



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Philosophy

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School of Philosophy & Theology

When you undertake the Bachelor of Philosophy at The University of Notre Dame Australia, you will be encouraged to reflect deeply and critically on the fundamental questions that have perplexed man since ancient times. You will also be challenged to examine your beliefs, values, and approach to living. A study of philosophy will boost your critical thinking abilities and deepen your cultural literacy by exploring how philosophical thought has influenced Western culture. Contact us to find out more.

Why study this degree?

This three-year Bachelor of Philosophy program is enriching and delivered in a collegiate manner to encourage discussion and personal reflection. The degree can be studied over three years full-time or part-time.

You will be taught to think critically and to become knowledgeable and considerate citizens. We aim to educate the whole person by facilitating engagement with the more profound questions of individual and social life. The Bachelor of Philosophy provides the foundation of a broad and balanced philosophical education.

The program covers Ancient, Medieval and Modern philosophy while grappling with the contemporary problems addressed by both analytic and continental philosophy. It takes seriously the Catholic philosophical tradition, which emphasises the importance of considering ideas from all points of view.

Students studying a degree in Philosophy can undertake a Major or Minor in the following disciplines: Theology, History, English Literature, Politics & International Relations, Behavioural Science and Social Justice. Students may also wish to study Philosophy and Theology as a Major within a degree in the School of Arts & Sciences.

Program summary

Year One

- The Method and Basic Problems of Philosophy
- History of Philosophy: Ancient
- General Elective 1
- Critical Thinking
- Philosophy of the Human Person
- History of Philosophy: Medieval
- General Elective 2

Year Two

- History of Philosophy: Modern

- Epistemology – Ways of Knowing
- Moral Philosophy
- History of Philosophy: Contemporary
- Political Philosophy
- Natural Law
- General Elective 3

Year Three

- An Introduction to Metaphysics
- Faith and Reason
- General Elective 4
- Metaphysics, Being & God
- Philosophy of Science
- General Elective 5
- General Elective 6

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- 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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More information regarding courses can be found at the course descriptions pages Fremantle (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/fremantle/course-descriptions>) Sydney (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/sydney/course-descriptions>).

Above are example of courses for Bachelor of Philosophy , for full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Requirements (https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0014/407/of-Philosophy-Honours.pdf).

Entry requirements

drop-down code

Entry requirements WA

Entry requirements NSW

Learning outcomes

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

1. Articulate a broad and coherent body of knowledge, with depth in the underlying principles and concepts in the discipline of philosophy as a basis for independent lifelong learning
2. Critically analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge
3. Demonstrate technical skills to a broad understanding of knowledge with depth in philosophy
4. Exercise critical thinking and judgement in identifying and solving problems with intellectual independence
5. Communicate and present a clear, coherent and independent exposition of philosophical knowledge and concepts; and
5. Apply philosophical reflection, knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed theoretical and practical judgement and ethical responsibility.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this program can follow diverse career paths in the private and public sectors. Career opportunities range from Advocacy, journalism and media, international diplomacy and trade missions, policy development, Government administration, academic teaching, public libraries, and research institutes.

Real-world experience

You will learn from our academics, who are leaders in their field. There are no practicum requirements for this program.

Honours

An Honours award is available for this program. Further information can be found in the [Bachelor of Philosophy \(Honours\) regulations](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/407of-Philosophy-Honours.pdf) (https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/407of-Philosophy-Honours.pdf), or by contacting the [School of Philosophy & Theology](https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology>).

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) (<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

The tables below gives 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 Philosophy 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	N/P
(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study	<5	100%
(C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)	N/A	N/A
(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) 	N/A	N/A

◦ 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
◦ 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
All students	N/P	100.0%

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

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

Sydney Student Profile Data

TABLE 1a - Bachelor of Philosophy 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%
(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study	<5	N/P
(C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)	<5	N/P
(D) Recent secondary education:	N/A	N/A
<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) 	N/A	N/A
<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) 	N/A	N/A
	5	45%

◦ 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)		
International students	N/A	N/A
All students	<i>N/P</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

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

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 contact our Prospective Students Office.

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All international enquiries should contact the International Students Office on 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; Sydney

Study mode: On campus

Commencement: Semester 1; Semester 2

Program code: 3311

CRICOS code: 061708C

Fee: Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP); International
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