# Bachelor of Arts COURSE CODE: ABAB

| CAMPUS                 | Footscray Park (FP)  |
|------------------------|--|
| COLLEGE                | College of Arts, Business, Law, Education and IT   |
| STUDY MODE             | Full Time or PartTime  |
| 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<br>Direct Application - https://gotovu.custhelp.com/app/landing   |
| TIMETABLE              | vu.edu.au/timetables   |
| COURSE<br>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  |
|                        | <ul> <li>48 credit point of 1st Minor studies selected from the approved list AND</li> <li>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</li> <li>24 credit points of elective units from across the University (must be at third year level).</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> |

AMADIG and AMIDIG are available to Domestic students only.



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



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**Note:** 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.

Core/Elective Core (a unit that must be completed) & Elective (you have some choice in what you select).

**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.

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### YEAR1

| UNIT<br>CODE | UNIT TITLE   | UNIT<br>TYPE    | SEM  | CREDIT POINTS | CAMPUS | PRE-REQUISITES |
|--------------|--|-----------------|--|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ABA1000      | Academic Discourse and Experience                                    | Core            | 1B1, 1B2,<br>2B1                           | 12            | FP     |                |
| ABA1001      | Reason and Revolution  | Core            | 1B2, 1B4                                   | 12            | FP     |                |
| ABA1002      | Knowledge, Inquiry and Research                                      | Core            | 1B1, 2B1,<br>2B2                           | 12            | FP     |                |
| ABA1003      | Introduction to Sociology  | Core            | 1B1, 1B2,<br>1B3, 2B1,<br>2B2, 2B3,<br>2B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ABA1004      | Text and Representation  | Core            | 1B3, 1B4                                   | 12            | FP     |                |
| ABA1005      | The Era of Controversy   | Core            | 2B1, 2B2,<br>2B3                           | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACU1002      | Creativity, Communication and the Digital Age                        | Core            | 2B2, 2B4                                   | 12            | FP     |                |
| AEK1204      | Aboriginal History and Political Movements                           | Core            | 2B1, 2B2,<br>2B3, 2B4                      | 12            | FP     |                |
| YEAR1 FO     | OR STUDENTS MAJORING IN PSYC<br>Academic Discourse and<br>Experience | CHOLOGY<br>Core | 1B1, 1B2,<br>2B1                           | 12            | FP     |                |
| ABA1001      | Reason and Revolution  | Core            | 1B2, 1B4                                   | 12            | FP     |                |
| ABA1002      | Knowledge, Inquiry and Research                                      | Core            | 1B1, 2B1,<br>2B2                           | 12            | FP     |                |
| ABA1003      | Introduction to Sociology  | Core            | 1B1, 1B2,<br>1B3, 2B1,<br>2B2, 2B3,<br>2B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ABA1005      | The Era of Controversy   | Core            | 2B1, 2B2,<br>2B3                           | 12            | FP     |                |
| AEK1204      | Aboriginal History and Political Movements                           | Core            | 2B1, 2B2,<br>2B3, 2B4                      | 12            | FP     |                |



APP1012 Psychology 1A

APP1013 Psychology 1B

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APP1012

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Core

Core

1B2, 1B3,

1B4, 2B2, 2B3 1B1, 1B3,

1B4, 2B2, 2B3, 2B4

### YEAR 2

| UNIT<br>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 <b>Or</b> Minor 1 - Unit 1 | Major/Minor |     | 12            |        |                |
|              | Major 2 - Unit 2 <b>Or</b> Minor 1 - Unit 2 | Major/Minor |     | 12            |        |                |
|              | Major 2 - Unit 3 <b>Or</b> Minor 1 - Unit 3 | Major/Minor |     | 12            |        |                |
|              | Major 2 - Unit 4 <b>Or</b> Minor 1 - Unit 4 | Major/Minor |     | 12            |        |                |

