

UNDERGRADUATE GUIDE

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES 2016



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SOCIAL SCIENCE
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DOUBLE DEGREES
ARTS/LAW & ARTS/BUSINESS



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SCHOOL OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

The School of Arts and Social Sciences is a multidisciplinary and creative learning community, providing quality teaching and focused research. The School delivers degrees spanning arts and humanities, social sciences and the creative and performing arts.

Staff are committed to providing a supportive and nurturing learning environment to all students. Courses are offered on campus and by distance education, where students are welcomed as part of our interactive, online learning community.

In the 2012 Excellence in Research for Australia national report, Southern Cross University was rated at 'world standard' in the broader research field of studies in creative arts and writing.

Studying at SCU

Studying at Southern Cross University involves a range of learning experiences. It can vary based on your course of study, your location and your mode of study.

You may take part in face-to-face lectures, workshops and tutorials, interactive video-conferenced lectures, podcasts, online units and discussion forums using cutting-edge technologies. You can bring your own device onto campus and use SCU's extensive wireless network or access study materials off-campus as long as you have an internet connection.

Why study with us?

- Follow your passions while gaining skills and abilities for a future career.
- Community engaged and experiential learning opportunities.
- Interactive, online learning community.
- Three teaching sessions.

Degrees which put you in the workplace

Supervised professional placements are available and enable students to engage within their respective industries, put theory and knowledge of their chosen discipline into practice, and establish contacts and networks to prepare for entry to the workforce.

Opportunities exist for students in the **Bachelor of Arts** to undertake professional placements with community organisations, in museums or heritage associations, or in creative industries. **Social science** students can gain experience in government departments and non-government community organisations, while **social welfare** students undertake placements in a range of settings to meet professional accreditation requirements. **Creative writing** students can undertake writing tasks and other activities including at the Byron Bay Writers' Festival.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

The Bachelor of Arts enables students to pursue areas about which they are passionate while gaining relevant, transferrable and valuable career skills for life. The course promotes critical thinking, cultural awareness, community engagement, problem-solving and creative practices. It provides the scope to build strong intellectual capabilities and a broad knowledge of the liberal arts as well as a deepened understanding through the study of majors.

Students can also elect to undertake a professional placement to gain experience in the workplace and to establish professional contacts. They may also exit the program early with an **Associate Degree of Creative Writing**, following successful completion of 16 required units. (See page 4.)

Professional placement

The community engaged learning stream enables students to work with a community partner on a project of mutual benefit. Students in the writing major may seek placement in the writing, publishing and media industries, while students undertaking history may seek placement in heritage and historical museums or associations. Students in the communication and cultural studies major may seek professional placement with a community organisation working in an area of their interest. The unit Community History Project enables students to do a collaborative project with community partners. All students can undertake units that provide community-engaged learning opportunities, working with partners outside the University to produce public outcomes.

Majors

Art and Design includes units that focus on art and design for publication, graphic design, digital art and photography. (L)

Communication and Cultural Studies offers the study of culture, communication and society through textual analysis, cultural theory, media analysis and understanding how meaning is made through power, identity and place. It empowers diversity, social inclusion and ethical and innovative scholarship. (GC, L, DE)

Contemporary Music students learn about contemporary music theory and styles, music technology and the internet, songwriting, sound theory and recording technique, and global perspectives in music. (L)

Governance and Society draws on politics and sociology to consider contemporary issues in society and provide insights into events that influence the world in which we live by using a range of theoretical and methodological approaches. (L, DE)

History focuses on the knowledge and critical skills that can be applied to the study of the past in all its dimensions, including important professional skills such as communication, analysis, critical thinking and interpretation. Students have the opportunity to undertake independent research projects relevant to their own interests. (L, DE)

Media Studies has a strong emphasis on digital media production and analysis for screen, print and online environments, equipping students with a range of practical skills appropriate to an increasingly technological world. (L, DE)

Psychology includes studies in fundamental areas including biological bases of behaviour, perception, learning, memory and cognition, and lifespan developmental psychology. Students use their psychological knowledge to generate solutions to real world problems. (DE)

Writing students acquire skills in editing and publishing and in writing genres including novels, short stories, writing for performance, feature and investigative journalism and essay writing. (L, DE)

Please note that some majors and units may not be available at each location. Unit availabilities are published for each study period and vary from year to year.

Your career

Graduates are equipped with transferable skills that are relevant and valuable to many careers. They may find employment, for example, in communication industries, community relations, journalism, cultural policy, management and administration, education, publishing, public service, multimedia design, creative and cultural industries, politics, social justice and human rights.

