

## Bachelor of Arts

### Course code: ABAB (Commencing 1B1 2025)

#### Course Requirements

To attain the Bachelor of Arts students will be required to complete 288 credit points consisting of:

- 96 credit points of Core studies
- 96 credit points of Major studies selected from the approved list (includes Capstone units ACX3005/6)
- 96 credit points made up of either:

Option A:

- 72 credit points of 2nd major studies (not including Capstone units ACX3005/6) AND
- 24 credit points of elective units taken from any major or minor offered in ABAB (must be at year 2/3 level not already taken)

OR

Option B:

- 48 credit point of 1st Minor studies selected from the approved list AND
- 48 credit points of 2nd Minor studies selected from the approved list (must be at year 2/3 level not already taken)

OR

Option C:

- 48 credit point of 1st Minor studies selected from the approved list AND
- 48 credit points of elective units taken from any major or minor offered in ABAB (must be at year 2/3 level not already taken)

OR

Option D

- 48 credit point of 1st Minor studies selected from the approved list AND
- 24 credit points of elective units taken from any major or minor offered in ABAB (must be at year 2/3 not already taken) AND
- 24 credit points of elective units from across the University (must be at third year level).

**Note:** Students intending to select 'Psychology' as their Major undertake core units APP1012 Psychology 1A, APP1013 Psychology 1B, in their first year of study instead of ABA1004 Text and Representation and ACU1002 Creativity, Communication and the Digital Age.

**AMADIG and AMIDIG are available to Domestic students only.**

Students are required to enrol in all units for semester 1 and 2, and are not permitted to enrol in more than 48 credit points per semester as a full-time load.

#### Further Information

Unit and course information is available from the University course search site at <http://vu.edu.au/course-search> or go to <https://askvu.vu.edu.au> or Phone VUHQ on 03 9919 6100

#### Campus

Footscray Park (FP)

#### College

College of Arts, Business, Law, Education and IT

#### Study Mode

Full Time or Part Time

#### Duration

3 Years Full Time or Part Time equivalent

#### Fee Type

For information on course fees, refer to <http://vu.edu.au/fees>

#### Application Method

VTAC - <https://vtac.edu.au>  
Direct Application - <https://gotovu.custhelp.com/app/landing>

#### Timetable

[vu.edu.au/timetables](http://vu.edu.au/timetables)

#### Course Chair

Robert Bell  
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#### Course Advice

AskCUA - <https://askvu.vu.edu.au/app/askcua>

## Year 1

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ABA1000	Academic Discourse and Experience	Core	1B1	12	FP	
ABA1003	Introduction to Sociology	Core	1B2	12	FP	
ABA1002	Knowledge, Inquiry and Research	Core	1B3	12	FP	
ABA1001	Reason and Revolution	Core	1B4	12	FP	
ABA1004	Text and Representation	Core	2B1	12	FP	
ABA1005	The Era of Controversy	Core	2B2	12	FP	
AEK1204	Aboriginal History and Political Movements	Core	2B3	12	FP	
ACU1002	Creativity, Communication and the Digital Age	Core	2B4	12	FP	

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ABA1000	Academic Discourse and Experience	Core	1B1	12	FP	
ABA1003	Introduction to Sociology	Core	1B2	12	FP	
APP1012	Psychology 1A	Core	1B3	12	FP	
ABA1001	Reason and Revolution	Core	1B4	12	FP	
AEK1204	Aboriginal History and Political Movements	Core	2B1	12	FP	
ABA1002	Knowledge, Inquiry and Research	Core	2B2	12	FP	
ABA1005	The Era of Controversy	Core	2B3	12	FP	
ACU1002	Psychology 1B	Core	2B4	12	FP	

**Students should be enrolling in the above sequence patterns only.** Unit offerings have been created by your discipline for your specific course. If the unit quota is full, please contact [AskCUA](#) for course advice.

## Prerequisites

A number of units within the degree have 'prerequisites'. These prerequisites must be met before enrolment in the unit is permitted. Generally these prerequisites require the successful completion of a unit or units taken at an earlier stage in the course. Students should pay particular attention to these prerequisite requirements as failure to meet these can seriously hinder progression through the course.