### YEAR 3

| UNIT<br>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 <b>Or</b> Minor 2 - Unit 1 | Major/Minor |     | 12            |        |                |
|              | Major 2 - Unit 6 <b>Or</b> Minor 2 - Unit 2 | Major/Minor |     | 12            |        |                |
|              | Major 2 - Unit 7 <b>Or</b> Minor 2 - Unit 3 | Major/Minor | ·   | 12            |        |                |
|              | Major 2 - Unit 8 <b>Or</b> Minor 2 - Unit 4 | Major/Minor |     | 12            |        |                |

### List of major/s available in this course

AMACOM Communication Studies

**AMADIG** Digital Media **AMAHIS** History

AMALIT Literary Studies AMAPSY Psychology **AMASLY** Sociology **AMARIT** Writing **AMAVSU** Visual Art

#### List of minor/s available in this course

**AMICOM** Communication Studies

**AMICWS** Community Work and Social Change

**AMIDIG** Digital Media **AMIGEN** Gender Studies

**AMIHIS** History

**AMILIT** Literary Studies **AMIPOL** Political Science **AMIPOP** Popular Music Studies

**AMIPSY** Psychology

**AMITEM** The Entrepreneurial Mindset

**AMISLY** Sociology **AMIVSU** Visual Art **AMIWRI** Writing

**EMIAGL** Aboriginal Yulendj (Knowledge) and Community



#### **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  | M ajor       | 1B1      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACC2002      | Media, Culture and Society | Major        | 2B3      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACC2010      | Television Production      | M ajor       | 1B3, 1B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASN2008      | Narrative Worlds           | Major        | 2B1, 2B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACC2011      | Radio Production           | Major        | 1B1, 1B2 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACC3061      | World Cinemas              | M ajor       | 2B3      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACX3005      | Graduating Project 1       | Major        | 1B2      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACX3006      | Graduating Project 2       | M ajor       | 2B1      | 12            | FP     | ACX3005        |

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#### **Digital Media AMADIG**

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|--------------|---|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ACI3103      | The Global Creative                             | Major        | 1B2              | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACM 2004     | Digital Service Design and Analytics            | Major        | 2B4              | 12            | ORT    |                |
| ACM 2009     | International Design                            | Major        | 2B3              | 12            | ORT    |                |
| ACM 2014     | Visual and Interactive Design for Digital Media | Major        | 1B3              | 12            | ORT    |                |
| ACM 3014     | Digital User Experience                         | Major        | 1B2              | 12            | ORT    |                |
| ACX3005      | Graduating Project 1                            | Major        | 1B2              | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACX3006      | Graduating Project 2                            | Major        | 2B1              | 12            | FP     | ACX3005        |
| ASN2005      | From Concept to Production                      | Major        | 2B2, 2B3,<br>2B4 | 12            | FP     |                |

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### **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            | M ajor       | 1B1, 2B2 | 12            | FP     |                |
| AAH2003      | European Revolution and War      | M ajor       | 1B4, 2B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| AAH2004      | Divided Europe                   | M ajor       | 1B2      | 12            | FP     |                |
| AAH3001      | Histories of Immigrant Australia | Major        | 1B2, 2B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| AAH3002      | Irish History                    | M ajor       | 2B3      | 12            | FP     |                |
| AAH3003      | Making the Modern Middle East    | Major        | 1B1      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACX3005      | Graduating Project 1             | M ajor       | 1B2      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACX3006      | Graduating Project 2             | M ajor       | 2B1      | 12            | FP     | ACX3005        |

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#### **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.

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|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|--------|------------------------------|
| ACL2001      | Reading Contemporary Fiction | M ajor       | 1B2, 2B3 | 12            | FP     |                              |
| ACL2002      | Studying Poetry and Poetics  | M ajor       | 1B1      | 12            | FP     |                              |
|              |                              |              | SB1      |               | ORT    |                              |
| ACL2007      | Romance and Realism          | M ajor       | 2B3      | 12            | FP     | ACL2001, ACL2002             |
|              |                              |              | 1B2      |               | ORT    |                              |
| ACL3009      | Australian Literature        | Major        | 2B3, 2B4 | 12            | FP     | ACL2001, ACL2002,<br>ACL2007 |
| ACL3000      | Children's Literature        | M ajor       | 1B2      | 12            | FP     |                              |
|              |                              |              | 2B4      |               | ORT    |                              |
| ACL3016      | Working Class Writing        | M ajor       | 1B1, 2B1 | 12            | FP     | ACL2001, ACL2002             |
| ACX3005      | Graduating Project 1         | M ajor       | 1B2      | 12            | FP     |                              |
| ACX3006      | Graduating Project 2         | Major        | 2B1      | 12            | FP     | ACX3005                      |

