

1. How long is the Bachelor of Arts degree?

When studied full time, the Bachelor of Arts is a three (3) year degree.

2. What is your structure for the Bachelor of Arts (BA)?

The BA consists of 24 units within one (1) of the following structures:

- Single major with two (2) minors, and electives or a third minor;
- Two (2) majors, with electives or a minor;
- Specialisation with one (1) minor, and electives or a second minor; or
- Double major, with electives or a minor.

The terms major, minor, specialisation and double major refer to different levels of concentration of study in one field (e.g. Communication).

3. What areas of study are available in the Bachelor of Arts?

Just about anything you want. Avondale's BA is amazingly flexible.

You can take any field of study offered by the School of Humanities & Creative Arts. Or you can add a major from any other area in the College. Or, you can even bring in a major from anywhere in the world in any appropriate field.

Say for example, you wish to major in Anthropology, and also study at Avondale. You can either do your Anthropology major at another institution, then come to Avondale to complete your degree, or come to Avondale & do Anthropology by distance education with another institution while studying at Avondale.

If you wish to complete your whole degree at Avondale, here are the areas of study available through the School of Humanities & Creative Arts:

Double majors are available in:

- Religious Studies
- Visual Communication

Specialisations are available in:

- Communication
 - Music
 - Psychology (through University of new England)
 - Religious Studies
 - Visual Arts

Majors are available in:

- Communication
 - English
 - Geography (not with an International Poverty and Development Studies major)
 - History
 - International Poverty and Development Studies (not with a Geography major)
 - Mathematics
 - Music
 - Psychology (through University of new England)
 - Religious Studies
 - Visual Arts

Minors are available in:

- Biblical Languages
- Biological Sciences (with a Geography major only)
- Communication
- English
- Geography
- Graphic Design
- History
- International Poverty and Development Studies
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics

- Music
- Psychology (through University of new England)
- Religious Studies
- Visual Arts

4. What are the entry requirements for the Bachelor of Arts?

Aside from general entry requirements, the following also applies:

Mathematics:

- Recent HSC (or equivalent) Mathematics Extension 1, or recommendation of the Faculty of Science and Mathematics.

Music:

- Admission to the Music majors is by interview, audition and placement tests. Applicants should normally have studied music for approximately six (6) years.

Visual Arts & Visual Communication:

- Applicants should normally have HSC (or equivalent) Art and are interviewed by telephone by a staff member of the Visual Arts department.

5. What are the prerequisites for entering a music major or minor course?

Students will need to have the following:

- Interview, audition and placement tests at Avondale
- Studied music for at least six (6) years
- Be approved by the Course Convenor
- A UAI of 59.55 or greater/OP of 17 or less
- An ATAR result of 63.00 or greater

It is also advantageous to have achieved Grade 3 (three) AMEB Musicianship/Theory, as well as Grade 5 (five) AMEB performance.

The Course Convenor will request a Tape/CD/DVD of your performance 10-12 minutes in length which includes various styles of music. A face to face audition will be organised prior to the commencement of classes.

6. What instrument may I study at Avondale College?

There has been no limit placed on what instruments can be studied at Avondale College of Higher Education. Please make your request known to the Course Convenor.

7. Do I have to have formal examinations completed to do Music?

The Course Convenor will interview, audition and recommend you to the Academic Registrar if he/she is happy with your music abilities. The appropriate bridging work to enter Avondale College of Higher Education to do Music studies may be recommended and therefore you may be required to take MUHA00600—Foundations of Harmony in your first semester.

8. What music groups can I get involved in?

- Avondale Singers
- Avondale College Church Contemporary Choir
- Avondale College Orchestra
- Avondale Brass Band (a community brass band based at the Avondale Memorial Church)
- Avondale College Wind Ensemble

9. What is included in an English major? What careers can I follow?

Avondale College of Higher Education's English units cover a variety of periods, genres, themes, approaches and theory. Students are given the opportunity to experience a wide range of texts and study their aesthetic and literary value in the light of cultural and historical assumptions.