Summary

Locations: Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education

Duration: 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time

UAC codes: GC – 333161, L – 333100

QTAC codes: GC – 053161, L – 053001

Total units: 24 | **Indicative ATAR:** 68 | **Indicative OP:** 13

Major availabilities:

Lismore - L; Gold Coast - GC; Distance Education - DE



Simone Jade Kelly
Marketing Coordinator
SCHILLER Australia
Bachelor of Arts

“My job involves looking after the entire digital marketing strategy from the website, social media networks, content creation, online advertising and adwords, and then assessing how audiences are interacting with our digital platforms,” Simone said. “In all of my jobs throughout my career I’ve used my communication skills, which I gained in my SCU degree. It gave me lots of opportunities.”

Simone has worked for radio broadcasters (she received an Australian Commercial Radio Award (ACRA) for Best Newcomer On Air, Southern Cross Austereo in 2008), publishing houses and media arts organisations. But it all began with a Bachelor of Arts at Southern Cross University, which she chose for its versatility.

“University opens up many doors and it’s fun and challenging. It makes you think outside the square, makes you think critically and come up with your own thoughts and reasoning.”

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF CREATIVE WRITING

Immerse yourself in the world of words and become a confident and skilled creative writer. The Associate Degree of Creative Writing provides students with a broad range of skills spanning several writing genres. It enables students to focus on the practice and theory of writing, along with developing the attributes and skills needed for a professional career in writing.

If you have a way with words or a passion for writing, this degree will help build your confidence and provide professional feedback to assist in becoming published or simply to tell your story.

The course offers a rich mix of creative writing and literary studies across a range of writing modes in fiction and non-fiction, including experimental writing, journalism, life writing, poetry, writing for stage and screen, and writing for young adults.

After completion of the Associate degree, students may choose to apply to study a further eight units to gain a Bachelor of Arts degree. (See page 3.)

The University is the education partner of the Byron Bay Writers’ Festival, the Northern Rivers Performing Arts (NORPA), Northern Rivers Writers’ Centre and supports the Bellingen Writers’ Festival.

Professional recognition

Graduates will be eligible for membership of the Australian Society of Authors, Australian Writers’ Guild, Australasian Association of Writing Programs, and Copyright Agency Limited.

Professional experience

Opportunities exist for writing students to undertake internships or work placements with Northern Rivers Performing Arts

(NORPA), the Byron Bay Writers’ Festival, Northern Rivers Writers’ Centre, and the Bellingen Writers’ Festival. Students can choose a professional placement unit during which they spend 70 – 100 hours in an appropriate organisation using their knowledge and skills.

Major areas of study

While this course has no majors, studies in fiction and non-fiction writing include:

- experimental writing
- journalism
- life writing
- poetry
- writing for stage and screen
- writing for young adults

Your career

Career paths include as a writer of novels and scripts; food, nature, art and travel writer; feature journalist; critic and reviewer; essayist; poet; editor and publisher; or writer for marketing and public relations, the public service and arts-related industries.

Summary

Locations: Lismore, Distance Education

Duration: 2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

UAC code: 333301

QTAC code: 053301

Total units: 16 | **Indicative ATAR:** 63 | **Indicative OP:** 15

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF ARTS

Offered through SCU College

The Associate Degree of Arts is a two-year (full-time or part-time equivalent) entry-level course that prepares students for continuing study and/or participation in a range of areas relevant to the humanities, culture, society and creative arts. The course equips students with skills and knowledge that enable eligible graduates to progress to a Southern Cross University Bachelor of Arts degree. Graduates of the Associate degree are suited to employment at the para-professional level in a range of areas relevant to the humanities and social science, while those who attain the Bachelor of Arts will have expanded career opportunities based on majors completed in the degree. For more information visit scu.edu.au/scucollege



Candice Laine
Brotherhood of St Laurence
Project Manager MoneyMinded
Bachelor of Social Science

Working for Brotherhood of St Laurence in Melbourne, Candice Laine manages the MoneyMinded program, which provides financial literacy courses for community workers and members of the public.

Candice studied by distance education while living and working in Launceston, Tasmania. The distance between Candice's home and the university was never a factor.

"People responded to my emails and questions even though I didn't have a physical presence there. I always felt like I was a student of SCU. I always thought if I'm going to study online, I want a university that will respond to me and SCU always did."

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Bachelor of Social Science provides students with an understanding of society and its institutions, and the way in which they impact on people and their lives. It actively promotes the values of social justice, human rights, environmental sustainability, and cross-cultural awareness.