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### **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.

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|--------------|--|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|
| APP2013      | Psychology 2A                                | Major        | 1B1, 1B2,<br>1B3, 1B4,<br>2B1, WB1 | 12            | FP     | APP1012, APP1013        |
| APP2014      | Psychology 2B                                | Major        | 2B1, 2B2,<br>2B3                   | 12            | FP     | APP2013                 |
| APP3034      | History, Theories and Practice of Psychology | Major        | 1B1, 1B2,<br>1B4                   | 12            | FP     | APP2014; and<br>HPP2001 |
| APP3035      | Research Methods in Psychology               | M ajor       | 1B1, 1B2,<br>1B4, 2B1,<br>WB1      | 12            | FP     | APP2014                 |
| APP3037      | Clinical Aspects of Psychology               | Major        | 2B1, 2B2,<br>2B3                   | 12            | FP     | APP2014, HPP2001        |
| HPP2001      | Developmental Psychology                     | Major        | 1B1, 1B2,<br>1B3, 1B4              | 12            | FP     | APP1013                 |
| Plus         |  |              |                                    |               |        |                         |

24 Credit Points of Psychology Electives from the approved list

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|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| Psycholog    | y Electives                       |              |                       |               |        |                |
| APP3015      | Counselling Theory and Practice   | Major        | 1B4, 2B3,<br>2B4, WB1 | 12            | FP     | APP2013        |
| APP3016      | Group Behaviour                   | Major        | 2B3, 2B4              | 12            | FP     | APP2013        |
| APP3018      | Organisations and Work            | Major        | 1B4, 2B4              | 12            | FP     | APP2013        |
| APP3019      | Psychobiology                     | Major        | 1B1, 1B3,<br>2B3, 2B4 | 12            | FP     | APP2013        |
| APP3020      | Psychoanalysis                    | Major        | ?                     | 12            | FP     | APP2013        |
| APP3027      | Relationship and Family Wellbeing | Major        | 1B2, 1B3,<br>2B1      | 12            | FP     | APP2013        |



### 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.

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|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ASS2002      | Social Worlds, Social Policy          | M ajor       | 2B1, 2B3 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASS2004      | Sociology of Social Control           | Major        | 1B1, 2B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASS2009      | Making Modern Identities              | Major        | 2B4      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASS3007      | Space, Knowledge and Power            | M ajor       | 1B3      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASS3033      | Political Sociology                   | Major        | 2B2      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASS3050      | Migration, Mobility and Globalisation | Major        | 1B2, 1B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACX3005      | Graduating Project 1                  | Major        | 1B2      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACX3006      | Graduating Project 2                  | M ajor       | 2B1      | 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.

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|--------------|--|--------------|----------|---------------|--------|--|
| ACP1055      | Story: Transforming the Blank<br>Page        | Major        | 1B1, 1B4 | 12            | FP     |  |
| ACP2081      | Writing from the Edge: Narrative Non-Fiction | Major        | 1B2, 1B3 | 12            | FP     |  |
| ACP2082      | Script and Screen                            | M ajor       | 2B2, 2B3 | 12            | FP     |  |
| ACP2086      | Impossible Worlds: Fiction and Genre         | Major        | 2B1, 2B4 | 12            | FP     |  |
| ACP2087      | News and Social Media                        | M ajor       | 2B4      | 12            | FP     |  |
| ACP3008      | Crossing Borders: Between Fact and Fiction   | M ajor       | 2B2      | 12            | FP     | ACP1055; and<br>ACP2081; or<br>ACP2082; or<br>ACP2086; or<br>ACP2087 |
| ACX3005      | Graduating Project 1                         | Major        | 1B2      | 12            | FP     |  |
| ACX3006      | Graduating Project 2                         | Major        | 2B1      | 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.