Students study varied topics such as:

- Approaches to Literature
- Australian Literature
- Media Interpretations
- The Bible as Literature
- Print Journalism
- Drama
- Literature and Religion
- Fiction for Children and Adolescents
- Post-Colonial Studies
- Creative Writing: Poetry and Short Story
- Renaissance Literature

- Twentieth Century Literature
- Advanced Journalism
- Issues in Representation: History, Literature and Media

Career Options:

English graduates have a diversity of capabilities and cross-disciplinary skills that go beyond technical skills. Studying English can lead to careers in the following areas:

- Writing
- Acting
- Broadcasting
- Publishing
- Journalism
- Advertising
- Teaching
- Administrating
- Management
- Librarianship
- Parliamentary Assistance
- Script/Speech/Screen Writing
- Editorial Work
- Public Relations
- Public Service
- Industry
- Law
- Marketing
- Human Resource Management

10. What careers can I follow when I study Communication at Avondale College of Higher Education?

You may be able to work in a variety of settings. Graduates may develop a career in the following areas:

- Journalism (Television, Radio, Newspapers, Magazines etc)
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- Event Management
- Editing and Assistant Editing
- Broadcast Media
- Advertising
- Writing
- Publishing
- Administration
- Project Manager
- Research
- Script/Speech/Screen Writing
- Human Resource Management
- Film Making
- Public Service
- Personal Assistant
- Industry Practitioner

11. What is included in the Communication Major/Specialisation? Will I have professional experience?

You may take a specialisation of twelve (12) units, Major or Minor. Students focus on one of three (3) strands:

- broadcast media; or
- writing; or
- Public Relations.

It includes subjects from television writing to photo-journalism to radio production.

Students complete a total of six (6) weeks experience in practical workplace situations, exploring an area of interest first hand.

12. Why should I come to do my Communications degree at Avondale College of Higher Education?

- Real clients in a number of the units studied
- Develop your portfolio of publications
- There is a focus on developing your Curriculum Vitae
- Internships are available with credit to your unit at:
 - o Sanitarium Health Food
 - o Adventist Media Network
 - o Sydney Adventist Hospital
- Hands on experience

- Campus-based jobs
- Paid project work
- Networking with many of the practitioners who have top credibility
- Practicals have:
 - o ABC radio/TV journalists present classes
 - o SBS TV journalists and writers present classes
 - o Other sessional lecturers attend from UTS (University of Technology, Sydney) one of the biggest providers of Communications study in Australia

13. Why study History? What's involved?

Students study History to understand the background of their country and the world better, and because it is an enjoyable way to acquire important skills of research, critical thinking, analysis and clear communication of ideas.

Students study varied units such as:

- Australia to 1980
- The Ancient World
- Music Culture of Pre-Baroque/Baroque Eras
- The World Wars
- Revolutions and Revolutionaries
- The Reformation
- The Ancient History Tour
- The Modern History Tour
- History of Art I
- Post-Colonial Studies
- Themes in American History
- Women's History in Western Europe
- Issues in Representation: History, Literature and Media

Students who complete a History major may find employment in one of the following areas:

- advertising agent
- broadcaster
- politician
- consultant
- personnel manager
- Local, State or Federal civil servant
- Editor
- Archivist
- service in diplomatic corps
- information specialist
- analyst
- journalist
- legal assistant
- librarian
- lobbyist
- public relations staffer
- researcher
- teacher

14. What degree do I enrol under to do Psychology?

Students can either enrol at Avondale College of Higher Education under a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science program.

15. How do students study Psychology?

Students complete twelve (12) psychology units at the University of New England by distance education. They do this by cross-institutional enrolment.

Twelve (12) units are taken on campus at Avondale College of Higher Education.

16. How do students gain a cross-institutional enrolment?

You will need to obtain a form from <http://www.une.edu.au/for/current-students/forms/ss-xinst-non-admission.pdf> or one (1) can be obtained from the Admission Enquiry Centre by calling 1800 991 392.

UNE also offers a Government support place (HECS-HELP) for their units. To receive this help, you will need to fill in a Government support place (HECS-HELP) application form available at the Admission Enquiry Centre also.

Once these forms are completed, they should be returned to the above centre to have them finalised and forwarded to UNE.

17. How are fees managed for Psychology?

See the Student Finance office at Avondale College of Higher Education to make financial arrangements or to complete a FEE-HELP form. This will cover the units taken at Avondale College but the UNE units will be covered by a Commonwealth Supported Place (HECS-HELP).

As a UNE Student, you are eligible for a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP). This means that the government contributes to your fees, leaving you a student contribution amount of \$635.40 to pay in 2012.

18. What costs are involved in Psychology for a semester in 2012?

Tuition fees (per Avondale unit – depending on how many taken) \$1,622

Full Facility Package	\$243
Full Facility Package (with FitLife)	\$321
Accommodation and meals	\$4,353
Room Deposit	\$500

19. What is Psychology about?

Psychology provides a close study of human behaviour and the functioning of the individual within a variety of social settings. It will give you an understanding of the thought, language and personality of individuals as well as the connection between their minds, the environment, the society and their biological bodies.