## Core

A unit that must be completed

## Major

The subject area that you will specialise in during your degree, comprising a set of units within a particular discipline. For example, a business degree has majors such as marketing and banking & finance. At Victoria University a major is made up of 96 credit points (equivalent to 8 units)

## Minor

A subject area that is the second focus of a degree, comprising a smaller set of units than a major within a particular discipline. At Victoria University a minor is made up of 48 credit points (equivalent to 4 units).

## Elective

you have some choice in what you select.

## Year 2

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
	Major 1 - Unit 1	Major		12		
	Major 1 - Unit 2	Major		12		
	Major 1 - Unit 3	Major		12		
	Major 1 - Unit 4	Major		12		
	Major 2 - Unit 1 OR Minor 1 - Unit 1	Major		12		
		Minor				
	Major 2 - Unit 2 OR Minor 1 - Unit 2	Major		12		
		Minor				
	Major 2 - Unit 3 OR Minor 1 - Unit 3	Major		12		
		Minor				
	Major 2 - Unit 4 OR Minor 1 - Unit 4	Major		12		
		Minor				

## Year 3

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
	Major 1 - Unit 5	Major		12		
	Major 1 - Unit 6	Major		12		
	Major 1 - Unit 7	Major		12		
	Major 1 - Unit 8	Major		12		
	Major 2 - Unit 5 OR Minor 2 - Unit 1	Major		12		
		Minor				
	Major 2 - Unit 6 OR Minor 2 - Unit 2	Major		12		
		Minor				
	Major 2 - Unit 7 OR Minor 2 - Unit 3	Major		12		
		Minor				
	Major 2 - Unit 8 OR Minor 2 - Unit 4	Major		12		
		Minor				

## Majors and Minors

Approved Majors		Approved Minors		
AMACOM	<a href="#">Communication Studies</a>	AMICOM	<a href="#">Communication Studies</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
AMADIG	<a href="#">Digital Media</a>	AMICWS	<a href="#">Community Work and Social Change</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
AMAHIS	<a href="#">History</a>	AMIDIG	<a href="#">Digital Media</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
AMALIT	<a href="#">Literary Studies</a>	AMIGEN	<a href="#">Gender Studies</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
AMAPSY	<a href="#">Psychology</a>	AMIHIS	<a href="#">History</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
AMASLY	<a href="#">Sociology</a>	AMILIT	<a href="#">Literary Studies</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
AMARIT	<a href="#">Writing</a>	AMIPOL	<a href="#">Political Science</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
AMAVSU	<a href="#">Visual Art</a>	AMIPOP	<a href="#">Popular Music Studies</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
		AMIPSY	<a href="#">Psychology</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
		AMISLY	<a href="#">Sociology</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
		AMIVSU	<a href="#">Visual Art</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
		AMIWRI	<a href="#">Writing</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
		EMIAGL	<a href="#">Aboriginal Yulendj (Knowledge) and Community</a>	◆ ◆ ◆
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## Majors

### Communication Studies - AMACOM

In an 'information society', a detailed understanding of the dynamics of communication and the skills needed to communicate effectively is highly valued. The Communication Studies major introduces students to a wide range of approaches to the study of interpersonal, social and media-based communication.

The Communication Studies major also assists students to develop and apply effective communication techniques in socially relevant settings such as the workplace environment and community organisations.

Students can complement their work in other specialisation areas including Writing, Literary Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Gender Studies, and Visual Arts.

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ACC2004	Culture and Communication	Major	12	FP		
ACC2002	Media, Culture and Society	Major	12	FP		
ACC2010	Television Production	Major	12	FP		
ASN2008	Narrative Worlds	Major	12	FP		
ACC2011	Radio Production	Major	12	FP		
ACC3061	World Cinemas	Major	12	FP		
ACX3005	Graduating Project 1	Major	12	FP		
ACX3006	Graduating Project 2	Major	12	FP	ACX3005	
Students are required to complete only one pair of capstone units in their degree ACX3005 Graduating Project 1 and ACX3006 Graduating Project 2. Students should replace the capstone units in the second major with 24 credit points of elective units taken from any major or minor offered in ABAB (must be at year 2 or 3 level in a major or minor not already taken)						

### Semester Dates

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## Majors

### Digital Media - AMIDIG

Digital media is a ubiquitous force transforming how we work, interrelate and communicate. Once a technology located within the area of work, digital media is moving into all areas of everyday life, and practitioners are required to develop new applications such as in the areas of entertainment, health and education.