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|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ACF1003      | Life Drawing                 | Major        | 1B2      | 12            | FN     |                |
| ACF2002      | Aesthetics and Art Criticism | Major        | 2B3      | 12            | FN     |                |
| ACF2003      | Still Life Projects          | Major        | 1B1      | 12            | FN     |                |
| ACF2006      | Drawing and Painting         | Major        | 2B4      | 12            | FN     |                |
| ACF3000      | Experimental Art             | Major        | 1B1, 2B4 | 12            | FN     |                |
| ACF3003      | Digital Fine Art Photography | Major        | 1B2, WB1 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACX3005      | Graduating Project 1         | Major        | 1B2      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACX3006      | Graduating Project 2         | Major        | 2B1      | 12            | FP     | ACX3005        |

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#### **MINORS**

#### **Communication Studies AMICOM**

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|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ACC2004      | Culture and Communication  | Minor        | 1B1      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACC2002      | Media, Culture and Society | Minor        | 2B3      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACC2010      | Television Production      | Minor        | 1B3, 1B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASN2008      | Narrative Worlds           | Minor        | 2B1, 2B4 | 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.

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|--------------|---|--------------|----------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ASA2033      | Management in Non-Government Organisations    | Minor        | 1B3      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASA2034      | Project Design and Implementation             | Minor        | 1B1      | 12            | FP     |                |
|              |   |              | 1B3, 1B4 |               | ORT    |                |
| ASC2005      | Change and Community Justice                  | Minor        | 2B2, 2B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
|              |   |              | 2B2, SB1 |               | ORT    |                |
| ASC3095      | Conflict Resolution in Groups and Communities | Minor        | 2B3      | 12            | FP     |                |

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|--------------|---|--------------|-----|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ACM 2014     | Visual and Interactive Design for Digital Media | Minor        | 1B3 | 12            | ORT    |                |
| ACM 2009     | International Design                            | Minor        | 2B3 | 12            | ORT    |                |
| ACM 2004     | Digital Service Design and Analytics            | Minor        | 2B4 | 12            | ORT    |                |
| ACM 3014     | Digital User Experience                         | Minor        | 1B2 | 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.

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ACW2020      | Sex and Gender                      | Minor        | 2B4, WB1         | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACW2024      | Gender in Public Life               | Minor        | 1B1, 1B3,<br>2B1 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACW2026      | Gender in Popular Culture           | Minor        | 2B3              | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACW3028      | Gender, Community and Social Change | Minor        | 1B2              | 12            | FP     |                |

#### **History AMIHIS**

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 minor in History offers opportunities to sample this diverse human experience. 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            | Minor        | 1B1, 2B2 | 12            | FP     |                |
| AAH2003      | European Revolution and War      | Minor        | 1B4, 2B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| AAH2004      | Divided Europe                   | Minor        | 1B2      | 12            | FP     |                |
| AAH3001      | Histories of Immigrant Australia | Minor        | 1B2, 2B4 | 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        | 1B2, 2B3 | 12            | FP     |                              |
| ACL2002      | Studying Poetry and Poetics  | Minor        | 1B1      | 12            | FP     |                              |
|              |                              |              | SB1      |               | ORT    |                              |
| ACL2007      | Romance and Realism          | Minor        | 2B3      | 12            | FP     | ACL2001, ACL2002             |
|              |                              |              | 1B2      |               | ORT    |                              |
| ACL3009      | Australian Literature        | Minor        | 2B3, 2B4 | 12            | FP     | ACL2001, ACL2002,<br>ACL2007 |

#### 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.

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|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ASP2007      | Dictatorship and Democracy        | Minor        | 2B1, 2B3 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASP2010      | Origins of International Politics | Minor        | 1B2      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASP2011      | Foundations of Political Science  | Minor        | 1B1      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASP3002      | International Security            | Minor        | 2B4      | 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 guestion "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.