Psychology is studied within the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science. Both the BA and the BSc are three year courses when studied on a full-time schedule, and the psychology major is accredited by the Australian Psychology Society. To work as a professional psychologist however, students will need to complete a fourth year of study in psychology and then undertake either a Master's degree or two-years of professional supervision.

20. How is the Psychology course studied?

If you study this major, you will complete twelve (12) psychology subjects by distance education at the University of New England, Armidale NSW, and a further twelve on campus at Avondale College of Higher Education. For most psychology subjects, you will also need to complete two (2) to three (3) days of classes at UNE.

21. Can I become a psychologist simply by studying this major?

This course is not sufficient to become a psychologist but it is necessary. You will need to complete a fourth year of study in psychology by undertaking postgraduate studies with a specialisation in psychology plus two (2) years of professional supervision. You can only become a psychologist by completing the twelve (12) unit APS accredited major.

22. How long does the Bachelor of Arts Psychology course go for?

The psychology major, when studied full-time, is completed within three (3) years (either Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science)

23. What jobs can I consider if I only complete Bachelor of Arts Psychology?

- Family Service Officer
- Child and Family Therapist (Child Protection)
- Youth Justice Officer
- Youth Worker
- Community Road Safety Officer
- Learning Support Personnel
- Counsellor
- Human Resource Manager
- Social Welfare Officer
- Project Manager, Mental Health Project
- Rehabilitation Counsellor

24. What jobs can I consider if I complete the fourth year plus the two (2) years of Psychology specialisation?

- Child Psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Clinical Neurophysiologist
- Forensic Psychologist
- Community Psychologist
- Health Psychologist
- Teaching and research Psychologist
- Educational Psychologist
- Organisational Psychologist
- Sports Psychology
- Counselling Psychology

25. What additional costs are there for the Psychology major?

- Text books required for this course per semester cost between \$100-200 for UNE.
- Travel costs will also be incurred for the few day classes studied at UNE.
- Accommodation at UNE will only be in the second and third years of the course and for approximately three (3) days per semester. You will need to contact UNE to obtain the fees for this.

26. What type of units are covered in the BA Psychology?

The following nine (9) units must be taken in the Psychology Specialisation:

- Introductory Psychology I & II
- Research Methods and Statistics
- Social Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Lifespan Developmental Psychology
- Biopsychology
- Advanced Research Methods and Statistics
- Psychological Testing

Three (3) of the following may be taken as electives in the twelve (12) unit Specialisation:

- Motivation and Emotion
- Behaviour Modification
- Psychology for Sustainability
- Perception and Perceptual impairment
- Health Psychology
- Sports Psychology
- Human Neuropsychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Special Topics in Psychological Research

27. Can the Bachelor of Arts be a part of a combined degree program?

Yes, you can study a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching degree or a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business degree, both of which extend for four (4) years when studied full-time.

28. What UAI, ATAR, OP, or NCEA Level result do I need to enter a degree course?

- UAI of 59.55 or greater, or
- OP of 17 or less, or
- ATAR result of 63.00 or greater, or
- NCEA Level 3 (NZ)

29. What career options are available upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts (International Poverty and Development Studies)?

- Usually, with NGOs (non-Government Organisations) like the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) or World Vision. Graduands may find jobs with these organisations in both donor countries (like Australia) and implementing countries (like Thailand). The overwhelming majority of jobs available are managing projects in poor countries.
- Also, in emergency management oriented agencies eg: the Red Cross.
- When combined with a communications major students may find jobs working with humanitarian organisations in marketing, communications and advocacy related to poverty alleviation.
- Each year ADRA and AusAID offers quality internships for graduands who are passionate about development work.
- Numerous volunteer opportunities exist for graduands who are still exploring their career direction.

30. What are the best features of the International Poverty and Development Studies (IPDS) course?

- Second year Development Experience either as an individual placement in a humanitarian organisation for 3 weeks in a developing country or group trip led by the lecturer. For those who are eligible, FEE-HELP of \$5,500 is available for the travel in this unit.
- Third year placement in a humanitarian organisation for 3 weeks in a rich, donor country. Eg. ADRA or World Vision Australia. This is for authentic work experience.
- Third Year Development Skills Unit. Provides students with practical experience in project writing, budgeting, evaluation and a whole range of useful things needed in the workplace.
- Availability of ARTS20000 as an elective Volunteer Experience & Reflection. Students can do their volunteering with a humanitarian organisation.
- Close links with ADRA Australia. Each year ADRA offers internships to Avondale Graduates.
- Opportunity to work with One Mission or COSMOS on campus.
- A volunteer elective unit may be used in place of a Christian Studies unit.