Graduate Study Choices

Graduate Certificate in Studies
Master of Studies
The Graduate Studies Choices program has been developed by The University of Western Australia in response to a growing need for a multi-disciplinary postgraduate degree. In the modern world, many professions require knowledge and skills in more than one discipline. With the Graduate Certificate in Studies and a Master of Studies you can select postgraduate units from multiple disciplines which meet your individual professional and personal interests.

**With a Graduate Certificate in Studies and a Master of Studies you can design a course as individual as you.**

**CHOOSING YOUR UNITS**

**Unit codes and names**

At The University of Western Australia, the unit codes start with four letters and then four numbers. The four letters at the beginning of the unit code indicate the discipline area of the unit. The first digit of the numbers is the year level of study for which the unit is designed. For the Graduate Certificate in Studies and the Master of Studies you need to enrol in units beginning with the digits 4 or 5. This indicates the units are postgraduate level units.

For example: ENGL4105 is Case Studies in Modern Literature. This indicates the unit is within the discipline area of English and Cultural Studies and is at Level 4.

ACCT5432 is Introductory Financial Accounting. This indicates the unit is within the discipline area of Accounting and is at Level 5.

**Unit selection**

Graduate Certificate in Studies – Choose four units (24 points). These must be at Level 4 or 5.

Master of Studies – To complete this degree you need to study a total of 96 points. This is equivalent to 16 units. There is admission credit available for previous relevant undergraduate study to a value of 24 points. This means you need to choose a minimum of 12 units at postgraduate level. See Figure 1 (on page 3) which visually illustrates your learning journey. Of all the units you study for the Master of Studies, at least 50% of the units must be at Level 5.

If there is a particular unit you wish to study which has a prerequisite, there is room to include this prerequisite unit in your course.

After you have completed four units (24 points) you then choose a discipline in which you would like to gain a depth of knowledge. You must complete four core units within this discipline. These four units have been determined by the disciplines and are available from your course coordinator. If you would like to study some particular units, this can be arranged in consultation with the course coordinator and the relevant discipline.

**Research**

If you would like to undertake a small research project within your core discipline, this can be arranged.
Consultation with course coordinator

All unit selections must be made in consultation with the Graduate Studies Choices course coordinator. This ensures you select units which contain the knowledge you wish to acquire so you can gain the most out of your course. As all units are at a postgraduate level, some do have specified knowledge or unit requirements, so ensure you are familiar with the requirements of each unit.

The units shown on page 6 have been approved for study within this program. If you wish to select other units within the University, the units must be at Level 4 or 5 and you must have the required prerequisites or equivalent. Selection of all units requires consultation with the course coordinator.

Applying for credit for previous study

Domestic students

Upon entry into the course you can receive up to 24 points in admission credit for any undergraduate units you have completed. If you need to study undergraduate conversion units then you would not apply for this credit.

If you have previous study in postgraduate units, you can apply for up to 24 points for recognition of prior learning.

There is admission credit available for previous relevant undergraduate study to a value of 24 points. This means you need to choose a minimum of 12 units at postgraduate level. You can also receive recognition of prior learning at postgraduate level up to a value of 24 points. See Figure 1 which visually shows your learning journey.

International students

Most international students are required to complete two years of full-time study to receive a Master of Studies. As an international student you study 16 units over two years and can include up to 4 undergraduate units. See Figure 2 which visually shows your learning journey.

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**Figure 1. Learning journey for a domestic Master of Studies student**

*Conversion units are those which bring student’s cognate knowledge up to a level where postgraduate units can be studied. These can be undergraduate units.

** Recognition of prior learning is for postgraduate level units in any discipline.

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**Figure 2. Learning journey for an international Master of Studies student**

*Conversion units are those which bring student’s cognate knowledge up to a level where postgraduate units can be studied. These can be undergraduate units.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
The entry requirements for both the Graduate Certificate in Studies and the Master of Studies are the same.

To be eligible for admission, you must have completed a three year bachelor degree in any discipline, within the past 10 years, with an average mark of at least 50%. If you received your qualification more than 10 years ago, please contact the Graduate Studies Choices course coordinator to assess your eligibility.

English language requirements
Students who hold overseas qualifications must provide evidence of English language competence equivalent to an IELTS score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0.