Concurrently, technology is now at a point where those with higher education level digital media can co-opt technology to create projects.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACI3103	The Global Creative	Major		12	FP	
ACM2004	Digital Service Design and Analytics	Major		12	ORT	
ACM2009	International Design	Major		12	ORT	
ACM2014	Visual and Interactive Design for Digital Media	Major		12	ORT	
ACM3014	Digital User Experience	Major		12	ORT	
ACX3005	Graduating Project 1	Major		12	FP	
ACX3006	Graduating Project 2	Major		12	FP	ACX3005
ASN2005	From Concept to Production	Major		12	FP	

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## Majors

### History - AMAHIS

Knowledge of the past has always been central to human awareness. For more than a century, the study of History has underpinned the Western liberal tradition.

History is connected with the search for meaning. It conveys communal memory, creating a sense of personal and group identity by locating individuals in time and space. The study of History offers each of us the chance to understand, even bridge, other cultures.

The major in History offers opportunities to sample this diverse human experience. We offer studies that embrace the ancient Middle East, medieval and modern Europe, revolutions in France and Great Britain, and the modern history of Russia and the United States.

Our aim is to both challenge and excite you as you move through the study of History, beyond your own lives to those of people in other times and other places. We also aim to develop an appreciation of the contributions historians make to an understanding of contemporary society.

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AAH2002	The World Before 1770	Major		12	FP	
AAH2003	European Revolution and War	Major		12	FP	
AAH2004	Divided Europe	Major		12	FP	
AAH3001	Histories of Immigrant Australia	Major		12	FP	
AAH3002	Irish History	Major		12	FP	
AAH3003	Making the Modern Middle East	Major		12	FP	
ACX3005	Graduating Project 1	Major		12	FP	
ACX3006	Graduating Project 2	Major		12	FP	ACX3005
Students are required to complete only one pair of capstone units in their degree ACX3005 Graduating Project 1 and ACX3006 Graduating Project 2. Students should replace the capstone units in the second major with 24 credit points of elective units taken from any major or minor offered in ABAB (must be at year 2 or 3 level in a major or minor not already taken).						

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## Majors

### Literary Studies - AMALIT

This major provides an integrated set of units in literary studies. It builds on the minor in literary studies and broadens student understanding of contemporary and historical literary themes and texts.

Students are introduced to different scholarly positions that shape contemporary commentary, and are invited to consider the impact of different speaking positions on how the field of literary studies is being shaped.

Assessment tasks for the major include short exercises, oral presentations, essays, and formal examinations. The major includes capstone units, which provide students with the opportunity to draw on their learning in their major, and develop the capacity to apply this learning in new contexts.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACL2001	Reading Contemporary Fiction	Major		12	FP	
ACL2002	Studying Poetry and Poetics	Major		12	FP	
ACL2007	Romance and Realism	Major		12	FP ORT	ACL2001 and ACL2002
ACL3009	Australian Literature	Major		12	FP	ACL2001, ACL2002 and ACL2007
ACL3000	Children's Literature	Major		12	FP ORT	
ACL3016	Working Class Writing	Major		12	FP	ACL2001 and ACL2002
ACX3005	Graduating Project 1	Major		12	FP	
ACX3006	Graduating Project 2	Major		12	FP	ACX3005
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## Majors

### Psychology - AMAPSY

The accredited psychology major equips you with a theoretical understanding of a range of psychological topics such as motivation and emotion, biological, cognitive, social, and personality psychology. Analytical, research and statistical skills, and understanding of relationships and communication are also developed through study of this major.

Course professional accreditation is required for graduates as a pathway for further study. The Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) reviews course content against set criteria; academic staff profiles; administration and technical support. Students completing this major set will also have completed the two pre-requisite foundation units at first year level: APP1012 and APP1013.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
APP2013	Psychology 2A	Major		12	FP	APP1012 and APP1013
APP2014	Psychology 2B	Major		12	FP	APP2013
APP3034	History, Theories and Practice of Psychology	Major		12	FP	APP2014 and HPP2001
APP3035	Reverse Methods in Psychology	Major		12	FP	APP2014
APP3037	Clinical Aspects of Psychology	Major		12	FP	APP2014 and HPP2001
HPP2001	Developmental Psychology	Major		12	FP	APP1013
<b>PLUS - 24 Credit Points of Psychology Electives from the approved list:</b>						
APP3015	Counselling Theory and Practice	Elective		12	FP	APP2013
APP3016	Group Behaviour	Elective		12	FP	APP2013
APP3018	Organisations and Work	Elective		12	FP	APP2013
APP3019	Psychobiology	Elective		12	FP	APP2013
APP3027	Relationship and Family Wellbeing	Elective		12	FP	APP2013

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## Majors

### Sociology - AMASLY

Sociologists study a wide variety of topics including education, work and unemployment; the family; health, sex, gender and sexuality; ethnicity and racism; equality, opportunity and inequality; and crime, law and social justice.

