

Bachelor of Arts - Bachelor of Laws



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Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

- Access to world-class teachers
- Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
 - Benefit from small class sizes
 - Connect with professional networks
- Support through scholarships for merit and equity
 - Discover great accommodation options

EXPERIENCE HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

JCU Law students can work alongside experienced lawyers and judges through the clinical legal education program, work placement and projects with industry. JCU Law's international programs allow students to build cross-cultural skills working with on real human rights issues and projects overseas.

FLEXIBILITY AND CHOICE

JCU Law students complete their degree sooner through JCU Law's range of intensive block and online elective subjects.

BE A CRITICAL THINKER

JCU Arts students are recognised for reflective and analytical thinking, strong communication skills and exceptional research abilities, highly valued across many industries.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Explore JCU's range of scholarships, grants and bursaries and discover the right financial assistance to achieve your goals



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✓ Reap the benefits of a legal qualification boosted by the complementary practical and theoretical knowledge of an arts degree. This five year joint degree qualifies you for admission to practise law in Queensland, and provides you with the analytic and communication skills of the Bachelor of Arts.

✓ You will learn from expert lecturers and benefit from small class sizes. A JCU Arts-Law degree provides you with in-depth understanding of the concepts, principles, and values of the law, enhanced by the critical analysis, problem solving and research capabilities of the arts and humanities.

✓ If you wish to practice law, you should obtain further information from the Barristers' and Solicitors' Admission Boards.

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Cairns, Townsville
Start Dates:	February, July
Duration:	5 years full-time Part-time available
Prerequisites:	English
ATAR:	69.4

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only

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This joint degree qualifies you for admission to practise law in Queensland, and provides you with the critical judgement and cross-cultural communication skills of the Bachelor of Arts. This degree will give you a legal qualification with complementary Arts skills, and is strongly supported by the legal profession.

Arts graduates are recognised for reflective and analytical thinking, strong communication skills and exceptional research abilities. They find careers in the private and public sector in many interesting roles.

ARTS MAJORS

Anthropology

Study history, languages, politics, economics and social systems. Understand cultural and ethnic differences and analyse how people's beliefs fit into a wider social, political and economic context. Learn the research, observation and interview techniques that will equip you to work with people from diverse cultural backgrounds. Develop skills that are critical in decision-making for governments, corporations and not-for-profit organisations.

Archaeology

Develop skills in archaeological investigation and research as a basis for employment in the field in Australia. Benefit from opportunities to participate in a variety of field trips in Australia and Southeast Asia. You will learn the fundamentals of archaeology, then expand on this knowledge with more specialised offerings in evolutionary, forensic, Asian, Australian and European archaeology.

Criminology

Learn why people are motivated to commit crime, and explore strategies to prevent law-breaking and rehabilitate offenders. Throughout your studies, you can participate in a wide range of extracurricular criminology student activities. This course equips you with skills to help make a difference in your community. Not all subjects in this major are available internally and you will need to take some subjects externally.

Design and Creative Arts

Amplify your creativity and develop skills for a stimulating career in the rapidly expanding online design space. Contribute to project management in the creative industries by using technical equipment, and software. Communicate with others through original works of art. You will complement core subjects with a range of specialisations, which vary between campuses. Cairns students focus on the visual arts and digital imaging fields. Townsville students will focus on design and innovation.

English

Investigate and explore the riches of literature across the ages. You will develop your understanding of the English language and gain a high-level of communication and reasoning skills while growing your passion for reading and writing. JCU English major students examine a wide range of literary periods and genres that provide a comprehensive source of historical and cultural understanding.

The Bachelor of Arts-Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree is available for high-achieving students. It consists of extra study and the development of a personal research project and thesis. An Honours degree is usually essential for entry to research higher degrees. Refer to the [Bachelor of Arts -Bachelor of Laws \(Honours\) Handbook](#) for eligibility information.

History

Engage with the past to develop skills in critical thinking, research, and communication. You will develop an understanding of the present world by examining past societies and cultures. Assess evidence and sources both physically and online, and refine your ability to communicate ideas in a range of formats including digital projects.

Human Geography

Explore the interrelationship between people and their natural and built environments. Develop specialist skills including urban planning and design, regional sustainability and social and environmental impact assessment. Become proficient in identifying problems, evaluating explanations, analysing data, and relevant computing techniques. Graduates understand how to develop recommendations to solve major social and environmental problems.

