



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Arts (Major: Social Justice)

School of Arts & Sciences, Sydney Campus

The Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Social Justice is a unique and exciting program designed for those who are passionate about social justice, want to learn more about social inequalities and contribute to meaningful change. One of the only of its kind internationally, the undergraduate social justice program integrates insights from a range of disciplines towards a targeted study of issues of equality and justice, offering a combination of academic and experiential learning opportunities.

Why study this degree?

Are you passionate about social issues, human rights and the value of the human person? Do you believe in the importance social justice and equality? Our Social Justice Major at The University of Notre Dame Australia draws together insights from several disciplines, such as

sociology, conflict studies, psychology and politics to analyse and consider ways of addressing a range of social issues.

Based on the principles of human dignity, solidarity, and equality, the program explores a range of contemporary social justice problems in relation to each of these areas.

Students learn about human rights and important contemporary debates in the field of social justice, and explore specialist subjects such as peace and conflict, global development, ableism and disability, social movements and genocide. Students will also engage in advanced applied learning through courses on social movements and campaigns, and opportunities to undertake an internship or participate in our Experience the World program. The program helps develop skills in effective writing and communicating, ethical engagement, and critical and reflective thinking.

Graduates of this Social Justice program can choose to work as researchers, social advocates, practitioners and educators with government agencies, international charities, non-government organisations (NGOs), development agencies, lobby groups and many other bodies.

Program summary

To complete a Bachelor of Arts with a Social Justice Major, you will study 24 courses, eight of which will form the Major.

You may also choose to add a Second Major in another discipline (8 courses) or a Minor in another discipline (6 courses) to complement your Social Justice Major. You can

also choose to have a Social Justice Minor (6 courses) to compliment a Major in another discipline.

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 (25 units of credit)
- SOJS1120 Living Human Rights (25 units of credit)

Plus at least ONE (1) of these courses:

- SOJS3008 Social Justice Internship (25 units of credit)
- SOJS3170 Social Justice, Service Learning and Community Engagement (25 units of credit) AND/OR
- SOJS3001 Advocating for Social Change (25 units of credit)

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

- SOJS3000 Global Development and Justice (25 units of credit)
- SOJS3160 Peace and Conflict Studies (25 units of credit)
- SOJS2001 Social Movements and Social Change (25 units of credit)
- SOJS2040 Social Justice and the Natural World (25 units of credit)
- SOJS3160 Peace and Conflict Studies (25 units of credit)

- POLI3012/SOCI3012 The Politics and History of Genocide (25 units of credit)
- SOCI3000 Ableism, (Dis)ability and Society (25 units of credit)
- ENGL3820 Freedom from Oppression: Literature that Changed the World (25 units of credit)

Students may also count a MAXIMUM of TWO (2) of these courses as part of the major:

- ABOR1000 Aboriginal People (25 units of credit)
- ABOR2000 The Cultural and Spiritual Life of Aboriginal People (25 units of credit)
- ABOR3030 Aboriginal People in Contemporary Australian Society (25 units of credit)
- ABOR3040 Aboriginal People and the Media (25 units of credit)
- ABOR3310 Aboriginal People and the Legal System (25 units of credit)

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)

Full details of the program requirements 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).

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) (<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

- HSC Performance Band Results with a Band 4 in English, a minimum average of Bands 4s and an overall minimum average HSC mark of 70% in HSC Category A Courses (or Interstate equivalent). Applicants must be eligible for an ATAR or OP; or
- Minimum International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 24.

Applicants with Higher Education Study

- Other University Studies completed at undergraduate level or higher. A minimum number of 2 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/sydney/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 with relevant work and life experience who left secondary education more than two years ago and have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then may seek admission on the basis of:

- Their experience. 'Experience' could include a combination of factors sufficient to demonstrate readiness for higher education such as Mature Age entry, relevant professional experience, community involvement or work experience. Applicants may have undertaken non-formal programs that have helped prepare them for tertiary education or are relevant to the proposed higher education field of study. Evidence must be provided as to the type and duration or employment (minimum of two years) in a relevant industry. The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) may be required.
- STAT – Scores of 150 in the Multiple Choice and Written English sections are required.
- Higher School Certificate (HSC) (or equivalent) results if these have been completed within the last 5 years.

Fees

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.

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/sydney/arts-and-sciences/contact-us>).

Career opportunities

The following careers are open to graduates of this program:

- Research
- Social advocacy
- Education
- Welfare

More information

For more information on the Bachelor of Arts (Major: Social Justice), please contact the Prospective Students Office on +61 (2) 8204 4404 or email sydney@nd.edu.au (<mailto:sydney@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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Duration: 3 years full-time or equivalent part-time

Campus: Sydney

Practical Component: 80 hours

Loan Scheme: HECS-HELP

Study mode: On campus

Code: Program Code 3009, CRICOS Code 015324A

Commencement: Semester 1 or Semester 2

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