The Sociology Major begins with an overview of sociology – an introduction to how we might go about applying the sociological imagination to a wide range of aspects of contemporary social arrangements, and includes a focus on core sociological concepts: how aspects of public order and ‘the normal’ are social phenomena, how one’s identities are forged in a social context, and how power is exercised by the way everyday life is structured in space and through the way we come to know the world.

Sociology is core knowledge required in a range of public sector, environmental, community sector and service industries, and prepares students in critical thinking, problem-solving and social inquiry.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASS2002	Social Worlds, Social Policy	Major	12	FP		
ASS2004	Sociology of Social Control	Major	12	FP		
ASS2009	Making Modern Identities	Major	12	FP		
ASS3007	Space, Knowledge and Power	Major	12	FP		
ASS3033	Political Sociology	Major	12	FP		
ASS3050	Migration, Mobility and Globalisation	Major	12	FP		
ACX3005	Graduating Project 1	Major	12	FP		
ACX3006	Graduating Project 2	Major	12	FP	ACX3005	

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### Writing - AMARIT

The Writing major is designed for students who enjoy writing and are interested in developing and consolidating their writing skills and experience. As part of this major, students will extend their practical and analytical writing skills and their understanding of theoretical concepts, in the area of creative and professional writing.

Classes and practical writing workshops give students an opportunity to employ a range of writing genres, including fiction writing, memoir, scriptwriting, and journalism. All units balance the practical development of expertise in writing, and analysis of the writing of others, within a broader social and cultural context.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACP1055	Story: Transforming the Blank Page	Major		12	FP	
ACP2081	Writing from the Edge: Narrative Non-Fiction	Major		12	FP	
ACP2082	Script and Screen	Major		12	FP	
ACP2086	Impossible Worlds: Fiction and Genre	Major		12	FP	
ACP2087	News and Social Media	Major		12	FP	
ACP3008	Crossing Borders: Between Fact and Fiction	Major		12	FP	ACP1055 and ACP2081 or ACP2082 or ACP2086 or ACP2087
ACX3005	Graduating Project 1	Major		12	FP	
ACX3006	Graduating Project 2	Major		12	FP	ACX3005
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### Visual Art - AMAVSU

The Visual Art major provides students with an integrated set of units that will develop student individual art making practices and broaden student experience and understanding of fine art history and theory.

Undertaking this major will allow you to conceive, produce and critique artworks incorporating methodologies of painting, drawing, installation, digital art and photography. Through theoretical content, discourse and research of significant artists, students will make rigorous critical analytical and interpretative thinking about art and develop the capacity to apply creative thinking and innovation broadly.

During the major you will engage with arts professionals and the visual arts community, visit exhibitions and write reviews. The major includes capstone units that provide students the opportunity to draw on their learning in the major, and develop the capacity to apply learning in a variety of contexts.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACF1003	Life Drawing	Major		12	FN	
ACF2002	Aesthetics and Art Criticism	Major		12	ORT	
ACF2003	Still Life Projects	Major		12	FN	
ACF2006	Drawing and Painting	Major		12	FN	
ACF3000	Experimental Art	Major		12	FN	
ACF3003	Digital Fine Art Photography	Major		12	FP	
ACX3005	Graduating Project 1	Major		12	FP	
ACX3006	Graduating Project 2	Major		12	FP	ACX3005
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## Minors

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ACC2004	Culture and Communication	Minor		12	FP	
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ACC2010	Television Production	Minor		12	FP	
ASN2008	Narrative Worlds	Minor		12	FP	

### Community Work and Social Change - AMICWS

The Community Work and Social Change minor is for students who want to work for social change in the community or government sectors and are keen to learn some practical, work focused, skills relevant to this. In this minor you will study how to design projects, managing in non-governmental organisations, and how to develop inclusive communities.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASA2033	Management in Non-Government Organisations	Minor		12	FP	
ASA2034	Project Design and Implementation	Minor		12	FP	
ASC2005	Change and Community Justice	Minor		12	FP ORT	
ASC3095	Conflict Resolution in Groups and Communities	Minor		12	FP	

