



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Arts (Major: Writing)

School of Arts & Sciences, Sydney Campus

Regardless of whether you intend to be a creative author, non-fiction writer or produce textbooks for a specialist audience, the ability to write clearly and effectively is a highly sought-after skill in any profession. The Bachelor of Arts (Major: Writing) is an intensive writing degree that will prepare you to research, write and edit a wide range of written materials. During the program you will study everything from literary works to technical journals and websites; looking at the works of others will also allow you to improve the range and depth of your own writing ability.

Why study this degree?

Do you want to write the great Australian novel? Perhaps you dream of becoming a professional speechwriter or embarking on a career as a digital copywriter? Our Writing

Major demonstrates just how expansive the role of a professional writer has become in the 21st Century.

This program balances literary appreciation and skills-based training. You will be encouraged to think both creatively and critically – and to explore the relationship between writing practice, form and genre. In addition to learning about the Western literary tradition, you will also be introduced to many other genres such as screen writing, feature writing, professional writing and drama. You will also gain valuable training in researching and editing, both of which are crucial skills for any writer.

This degree is a natural choice if you want to become a professional writer, but is also a great asset if you want to pursue a career in journalism, the theatre, politics or film and screen production.

Program summary

Core Curriculum

- CORE1001 Logos I
- CORE1002 Logos II
- CORE1003 Logos III

Compulsory courses

- WRIT2000 The Western Literary Tradition
- WRIT2000 Narrative Writing
- WRIT3010 Writing Project

Plus at least FOUR (4) of the following:

- COMM2020 Screenwriting
- Professional Writing

- COMM3040 Feature Writing
- WRIT3000 Writing for Performance
- Australian Writer's Workshop

Plus at least ONE (1) of the following:

- ENGL3320 The Novel in English
- ENGL3030 Gothic Literature and its Legacy
- COMM3090 Adaptation Studies
- ENGL3160 Australian Literature and the Post-Colonial Challenge
- ENGL3010 Uses and Abuses of Literary Theory
- ENGL3060 Australian Theatre

Plus 12 electives which may form another Major or Minor (undertaken during Years One, Two and/or Three).

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the [Program Regulations](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/3840/Program-Regulations-of-Arts.pdf) (https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/3840/Program-Regulations-of-Arts.pdf).

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

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>). 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. 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)

(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)

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More information

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

Loan Scheme: FEE-Help

Study mode: Full-time, Part-time

Code: Course Code 3009, CRICOS Code 015324A

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