The degree develops students' capabilities to analyse social arrangements critically, to identify social problems and to envision strategies for change. It also enables students to gain skills in working effectively with people from diverse backgrounds and in many different organisational settings.

Professional placement

Students can undertake an optional professional placement unit towards the end of the degree, to gain on-the-job experience in their chosen field and advance their career goals. Placements can be undertaken in many types of establishments or organisations such as government departments and non-government community organisations. Typical activities during placement may include policy development, specific projects, community engagement, research or grant applications.

Majors

Sociology examines the many forces that affect how people experience society and provides an understanding of how particular groups within society may be disadvantaged. It examines the operation of key social institutions, such as the family, religion and the economy. Students develop skills in critical analysis and social research and apply these to contemporary issues and debates. They have the opportunity of undertaking independent studies in sociology, as well as participating in work-integrated learning.

Politics and Government offers a range of units in Australian and international politics and policy. Students are introduced to ideas of power, resistance and social justice by studying institutions of government as well as non-government organisations and political forces that challenge the formal structures of power. The major enables students to develop high level skills in critical analysis by exploring the role of ideology, ideals and political culture, and how these shape outcomes that impact at the family, community, national and global levels.

Streams: These include development studies, which addresses local and global community development strategies and issues; cultural studies, which engages with various understandings of identity, power and place; and welfare studies, which enables students to understand the processes involved in the planning and delivery of community services.

Southern Cross University also offers the AASW-accredited Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying) for graduates who have undertaken prior study in the social sciences, psychology, or related fields. Graduates of this degree will qualify as social workers in Australia and may also be eligible to apply to work as social workers overseas.

Please note that some units in this course are only available to study by distance education.

Your career

This is a flexible, versatile and practical degree that can be used to effectively position graduates for many different jobs. There are diverse private and government agencies that employ social science graduates, drawing on their skills in problem-solving, critical analysis, social research, policy making and advocacy. These include departments of family, community and human services, local government community development units, child safety and disability services, immigration, in political parties, and non-government organisations such as aid agencies and advocacy groups such as Amnesty International.

The degree also qualifies students to study for higher degrees that can lead to careers in fields as diverse as international relations and social work.

Summary

Locations: Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education

Duration: 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time

UAC codes: GC – 331161, L – 331101

QTAC codes: GC – 051161, L – 051011

Total units: 24 | **Indicative ATAR:** 68 | **Indicative OP:** 13



BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE

The Bachelor of Social Welfare provides the theoretical and practical foundation for work in the human services industry.

During their studies students will gain skills in case management, community development, counselling, social research, policy work, advocacy, and grief and loss counselling. Particular emphasis is placed on social justice and human rights as the basis for social welfare practice.

The course articulates with a range of VET awards. It can also provide a pathway to the University's Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying).

Professional recognition

The course is accredited by the Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA). Graduates are eligible to join ACWA.

Professional placement

In line with ACWA requirements, students undertake 400 hours of supervised on-the-job training. This is completed in two separate organisations in different fields of practice so that students gain a diversity of experience.

Placements may include working across a variety of client groups, such as older people, or young people and families at the individual, group, organisational or community level of practice. The social welfare settings such as child protection, drugs and alcohol, criminal justice, community education, housing, emergency relief, family interventions and domestic violence.

Majors

Ageing enables social welfare students to gain knowledge and skills for effective practice with older people in a range of organisational settings. An emphasis is placed on opportunities for practitioners to facilitate healthy ageing and to support older people's independence living in the community.

Children and Young People provides students with a comprehensive introduction to social welfare practice with children and young people in a range of organisational settings including government and non-government agencies. The latest research is explored to understand the ways in which children and young people are conceptualised and identified as a target population for human service practice.

Health and Disability examines health and wellbeing as they impact on people and their life opportunities, as well as issues for social welfare workers negotiating the health and disability care systems.

Indigenous Studies assists students to gain a deeper understanding of Indigenous world views and history, as well as identifying culturally appropriate ways of working with Indigenous communities. Students gain an appreciation of the origins and effects of trauma across generations and within particular communities.

Southern Cross University also offers the AASW-accredited Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying) for graduates who have undertaken prior study in the social sciences, psychology, or related fields. Graduates of this degree will qualify as social workers in Australia and may also be eligible to apply to work as social workers overseas.

Please note that some units in this course are only available to study by distance education.

Your career

Graduates typically find employment as welfare and community workers in various roles within the community services sector. These include government and non-government positions in fields such as child protection, disability services, housing services, youth work, aged care, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, community engagement, mental health services, and domestic violence services.

