



ARTS

95.6% of recent Humanities, Culture & Social Sciences graduates and 86.1% of recent Creative Arts graduates found employment within four months of graduating.*

Avondale's **Bachelor of Arts (BA)** is a three-year degree designed to present arts within a Christian world view and to help you understand society and your role in it. The course gives you opportunities to develop your abilities in problem-recognition and solving, research skills, analysis, synthesis and creativity, critical and reflective thinking, and written and non-verbal communication.

The degree provides broad preparation for future employment, as well as a sound basis for those wishing to pursue graduate diplomas and other postgraduate qualifications.

Studying Arts will develop your higher critical thinking skills and encourage exploration of how you view the world and yourself.

You will have the opportunity to progress in a variety of creative interest areas.

Specialisations:

- | Counselling
- | Psychology
- | Music

Majors: Chaplaincy, Counselling, English, History, Music, Psychology, Religious Studies and Visual Arts.

Minors: Communication, Counselling, English, Geography, History, Music and Visual Arts.

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Arts course is accredited under Avondale's self-accrediting authority, within the terms of the Australian Qualifications Framework, and is nationally registered with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA). In 2014 Avondale was granted self-accrediting status by TEQSA.

Semester Intake

Semester One - Yes
Semester Two - Yes

FEE-HELP is available for eligible students.

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*Data Source: Graduates outcomes survey 2017-2019 for Avondale undergraduate courses, qilt.edu.au

Bachelor of Arts

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| Code | 4000 |
| Course | Bachelor of Arts (BA) |
| Fee Support | FEE-HELP* |
| Study mode | On-campus Distance education available for some units |
| Duration | 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent |
| Location | Lake Macquarie Campus |

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- | Chaplain
- | Writer
- | Counsellor
- | Museum Curator
- | Musical Director
- | Fine Art Ceramicist
- | Psychologist (after completion of necessary postgraduate studies)



CHAPLAINCY

Avondale's Bachelor of Arts (BA), major in Chaplaincy, combines personal development, theoretical understandings and skill development. Aimed at developing chaplains who can work in a professional capacity in educational, hospital, corporate or social service sectors, the major in Chaplaincy includes two units in Clinical Pastoral Education that deepen a student's capacity for self-reflection and for the integration of theory with practice. Skill-based counselling units are included in the Chaplaincy major in order to develop pastoral counselling skills that are applicable in a wide variety of settings. Students combine the Chaplaincy major with another field of study in order to meet the requirements of the Bachelor of Arts.

Practical Experience:

The Chaplaincy major allows you to undertake practical experience in a school, hospital or retirement village setting, so that you can put theory into practice.

Areas of Study:

- | Chaplaincy Principles and Practice
- | Counselling Skills and Theories
- | Counselling Ethics and Spiritual Integration
- | Clinical Pastoral Experience
- | Emotional and Behavioural Responses

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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| Chaplain | School Chaplain |
| Aged Care Chaplain | Youth Worker |
| Hospital Chaplain | |



COUNSELLING

Avondale's Bachelor of Arts (BA), specialisation in Counselling combines theoretical learning with skill acquisition in order to render students industry ready at the completion of the three-year program. This program meets the requirements of the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA). Avondale's undergraduate counselling training program relies on sound psychological and psychotherapeutic theory to inform the development of the counsellor. This is integrated with a Christian world view and the tenants of Christian faith and practice.

Counselling can also be studied as a major or minor. Neither of these options allow the graduate to apply for counselling roles, but do provide valuable skills training and theoretical understandings which can be the foundation for further education in counselling or for work in a people helping role.

If you already have a bachelor's degree you can enter into the Graduate Diploma in Counselling course.

Practical Experience:

The Counselling Specialisation includes a clinical placement of 80-100 hours of face-to-face counselling comprised of both individual and group supervision.

Areas of Study:

- | Counselling Skills and Theories
- | Counselling Ethics and Spiritual Integration
- | Family Therapy Theories
- | Child, Adolescent and Couple Counselling
- | Introduction to Psychology
- | Clinical Internships

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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| Counsellor | School Counsellor |
| Marriage Counsellor | Welfare and Youth Counsellor |
| Family Therapist | |



HUMANITIES

History

Avondale's Bachelor of Arts (BA), major in Modern History, gives you the opportunity to explore key themes in Australian history, delve into revolutionary history, and how the Reformation changed our way of thinking and living. You will participate in wargames of World Wars I and II and trip through the history of empires and post-colonial states.

