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Careers News

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In this issue, you will find out about:

- Bachelor of Arts (University of New South Wales)
- tertiary institutions information day/evening
- various useful publications
- de-stress tips

University program in focus – University of New South Wales



Bachelor of Arts

ATAR Cut off for 2013: 78

Minimum course duration: 3 years full time

Overview

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) is a three year degree which provides you with a licence to explore big ideas, global perspectives, creativity and the social issues that impact the communities. The flexibility of the degree allows you to structure your BA to suit your interests, talents and career aspirations. You will develop essential skills and knowledge that will translate to exciting and contemporary career options. Graduates are highly valued for their intellectual flexibility, ability to think critically and to communicate with creativity and influence.

Structure

As a BA student you complete in-depth study in two discipline areas, which you select from 34 areas of study. You may select two majors, completing a BA with a double-major. Alternatively, you may select one major and one minor area of study. The remainder of your degree includes electives from areas of study taught within the Arts and Social Sciences and from other faculties.

Major and Minors

A major is the most in-depth area of study you can undertake in the BA, usually

comprised of nine courses over three years. A minor is also an in-depth area of study, usually comprised of six courses over three years. One major must be from Arts and Social Sciences.

With so much choice you do not have to choose your major until the end of first year. The remainder of your degree includes options from other faculties and the 35 areas of study available within Arts and Social Sciences.

You can do these languages or cultural studies as your Majors or Minors

- Asian Studies
- Chinese Studies
- English
- European Studies
- French Studies
- Geography (Science)
- German Studies
- Hispanic Studies - Spanish
- Indigenous Studies (Nura Gili)
- International Business (Business)
- International Relations
- Japanese Studies
- Korean Studies
- Linguistics
- Media, Culture and Technology

You will develop skills, capabilities and ways of thinking critically, which are highly valued by employers and professions. Skills developed include:

- Research skills
- Critical and creative problem solving
- Respect for social, cultural and individual diversity

- Persuasive communication and presentation skills
- An informed understanding of human experience, human culture and human society
- Intellectual breadth and flexibility to understand and use knowledge in a range of contexts

Graduates may work in areas including teaching, journalism, politics, university and public administration, diplomacy, publishing, the arts, international affairs, interpreting and translating, business, media and research.

School Leavers Destination

We are in the process of contacting last year's HSC students who have done a language with us (some have done two or even three languages!) We are interested in following up on our students – if they are studying, working or taking a GAP year. We have managed to get in touch with about half of all the students (out of the 600 students) so far. It is pleasing to know that many students will continue with language learning at a university level. Some will do a Bachelor of International Studies where the students will study at least one semester overseas. More about our ex-students will be reported in the next issue of the careers newsletter. If you know someone who has not been contacted or has just come back from their overseas travel, please ask them to write to the Careers Adviser angela.lam@det.nsw.edu.au. We are keen to hear from them.

Information Day

Projects Abroad Information Evening - Volunteer Overseas

Date : 18th Feb 2014

Time : 6:30-7:30pm

Venue : Sydney Central YHA - 11 Rawson Place, Sydney

Cost : FREE

Contact : Projects Abroad : info@projects-abroad.com.au

Event Description :

Projects Abroad offer volunteering opportunities in 28 countries across the developing world and have over 1000 unique projects. The projects are all about connecting with and understanding a different world, making a worthy contribution, and personal development.

The projects are safe, sustainable and worthwhile - providing unparalleled support through full time in country staff and projects where volunteers can stretch themselves, while having a positive impact on their placement.

There are a huge range of projects such as: care, teaching, sports, conservation, human rights, law, journalism and medicine and healthcare placements among others, in places like Tanzania, Peru and Sri Lanka to name a few!

Their information evenings give you the chance to find out all there is to know about volunteering with Projects Abroad! There will also be a past volunteer talking about their experience and plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

To find out more information and to register, head to our website: <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/about-us/meet-us/information-evenings/>

Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Multicultural Open Day

Date : 22nd Feb 2014

Time : 10.00-13.00

Venue : 1 Chambers Road, Leura NSW 2780

Cost : FREE

Contact : Charlotte Pun : charlotte.pun@bluemountains.edu.au / 0450 902 007

Event Description :

Take this opportunity to learn first-hand their business degree courses;

International Hotel & Resort Management, International Event Management are run.

Tour their facilities while meeting current students and staff during your visit to their Practical Learning Centre. Start your pathway to an international career through the Number 1 Hotel Management School in Australia and Asia Pacific. (TNS 2013)

Please contact Charlotte Pun to register your interest.

To find out more about our school, please visit www.bluemountains.edu.au

Australian Volunteers International Information Sessions

AVI runs a range of volunteer programs throughout both Australia and the rest of the world. Find out more about what they do & how you can get involved at one of their information sessions.

