



First Year Student's Guide – How to Choose Units

If you're a new student enrolling full-time at UWA, then you will need to choose 8 units for the upcoming year. A typical enrolment in the **Bachelor of Arts** degree looks like this:

Semester 1	Major	Additional Major	Minor	Elective
Semester 2	Major	Additional Major	Minor	Elective

This guide will show you how to select your First Year units.

Major

Choose a major from the Bachelor of Arts:

<http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate#bp001>

Example:

Let's say you've chosen the [Asian Studies](#) major. If so, you'll want to enrol in two Level 1 units: ASIA1001 (offered in Semester 1) and ASIA1002 (offered in Semester 2), and your enrolment plan will now look like this:

Semester 1	ASIA1001 Major	Additional Major	Minor	Elective
Semester 2	ASIA1002 Major	Additional Major	Minor	Elective

Additional major

Choose an additional major:

<https://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/search/?type=majors&searchtext=>

Example:

Let's say you've chosen the [History](#) major. If so, you'll want to enrol in two Level 1 units – however you notice that the History major has four Level 1 units to choose from. In this example, let's say the two Level 1 units that appeal to you most are both offered in Semester 1. That's okay, because your degree is flexible and you can move things around. Your enrolment plan will now look like this:

Semester 1	ASIA1001 Major	HIST1003 Additional Major	HIST1901 Additional Major	Minor
Semester 2	ASIA1002 Major	Minor	Elective	Elective

Excellent, we're half way there! 😊

Minor

Choose a minor:

<https://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/search/?type=minors&searchtext=>

Example:

Let's say you've chosen the [Feeding the Future World](#) minor. If so, you'll want to enrol in one or two Level 1 units. AGR11001 is a core (required) unit, so let's add that. The other Level 1 is an option (choose one) between HIST1901 and PUBH1102. You notice that you're already doing HIST1901, and that's OK because it can count towards both your major and minor (to a maximum of ONE unit overlap). Your enrolment plan will now look like this:

Semester 1	ASIA1001 Major	HIST1003 Additional Major	HIST1901 Additional Major Minor	AGRI1001 Minor
Semester 2	ASIA1002 Major	Elective	Elective	Elective

Broadening

Broadening units are any four units outside of your first major. Let's trust that we'll meet it, and carry on...

Electives

Finally, let's fill the remaining space with electives:

<https://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate-bachelor/electives>

Electives can be taken from any area, so long as you meet any unit rules (such as prerequisite and co-requisite requirements) a unit may have.

Example:

Let's say you would really like to take another unit from History. Only two Level 1 History units will be counted towards the major, but that's okay you can take additional Level 1 History units as an elective. In this example you choose HIST1001, and your enrolment plan will now look like this:

Semester 1	ASIA1001 Major	HIST1003 Additional Major	HIST1901 Additional Major Minor	AGRI1001 Minor
Semester 2	ASIA1002 Major	HIST1001 Elective	Elective	Elective

Example:

Let's say you have a keen interest in Mathematical Theory and Methods and would like to enrol in MATH1012, but you studied Mathematics Methods and not Mathematics Specialist in high school so you do not meet the prerequisite requirements. So that you can take this unit in future, in this example you decide to enrol in the foundations unit MATH1722. Your enrolment plan will now look like this:

Semester 1	ASIA1001 Major	HIST1003 Additional Major	HIST1901 Additional Major Minor	AGRI1001 Minor
Semester 2	ASIA1002 Major	HIST1001 Elective	MATH1722 Elective	Elective

Example:

Let's say you like the sound of Crime and Society, so you decide to add LAWS1110. Your enrolment plan will now look like this:

Semester 1	ASIA1001 Major	HIST1003 Additional Major	HIST1901 Additional Major Minor	AGRI1001 Minor
Semester 2	ASIA1002 Major	HIST1001 Elective	MATH1722 Elective	LAWS1110 Elective

Congratulations! You've put together your enrolment plan and are now ready to enrol online.

Enrol online:

www.studentconnect.uwa.edu.au

Get ready:

www.uwa.edu.au/unistart

Whole degree

So you might be wondering, what would my whole degree look like over three years?

The Bachelor of Arts is comprised of 24 units overall.

In this example, the **Bachelor of Arts** whole degree will be made up of:

- Major: [Asian Studies](#) (2+2+4) 8 units
 - Additional major: [History](#) (2+3+3) 8 units
 - Minor: [Feeding the Future World](#) (2+2+0) 4 units
 - Electives: Remaining unit spaces 4 units
- 4 units
total: 24 units

This is what a three year study plan would look like:

Year 1

Semester 1	ASIA1001 Major	HIST1003 Additional Major	HIST1901 Additional Major Minor	AGRI1001 Minor
Semester 2	ASIA1002 Major	HIST1001 Elective	MATH1722 Elective	LAWS1110 Elective

Year 2

Semester 1	ASIA2004 Major	Level 2 HIST Additional Major	Level 2 HIST Additional Major	ANIM2001 Minor
Semester 2	ASIA2002 Major	Level 2 HIST Additional Major	Any Unit Elective	PUBH2208 Minor

Year 3

Semester 1	ASIA3001 Major	ASIA3003 Major	Level 3 HIST Additional Major	Any Unit Elective
Semester 2	ASIA3002 Major	ASIA3005 Major	Level 3 HIST Additional Major	HIST3001 Additional Major

BA degree requirements

- 24 units completed overall (no more, no less)
- A maximum of twelve Level 1 units
- A minimum of three Level 3 units
- A BA major
- Additional majors and minors are **optional**

We wish you the very best for your studies in 2022, and warmly welcome you to UWA.

Warm regards,
Arts and Law Student Office