Avondale's Bachelor of Arts (BA), minor in Ancient History, gives you the opportunity to dip into the beliefs, myths, cultures, politics and wars of ancient societies such as the Egyptians, Greeks, Mesopotamians, Chinese and Romans. You will expand your general historical skills in classes that explore the nature of history and pursue a research topic in depth.

English

Avondale's Bachelor of Arts (BA), major in English Literature, is a course designed to broaden the way you see the world. You will engage with a range of diverse cultures, philosophies, beliefs and literary forms while developing valuable skills in close-reading, creative writing and effective communication. Topics range from Renaissance Literature to Fiction for Children and Young Adults, and from Twentieth-century Literature to contemporary Australian film, drama and short stories.

English can also be studied as a minor.

Religious Studies

Avondale's Bachelor of Arts (BA), major in Religious Studies, offers an in-depth study of various aspects of Christianity: its beliefs, history and development, and in particular its sacred text, the Bible. It gives insight into contemporary issues such as the relationship between science and religion, what religion is and how it develops, the nature of revelation and inspiration, and practical ways to ensure a proper understanding of the Bible. You will also be able to explore the belief systems of other significant world religions.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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| Writer | Publisher |
| Researcher | Museum Curator |
| Historian | |



MUSIC

Avondale's Bachelor of Arts (BA), specialisation in Music, is designed to cultivate and enrich your musical knowledge, literacy, research and performance skills. Avondale Conservatorium provides outstanding pedagogical training in music. Through the degree, you will have the opportunity to extend your performance skills in solo, choral, orchestral, band and chamber ensemble settings. The degree also offers intensive academic and practical development in music history, literature, analysis, theory, musicianship and composition, with music technology also integral to the degree. Music at Avondale includes intensive and specialised one-on-one tuition in vocal and instrumental performance and composition with some of Australia's leading experts. Music can be studied as a major or minor.

Practical Experience:

Avondale Conservatorium offers every music student abundant opportunity for practical experience through the solo and ensembles performance program. Students are given regular opportunities to participate in performances with guest musicians and professional artists in a range of settings from weekly performance masterclasses through to performance opportunities on the professional concert stage.

Areas of Study:

- | Solo and Ensemble Performance
- | Conducting
- | Music History
- | Music Technology

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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| Musical Director | Freelance Musician |
| Conductor | Arts Administration: Concert Agent, Manager, Critic and Reviewer |
| Music Studio Teacher | |



PSYCHOLOGY

Avondale's Bachelor of Arts (BA), specialisation in Psychology, meets the undergraduate requirements of the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council and allows students to continue into an honours year in an approved program (subject to academic performance) and thus work towards registration as a psychologist. The ten psychology units are offered online through the University of New England - one of Australia's largest providers of online education. The specialisation in psychology introduces the student to the basic theoretical principles of psychology, various areas of speciality in the field, such as cognitive psychology, biopsychology and psychometric testing and research, and thus provides an understanding not only of the science of human behaviour, but also the principles and methods of inquiry used in this discipline.

Psychology can be studied as a major or minor; however, this is not a pathway towards registration as a psychologist.

Areas of Study:

- | Introduction to Psychology
- | Social and Cognitive Psychology
- | Research and Statistics
- | Psychological Testing
- | Lifespan Development Psychology
- | Biopsychology

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES (after completion of necessary postgraduate studies for psychology registration):

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| School Psychologist | Neuropsychologist |
| Clinical Psychologist | Sports Psychologist |
| Research Psychologist | Social Welfare Officer |
| Forensic Psychologist | Family Service Officer |



VISUAL ARTS

Avondale's Bachelor of Arts (BA), major in Visual Arts, empowers the creative minds. You can focus on the fine arts through ceramics, painting and drawing, and sculpture, or branch into digital arts through photography. You will learn about using physical art mediums while exploring the role of art in society and history. An essential component of the course challenges artists to consider the identity of their creative expression within the scope of a wide understanding of art practices and critiques. Introductory classes focus on technical skills, with practices progressing throughout the degree program to give you free rein to explore your ideas and exhibit your work.

All practices are nested in activities that promote critical thinking, quality planning and processing to produce graduates who are world-ready to contribute to the Arts industry.

Visual Arts can also be studied as a minor.

Practical Experience:

The Visual Arts major includes a final year exhibition where you produce, prepare and present your work. This major exhibition provides you with an exciting opportunity to showcase your work, not only to the general public but also to potential buyers and commercial galleries.

Areas of Study:

- | General Painting and Drawing
- | Ceramics and Sculpture
- | Life Painting and Drawing
- | Digital Photography
- | Studio Practice

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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| Fine Art Ceramicist | Commercial Artist |
| Gallery Curator | Graphic Artist |
| Fine Artist | |