Sydney: Wed 12th March, 6:30pm – 7:30pm at Erskineville Town Hall, 104 Erskineville Rd, Erskineville

Canberra: Tue 18th March, 6:30pm – 7:30pm at ANU University House, Corner of Balmain Cr & Liverside St, Acton

Wagga Wagga: Wed 19th March, 6:30pm – 7:30pm at Wagga Wagga RSL Club, 26 Dobbs Street, Wagga Wagga

<http://www.australianvolunteers.com/volunteer/information-sessions-.aspx>

IEP Working Adventures Worldwide Online Information Sessions

Date : Wed 19th March, 6:00pm – 6:30pm: Work Canada Job Fair & Work Canada

Date : Wed 19th March, 6:30pm – 7:00pm: Work USA

Date : Wed 19th March, 7:00pm – 7:30pm: Summer Camp USA

Date : Wed 19th March, 7:30pm – 8:00pm: Work Britain & Work Britain Visa Kick Start

<http://www.iep.com.au/Events.aspx>

Lattitude Global Volunteering: Online Webinars

Monday 24th March – Thursday 3rd April.

Find out all the essential information about volunteering with Lattitude and the options available. During the online session, Lattitude staff run through a tailored presentation, returned volunteers speak about their experiences and you will have the chance to ask questions you have. The first webinar is a general overview and then a different program is the topic of the webinar each subsequent day.

<http://www.lattitude.org.au/index.php?nodeId=166>

CSU's My Days are chances for students to find out what studying at CSU would be like.

Albury-Wodonga

11th June: Teaching and Education

Bathurst

29th May: Arts and Psychology

5th June: Teaching and Education

Dubbo:

17th June: My Day

Port Macquarie:

26th June: Info Day

Wagga Wagga

21st March: Arts, Psychology and Social Work

12th June: Teaching and Education

<http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday>

University of Wollongong Campus Tours

UOW offers free hour-long tours every Friday between 10.00am and 3.00pm throughout the year.

<http://www.uow.edu.au/future/visit/index.html>

Other Information

Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships

These Scholarships are administered by a number of universities throughout Australia and are designed to assist Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students to enter University studies with greater ease. Students must apply directly to the University where they are intending to study. Application due dates for Indigenous Scholarships depend on the University where you are applying to study.

To find out if your University administers the Scholarship, type into a Google search “Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships” and then the acronym of the university – “UQ” “UNSW” “UWS” “UWA” etc.

Alternatively, contact the university directly.

<http://www.innovation.gov.au/HigherEducation/StudentSupport/CommonwealthScholarships/Pages/default.aspx>

Hobsons Course Finder: Good Universities Guide 2014

Hobsons Course Finder allows you to search through the Guide's unique five-star ratings, which cover every university in Australia. The independent ratings cover all aspects of university life.

<http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/ratings/>

Australian Catholic University: 2014 Year 10 and 11 Course Guide

This course guide provides information that can help Year 10 and 11 students when they are choosing their final subjects in high school.

http://www.acu.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/566371/FINAL_STR1559_Year_10_and_11_Guide.pdf

Charles Sturt University Year 10 Information Page

This webpage is designed for year 10 students possibly considering university study once they have finished year 12. The page features advice regarding year 11 and 12 subject selection, what to do if they are unsure about what they want to do as well as career planning advice.

<http://www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/getting-to-uni/year-10-information>

The Job I Love Guide

‘The Job I Love’ allows students and jobseekers find out about occupations and careers within the service industries. It has information about qualifications, how to find training, and what course goes with what job.

<http://www.serviceskills.com.au/the-job-i-love-careers-guide>

Tech Tools to Assist Learners with Disability

This article outlines a range of programs & tools that can be of use to learners with disability. The various tools are all designed to make access to computers easy for people with disability.
<http://www.diip.com.au/tech-tools-assist-learners-disability>

Youth Central: 6 Tips for Surviving Year 12

This article aims to help students get through their challenging final year of secondary school by providing six helpful tips for 'survival'
<http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/Studying+%26+Training/Secondary+Study/6+Tips+for+Surviving+Year+12/>

Martin College: How to Improve Concentration

This article details some things that students can do to improve their concentration & remain focused.
<http://blog.martincollege.edu.au/index.php/studying/improve-concentration>

How to De-stress During Exams

Bond University has released this funny video which is filled with tips to de-stress during exam periods.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4IHCwY838s>

Exchange or Overseas Opportunity

Congratulations to [Emilie Roure](#) for winning the Modern Languages Teachers Association Indonesian Scholarship. Emilie has won a scholarship of \$500 value, to be used for Indonesian resources or as a contribution to in-country experience. Emilie is currently studying Year 11 Indonesian Beginners course with us.



Congratulations to [Ethan Hooper](#) for winning the Modern Languages Teachers Association Chinese Scholarship. Ethan is doing the Year 11 Chinese Beginners course with us. He plans to use the \$500 scholarship to buy some Chinese resources. He will firstly buy a dictionary.

Go Overseas

Go Overseas is a website that allows you to find and compare overseas programs. Every organization and program has been reviewed by students who have participated in that program. There are also over 300 articles on travel available as well as customized country guides.
<http://www.gooverseas.com/>

For career information, please contact: Ms A Lam (Careers Adviser & Chinese Teacher)
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