements>). These include those relating to age and [English Language Proficiency](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements/english-language-proficiency-requirements)

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements/english-language-proficiency-requirements>).

We also consider your application more broadly - your non-academic achievements (such as any previous leadership roles, volunteering, work, church and/or community involvement) as well as personal qualities - your aspirations and interests and your capacity to complete your chosen program.

Applicants with recent Secondary Education:

- Indicative ATAR of 70 with a score of 50+ in ATAR English, ATAR Literature or ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)
OR
- Minimum International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 24
OR
- Completed AQF Certificate IV or higher in a relevant discipline, from an accredited provider such as TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) with a score of 50+ in ATAR

English, ATAR Literature or ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD).

Applicants with Higher Education Study

- Other university studies completed at undergraduate level or higher, a minimum of 4 successfully completed subjects;
- OR
- Successful completion of the Notre Dame Tertiary Pathway Program or of another Enabling Program at a level deemed sufficient by the University;

Applicants who have successfully completed subjects at another University, which are relevant to the selected program of study, may be eligible for Advanced Standing (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/current-students/your-enrolment/admin-and-fees/fremantle/advanced-standing>).

Applicants with Vocational Education and Training (VET) study

- Completed AQF Certificate IV or higher in a relevant discipline, from an accredited provider such as TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Applicants with Work and Life Experience

Applicants who left secondary education more than two years previously and who have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then, but with relevant work and life experience. Such experience may include, but is not limited to:

- STAT scores of at least 135 in the Multiple Choice section **and** 140 in the Written English section are

required

OR

- Mature-age completion of two Year 12 WACE or HSC exams with a resulting ATAR of 70 or above
- OR
- Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) or equivalent results if these have been completed within the last 5 years.

Please note: all applicants must be of school leaving age or older to apply.

Fees and costs

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

FEE-HELP

The FEE-HELP loan scheme assists eligible fee-paying students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your FEE-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index. Please note, from 1 January 2019, students studying an undergraduate program at the University of Notre Dame will no longer be charged the 25% FEE-HELP loan fee.

For further information, or for indicative fees for domestic or international students, please visit our [Fees page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees>).

Honours

An Honours award is available for this program. Further information can be found in the [Bachelor of Arts \(Honours\) 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/schools/fremantle/arts-and-sciences/contact-us>).

Career opportunities

The transferable skills from this Major will be welcome by many employers. Many students go on to post graduate study in education, law or counselling. Career opportunities include: policy analyst, researcher, intelligence officer, and diplomat.

More information

For more information on the Bachelor of Arts (Major: Philosophy), 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>).

APPLY DIRECT ↗

Need help? Ask Notre Dame

(08) 9433 0533

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

Campus: Fremantle

Practical Component: 90 hours

Loan Scheme: FEE-HELP

Study mode: On Campus

Code: Program Code 3009, CRICOS Code 015324A

Commencement: Semester 1 or Semester 2

APPLY DIRECT [NOTREDAME.EDU.AU](https://www.notredame.edu.au)