Summary

Locations: Gold Coast, Distance Education[#]

Duration: 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time

UAC code: 331162

QTAC code: 051361

Total units: 24 | **Indicative ATAR:** 68 | **Indicative OP:** 13

[#]Distance education students are required to attend one three-day residential school at the Gold Coast campus.



DOUBLE DEGREES

Double degrees give students the opportunity to study two disciplines concurrently. Students who undertake a double degree with law are candidates for both degrees.

The Bachelor of Laws fulfils the academic requirements for admission to the legal profession. Professional admission authorities also require law graduates of all universities to complete practical legal training or similar to be eligible for admission.

Applicants who do not have the required entry mark for a double degree in law are encouraged to apply for the single, partner degree. If those students achieve the required grade point average during that course, they may then apply for transfer into the double degree.

Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws

Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine knowledge of arts and law; and those specific to each discipline. For arts: communication industries, community relations, journalism, cultural policy, management and administration, education, publishing, public service, multimedia design, creative and cultural industries, politics, social justice and human rights. For law: barristers or solicitors; or in law-related areas in private, corporate, or government organisations.

Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Laws

Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine knowledge of social science and law; and those specific to each discipline. For social science: professional roles in social welfare, community development, or in policy-related areas of government departments and the private sector. For law: as barristers or solicitors; or in law-related areas in private, corporate, or government organisations.

Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Arts

Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine knowledge of business and the arts; and those specific to each discipline. For business: accounting, advertising, banking, finance, human resource management, international business, marketing, and public relations. For arts: communication industries, community relations, journalism, cultural policy, management and administration, education, government, publishing, public service, multimedia design, creative and cultural industries, politics, social justice and human rights.

Summary

Degree	Locations	UAC codes	QTAC codes	Indicative ATAR and OP	Duration
Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws*	Lismore, Distance Education	336104	056041	Indicative ATAR: 89 Indicative OP: 6	5 years full-time or 10 years part-time.
Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Laws**	Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education	GC – 336162 L – 336113	GC – 056561 L – 051071		
Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Arts^	Lismore, Distance Education	332105	052051	Indicative ATAR: 65 Indicative OP: 14	4.5 years full-time or 9 years part-time

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^Please note that some units in this course are only available to study by distance education.

*Students studying a double degree with law must complete a compulsory on-campus workshop. This includes distance education students. For more details go to: scu.edu.au/lawworkshops

Key dates for 2016 entry

SCU has a teaching calendar of three sessions. Depending on the course of study, this can enable students to spread their study load, or to accelerate and complete their degree in less time than the usual duration indicated on the course pages.

All dates in the table opposite are provisional only and may be subject to change. For the most up-to-date information visit the SCU teaching calendar page at: scu.edu.au/teachingcalendar

UAC and QTAC dates may also be subject to change. Please refer to their websites. Visit: www.uac.edu.au www.qtac.edu.au

Also note that late UAC and QTAC applications incur an extra fee.

CAMPUS TOURS AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND T: 1800 626 481 E: campustours@scu.edu.au

Rising Stars Scholarship applications for 2016	Open July 2015 Check website for closing dates scu.edu.au/scholarships
UAC and QTAC on time applications for 2016 entry (Session 1)	Open early August 2015 Close late September 2015
STAR Entry Scheme opens	Early July 2015
STAR Entry Scheme offers	Early December 2015
SCU Info Days	7, 9 and 11 December 2015
UAC and QTAC main round offers <i>For the full list of offer rounds visit the UAC and QTAC websites</i>	Mid January 2016
Session 1 teaching dates	29 February – 27 May 2016
Orientation	24 – 26 February 2016
Session 2 teaching dates	11 July – 7 October 2016
Orientation	6 – 8 July 2016
Session 3 teaching dates	7 November 2016 – 1 February 2017
Orientation	2 – 4 November 2016

Applying to study on campus

For full details go to: scu.edu.au/howtoapply

To study on campus, either as a full-time or part-time student, you will need to apply online through either the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) or Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) – either can process your application.

Applying to study by distance education

To study by distance education, you can apply online direct to Southern Cross University.

scu.edu.au/howtoapply

E: futurestudent@scu.edu.au

Freecall: 1800 626 481

International students

Southern Cross University welcomes international students. This guide however is not intended for their use. International students should contact SCU International.

W: scu.edu.au/international

E: intoff@scu.edu.au

T: 02 6620 3876

5 steps to SCU

1 Choose a course



scu.edu.au/courses

2 Find out more



campustours@scu.edu.au

3 Apply



scu.edu.au/howtoapply

4 Accept your offer



scu.edu.au/gettingstarted

5 Enrol in units



scu.edu.au/enrol

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