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ACM2014	Visual and Interactive Design for Digital Media	Minor		12	ORT	◆◆◆
ACM2009	International Design	Minor		12	ORT	◆◆◆
ACM2004	Digital Service Design and Analytics	Minor		12	ORT	◆◆◆
ACM3014	Digital User Experience	Minor		12	ORT	◆◆◆

### Gender Studies - AMIGEN

Gender is one of the major ways that human society is organised, whether considered from a social or cultural perspective. Gender Studies has developed over the last three decades into a complex and influential academic specialisation. The ideas of Gender Studies, and in particular the theories and practices of feminism, have significantly shifted the ways of knowing across many fields of academic inquiry. The Gender Studies minor provides you with a critical education in major theories and applications about the place of gender.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACW2020	Sex and Gender	Minor		12	FP	◆◆◆
ACW2024	Gender in Public Life	Minor		12	FP	◆◆◆
ACW2026	Gender in Popular Culture	Minor		12	FP	◆◆◆
ACW3028	Gender, Community and Social Change	Minor		12	FP	◆◆◆

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AAH2002	The World Before 1770	Minor		12	FP	
AAH2003	European Revolution and War	Minor		12	FP	
AAH2004	Divided Europe	Minor		12	FP	
AAH3001	Histories of Immigrant Australia	Minor		12	FP	

### Literary Studies - AMILIT

This minor provides an integrated set of units in literary studies. It introduces students to key theories and texts central to the discipline. Students are introduced to different critical perspectives that shape contemporary commentary, and are invited to consider the impact of different speaking positions on how the field of literary studies is being shaped. Assessment tasks for the minor include short exercises, oral presentations, essays, and formal examinations.

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ACL2001	Reading Contemporary Fiction	Minor		12	FP	
ACL2002	Studying Poetry and Poetics	Minor		12	FP	
ACL2007	Romance and Realism	Minor		12	FP	ACL2001 and ACL2002
ACL3009	Australian Literature	Minor		12	FP	ACL2001, ACL2002 and ACL2007

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### Political Science - AMIPOL

In the view of the great ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle, politics was the 'master science': essential to an understanding of what makes us human. If that was the case over 2000 years ago, it is even more so in our fast-changing modern world. The study of our political environment is crucial to understanding and leading change in global, national, and local settings.

Through completion of this Minor you will have begun to master the field of Political Science. We shall help you to identify not only how politics works, but how it ought to work. While building such skills, students can enjoy engaging with topics such as globalisation, security and terrorism, contemporary protest movements and current debates on civil society and democratic theory.

Training in Politics and IR provides access to careers in foreign affairs, diplomacy, the media, the trade union movement and government and non-government sectors.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASP2007	Dictatorship and Democracy	Minor		12	FP	
ASP2010	Origins of International Politics	Minor		12	FP	
ASP2011	Foundations of Political Science	Minor		12	FP	
ASP3002	International Security	Minor		12	FP	

### Popular Music Studies - AMIPOP

Popular Music studies is a dynamic suite of units in musicology and music cognition with great relevance for contemporary arts and culture. Students studying this minor explore the fundamental question "why is music in our lives?". Students recognise and reflect on key concepts of musicological theory including social, historical, cultural, and ethical issues, and apply local and international perspectives to practice in the discipline of music.

In addition, students gain an insight into their own psychophysical, intellectual and emotional responses to music. While this minor fosters emerging musicians, it does not require students to have any background in instrumental practice.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACO2007	Songwriting	Minor		12	FN	
ACO2014	Popular Music History	Minor		12	FN	
ACO3001	Cultural Perspectives on Music	Minor		12	FN	
ACO3003	Music and the Mind	Minor		12	FN	

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### Psychology - AMIPSY

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Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
APP1012	Psychology 1A	Minor		12	FP	
APP1013	Psychology 1B	Minor		12	FP	APP1012
APP2013	Psychology 2A	Minor		12	FP	APP1012 and APP1013
APP2014	Psychology 2B	Minor		12	FP	APP2013

### Sociology - AMISLY

The Sociology Minor begins with an overview of sociology – an introduction to how we might go about applying the sociological imagination to a wide range of aspects of contemporary social arrangements, and includes a focus on core sociological concepts: how aspects of public order and ‘the normal’ are social phenomena, how one’s identities are forged in a social context, and how power is exercised by the way everyday life is structured in space and through the way we come to ‘know’ the world.

