



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Arts (Major: Social Justice)

School of Arts & Sciences, Fremantle Campus

The Social Justice Major combines several disciplines such as politics, conflict studies, psychology and literature to prepare you to work in the challenging but rewarding area of social justice. Social justice and its pursuit are an important part of any liberal, progressive and democratic society.

Why study this major?

This Major aims to link social theory with social action and change. You will develop a critical understanding of key concepts of social justice, including the concept of universal human rights.

To complete this Major, you will take the Social Justice Service Learning & Community Engagement course in a local or international setting. You will develop critical skills such as leadership through service, ethical decision-making and self-reflection. Experiences in the placements are viewed through a social justice lens as part of active citizenship and community participation. During this

course, you will discuss issues in the local or international community, your role within the community, and social justice issues impact daily life.

Social Justice 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)

Structure of Social Justice Major in the Bachelor of Arts

To complete a Bachelor of Arts with a **Social Justice Major**, you will study 24 courses, eight of which will form the Major. Normally you will take at least one course from your Major in each semester. Most Majors build

sequentially in content, theme and skills and work towards the acquisition of advanced skills and knowledge by the completion of your third year of study.

You may also choose to use eight elective courses to study a Second Major in another discipline or six elective courses to study a Minor in another discipline. Then you'll have four or six more electives that you can select from any courses in the School of Arts & Sciences, providing you meet the pre-requisites that may apply.

Plus the Core Curriculum and compulsory Academic Writing courses – that makes 24 courses.

The Social Justice Major includes these requirements:

Students are required to complete 8 courses of 25 units of credit (200 units of credit), as follows.

TWO (2) required courses:

- SOJS1000 Introduction to Social Justice
- SOJS2120 Living Human Rights

Plus at least ONE (1) of these courses:

- SOJS3008 Social Justice Internship
- SOJS3170 Social Justice, Service Learning and Community Engagement

OR

- SOJS3220 Service Learning International
- SOJS3210 Designing Practical Approaches to Social Justice

Plus any of the following courses to a total of EIGHT (8) courses:

- SOJS3000 Global Development and Justice
- SOJS3130 Human and Environmental Security
- SOJS3160 Peace and Conflict Studies
- BESC2240 Discourse, Power and Politics
- BESC2250 Culture and Society
- ENGL3820 Freedom from Oppression: Literature that Changed the World
- PHIL3410 Political Philosophy

Students may complete a MAXIMUM of TWO (2) of these courses:

- ABOR1000 Aboriginal People
- ABOR2000 The Cultural and Spiritual Life of Aboriginal People
- ABOR3030 Aboriginal People in Contemporary Australian Society
- ABOR3040 Aboriginal People and the Media
- ABOR3310 Aboriginal People and the Legal System

Other courses on approval of the Dean, and if available, to a maximum of 50 units of credit:

- ARTS3010 Experience the World I
- ARTS3020 Experience the World II
- ARTS3030 Experience the World Study Tour (50 units of credit)

Details of the program requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts** are contained in the [Program Regulations \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/384/of-Arts.pdf\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/384/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/0018/219/Justice.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/on-offer.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.

Service-learning: Service-learning through our Social Justice area combines community service with academic instruction as it focuses on critical, reflective thinking and civic responsibility. Placements for some courses are in

the local community and there is also the opportunity to take the international version of this course and travel to locations such as Cambodia.

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 are sought after by many employers. Career opportunities include: youth justice case manager, community engagement officer, not-for-profit campaign organiser, program manager for community-based not-for-profit organisations, social research officer, human rights worker, and aid worker/humanitarian worker.

More information

For more information on the Bachelor of Arts (Major: Social Justice), 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

(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

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