Human Services

Develop skills that will prepare you to work with marginalised and vulnerable people. Study social policy, community planning and development, education and capacity building, organisational practice and social responsibility. Benefit from JCU's research culture and working relationships with government agencies and local community groups. You will gain practical skills and experience through field trips and project work.

Indigenous Studies

Expand your understanding of the complex interface between Indigenous and Western knowledge, perspectives and practices in Australia today. Explore Indigenous knowledge and traditions, colonial disruptions, and Indigenous re-assertion in the current era, from the local to the global. Some subjects include field trips and one includes an optional international trip to an Indigenous community. Graduates are prepared to engage thoughtfully with Indigenous Australians and Indigenous issues in professional and community spaces.

Modern Languages

Become fluent in French, German, Italian or Japanese and gain valuable skills relevant to the globalisation of today's society. In each language you will study listening, reading, speaking and writing skills through critiquing text, films and television programs. Immerse yourself in the language with opportunities to study abroad for six months at one of JCU's partner universities. You do not need prior knowledge of the language to undertake this major which offers foundation to advanced levels.

Multimedia Journalism and Writing

Gain the knowledge to succeed in the fast-paced creative and news media environments. Learn from published writers, researchers and journalists to write creatively about unique environments and complex topics. Study topics like writing for multimedia, short story writing, media law and ethics, public relations campaigns, broadcast journalism, and the sociology of digital environments. Graduates are skilled in creative writing, editing, critical reading, filming, storyboarding, and effective writing.

Politics and International Relations

Expand your knowledge of political processes, foreign relations, diplomacy, globalisation and international politics. Explore issues such as human rights, ethnic relations, war and conflict, the ongoing legacies of historical events on contemporary politics, and politics in the developing world. Learn the skills you need for a career in defence, diplomacy, ethnic affairs, human rights and development, intelligence and international trade.

Psychology Studies

Gain a deeper understanding of the biological, social and cultural factors that influence how humans think, feel and behave. Explore the history of psychology, the nervous system, memory, cognition, intelligence, motivation, emotion, health psychology, personality and psychological disorders. This major is not accredited, if you want to become a Registered Psychologist, find out more about the Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours). This major is not available at Cairns campus.

Sociology

Develop the analytical tools to learn how society is organised and how we experience life with each other. Study social trends and understand why and how societies and institutions have developed through history. Gain social science research skills and explore a diverse range of topics. Examine the social issues in the Tropics choosing to study topics including race, gender identity, poverty and wealth



“The best thing about this course for me was variety. I could combine Law subjects that were more technical with Arts subjects that interested me personally. In Arts, I studied politics and sociology, which I found particularly interesting and the political subjects dovetailed well with law. If you’re looking for some diversity and looking to broaden your horizons, studying a joint degree is a great way to achieve this.”

Michael Pannach

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One of the benefits of studying at JCU is that there are smaller classes here compared to other universities. If students need help, it is very easy to get access to their teaching staff.

We have a very good relationship with our students, and I know a lot of them personally. It's not unusual for them if they are walking past to pop their head in and say 'hello'.

And for students who are living farther away, with online study they can still come to JCU and study externally a lot of our courses now."

Jamie Fellows

SENIOR LECTURER AND COURSE COORDINATOR

Career Opportunities

A JCU Arts-Law degree gives you the versatility and diversity of skills to choose from many different careers.

Career pathways — depending on what majors you choose — may include law, land rights and Indigenous affairs, arts and culture, media, film, and television, politics, economics, public policy, or human rights.

You could become a barrister, solicitor, public prosecutor, community lawyer, legal officer, or in-house counsel for large companies.





JCU Accommodation

Study and live in some of the most interesting places in the world. Cairns and Townsville are on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, magnificent rainforests, the savannah region and Outback Australia.

Living on-campus is a great way to make the most of your time at JCU. JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas, has five different accommodation options housing over 1,200 students. JCU Cairns, Nguma-bada campus, Smithfield, features an accommodation complex for 300 students. Living on-campus is a great place to make new friends and immerse yourself in the JCU culture. All rooms at our on-campus residences are single board, with a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully catered or self-catered housing. Find out more at jcu.edu.au/accommodation



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