Sociologists study a wide variety of topics, including: education, work and unemployment; the family; health, sex, gender and sexuality; ethnicity and racism; equality, opportunity and inequality; and crime, law and social justice. The Sociology Minor aims to foster students’ critical analytical skills and to offer opportunities to apply sociological tools of analysis to their own inquiries into contemporary social life.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASS2002	Social Worlds, Social Policy	Minor		12	FP	
ASS2004	Sociology of Social Control	Minor		12	FP	
ASS2009	Making Modern Identities	Minor		12	FP	
ASS3050	Migration, Mobility and Globalisation	Minor		12	FP	

## Semester Dates

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## Minors

### Visual Art - AMIVSU

The Visual Art minor provides students with an integrated set of units that will develop student individual art making practices and broaden student experience and understanding of fine art history and theory. Undertaking this minor will allow students to conceive, produce and critique artworks incorporating methodologies of painting and drawing.

Through theoretical content, discourse and research of significant artists, students will make rigorous critical analytical and interpretative thinking about art and develop the capacity to apply creative thinking and innovation broadly. During the minor students will engage with arts professionals and the visual arts community, visit exhibitions and write reviews.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACF1003	Life Drawing	Minor		12	FN	◆◆◆
ACF2002	Aesthetics and Art Criticism	Minor		12	ORT	◆◆◆
ACF2003	Still Life Projects	Minor		12	FN	◆◆◆
ACF2006	Drawing and Painting	Minor		12	FN	◆◆◆

### Writing - AMIWRI

The Writing minor is designed for students who enjoy writing and who want to develop practical and analytical skills, combined with a sound theoretical understanding, in the area of creative and professional writing.

Classes and practical writing workshops give students a firm foundation in a range of writing genres, including fiction writing, memoir, journalism and editing. All units balance the practical development of expertise in writing, and analysis of the writing of others, within a broader social and cultural context.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACP1005	Story: Transforming the Blank Page	Minor		12	FP	◆◆◆
ACP2086	Impossible Worlds: Fiction and Genre	Minor		12	FP	◆◆◆
ACP2081	Writing from the Edge: Narrative Non-Fiction	Minor		12	FP	◆◆◆
ACP2082	Script and Screen	Minor		12	FP	◆◆◆

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### Aboriginal Yulendj (Knowledge) and Community - EMIAGL

With UNESCO's acknowledgement that Indigenous groups globally are challenged from 'development', global warming and globalisation and the Australian government's adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, how might Indigeneity assert itself legally, politically, culturally, socially and technologically to secure/ensure an equitable and respected place in a multicultural globalised Australian context?

How might key Aboriginal issues underpinned by self-determination, land and country, treaty, economic development, urban and regional planning, traditional owners, cultural heritage and art, human rights, ethics and community development be considered and applied in a changing world and in Australian civics and citizenship, workplaces and community?

The Aboriginal Yulendj (Knowledge) and Community minor will be available for students enrolled in VU undergraduate programs and it will use Moondani Balluk (embrace people) units in decolonial and postmodern theories to consider a range of complex topics concerning personal and national identity in a changing global world. In this minor, students will explore, analyse and deconstruct their own disciplinary and lived perspectives as well as explore, reflect and understand the impacts and outcomes of colonisation for Aboriginal individuals, families and communities in South East Australia. Topics to be explored include history, human rights, traditional owners, sovereignty, governance and societal structures, coloniality and systems of power and community ethics.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
AEK1204	Aboriginal History and Political Movements	Minor		12	FP	
OR						
AEK1105	Aboriginal Traditions and Policy	Minor		12	FP	
AEK2205	Politics of Aboriginal Art	Minor		12	FP	AEK1105 or AEK1204
OR						
AEK2203	Indigenous Perspectives on Sustainability	Minor		12	FP	AEK1105 or AEK1204
AND						
AEK3203	Working Ethically in Aboriginal Community	Minor		12	FP	AEK1105 or AEK1204 and AEK2203 or AEK2205
AEK3204	Aboriginal Political and Reflective Learning	Minor		12	FP	

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