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|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ACO2007      | Songwriting                    | Minor        | 1B2      | 12            | FN     |                |
| ACO2014      | Popular Music History          | Minor        | 1B1, 2B3 | 12            | FN     |                |
| ACO3001      | Cultural Perspectives On Music | Minor        | 1B2      | 12            | FN     |                |
| ACO3003      | Music and the Mind             | Minor        | 2B1, 2B3 | 12            | FN     |                |

#### Psychology AMIPSY

The psychology minor 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 minor.

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|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------|------------------|
| APP1012      | Psychology 1A | Minor        | 1B2, 1B3,<br>1B4, 2B2,<br>2B3      | 12            | FP     |                  |
| APP1013      | Psychology 1B | Minor        | 1B1, 1B3,<br>1B4, 2B2,<br>2B3, 2B4 | 12            | FP     | APP1012          |
| APP2013      | Psychology 2A | Minor        | 1B1, 1B2,<br>1B3, 1B4,<br>2B1, WB1 | 12            | FP     | APP1012, APP1013 |
| APP2014      | Psychology 2B | Minor        | 2B1, 2B2,<br>2B3                   | 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.

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|--------------|--|--------------|----------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ASS2002      | Social Worlds, Social Policy             | Minor        | 2B1, 2B3 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASS2004      | Sociology of Social Control              | Minor        | 1B1, 2B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASS2009      | Making Modern Identities                 | Minor        | 2B4      | 12            | FP     |                |
| ASS3050      | Migration, Mobility and<br>Globalisation | Minor        | 1B2, 1B4 | 12            | FP     |                |

#### 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.

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|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ACF1003      | Life Drawing                 | Minor        | 1B2 | 12            | FN     |                |
| ACF2002      | Aesthetics and Art Criticism | Minor        | 2B3 | 12            | FN     |                |
| ACF2003      | Still Life Projects          | Minor        | 1B1 | 12            | FN     |                |
| ACF2006      | Drawing and Painting         | Minor        | 2B4 | 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.

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|--------------|--|--------------|----------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| ACP1055      | Story: Transforming the Blank Page           | Minor        | 1B1, 1B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACP2086      | Impossible Worlds: Fiction and Genre         | Minor        | 2B1, 2B4 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACP2081      | Writing from the Edge: Narrative Non-Fiction | Minor        | 1B2, 1B3 | 12            | FP     |                |
| ACP2082      | Script and Screen                            | Minor        | 2B2, 2B3 | 12            | FP     |                |

#### 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 Indigenity 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.

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|--------------|--|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------|--|
| AEK1204      | Aboriginal History and Political Movements   | Minor        | 2B1, 2B2,<br>2B3, 2B4 | 12            | FP     |  |
|              | OR   |              |                       |               |        |  |
| AEK1105      | Aboriginal Traditions and Policy             | Minor        | 1B2, 1B3,<br>1B4, SB1 | 12            | FP     |  |
|              |  |              |                       |               |        |  |
| AEK2205      | Politics of Aboriginal Art                   | Minor        | 1B3                   | 12            | FP     | AEK1105; or AEK1204                                |
|              | OR   |              |                       |               |        |  |
| AEK2203      | Indigenous Perspectives On<br>Sustainability | Minor        | 1B4, WB1              | 12            | FP     | AEK1105; or<br>AEK1106; or AEK1204                 |
|              |  |              |                       |               |        |  |
|              | AND  |              |                       |               |        |  |
| AEK3203      | Working Ethically in Aboriginal Community    | Minor        | 2B1, 2B3,<br>SB1      | 12            | FP     | AEK1105; or<br>AEK1204; and<br>AEK2203; or AEK2205 |
| AEK3204      | Aboriginal Political and Reflective Learning | Minor        | 2B3                   | 12            | FP     |  |