HOW TO APPLY
Australian and New Zealand residents can apply for entry for the Graduate Certificate in Studies and the Master of Studies at: studyat.uwa.edu.au/postgraduate-coursework/apply

International students can apply at: studyat.uwa.edu.au/international/myapplication

ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION
You will need the following scanned documents when you apply:
• Academic transcript  
• Passport  
• Proof of residency (if needed)  
• Proof of change of name (if needed)

NEXT STEP
Once your application has been assessed, you will receive an email informing you of the outcome. If you are successful, you will receive a request for an interview from the course coordinator. At this interview, you will discuss your professional background and experience as well as the reasons for choosing this course. You should have an idea of the different discipline areas you would like to study at this stage. If you already know the units in which you would like to enrol, bring along the unit codes and you can discuss these options at the interview. You do not need to know all of the units you will study at this early stage.

After the interview, the course coordinator will contact you with suggested suitable units in applicable discipline areas.

Once you have decided on your initial units, let the course coordinator know the unit codes. Once these have been confirmed you can enrol online using your StudentConnect account.

AS A UWA STUDENT
As a Graduate Studies Choices student you will belong to many different Faculties and Schools, however the course coordinator is available for questions which may arise at any time. Throughout the year you will be invited to attend social events, where you can meet individual students like yourself, who are creating their own learning journey.

ACADEMIC CONDUCT ESSENTIALS
Academic Conduct Essentials (ACE) is an online unit for all commencing UWA students. It introduces the basics of ethical scholarship and the expectations of correct academic conduct at UWA. You can access this module unit through the Learning Management System using your Pheme account. This unit needs to be completed within your first year of enrolment. You will be notified by email when you are close to the completion date.
These units have been recommended by the different disciplines as suitable for Graduate Studies Choices students. Most of these units do not have prerequisite units, however some have cognate knowledge requirement. For example most science units would need an undergraduate degree based in science.

**Agricultural Economics**
- AGR4402 Agribusiness
- ECON4410 Environmental and Resource Economics

**Anatomy and Physiology**
- APHB5500 Advanced Research Techniques
- DENT5800 Principles of Dental Public Health
- SCIE5510 Biomedical Science Research in Context – Literature Review
- SCIE5515 Global Challenges in Biomedical Science

**Archaeology**
- ARCY5104 Working with Stakeholders

**Architecture**
- ARCT5583 Introduction to Architectural Conservation
- LACH4421 Australian Landscapes
- URBDS807 The Forces that Shape Cities

**Art History**
- HART4401 Readings in Contemporary Theory
- HART4402 Studies in Art History 1
- HART4403 Studies in Art History 2

**Biochemistry and Chemistry**
- CHEM4309 Occupational Hygiene and Chemical Safety
- MSCI4005 Research Project Development and Communication

**Biodiversity**
- ANIM4007 Marine Megafauna
- ANIM5502 Evolutionary Biology
- BIOL5501 Origins, Evolution and Conservation of Biodiversity
- BIOL5502 Managing Threatened Species

**Business**
- ACCT5432 Introductory Financial Accounting
- ECON5541 Economics for Business: Applications and Policy
- HRMT5504 Introduction to Human Resource Management
- MGMT5507 Management and Organisations
- MKTG5561 Marketing Management

**Chemical Engineering**
- GENG5505 Project Management and Engineering Practice
- GENG5506 Renewable Energy
- GENG5507 Risk, Reliability and Safety

**Classics and Ancient History**
- CLAN4105 Literature, Narrative, History
- CLAN4106 Material Culture

**Climate change**
- ECON5511 Climate, Energy and Water Economics
- ENVT5509 Global Ecological Challenges
- PLNG5511 Climate Change Policy and Planning
- SCIE5505 Global Change and the Marine Environment

**Communication Studies**
- COMM4104 Public Communication
- COMM5605 Issues in Contemporary Global Journalism
- COMM5701 Strategic Communications in a Digital Era
- COMM5702 Digital Media: Theory and Practice
- COMM5703 Communication, Innovation and Project Management

**Computer Science**
- CITS4405 Relational Database Management Systems
- CITS4406 Problem Solving and Programming

**Conservation Biology**
- BIOL5501 Origins, Evolution and Conservation of Biodiversity
- BIOL5502 Managing Threatened Species
- BIOL5542 Conservation Genetics
- ENVT5513 Decision Strategies for Biodiversity Conservation

**Crop and Livestock Farming Systems**
- AGR4401 Advanced Crop Production Science
- AGR5504 Organic Agriculture
- AGR5506 Integrated Pest Management
- AGR5508 Sustainable Grazing Systems
- AGR5546 International Agriculture: Research and Development (Crop and Livestock Farming Systems)

**Earth and Environmental Science**
- ENVT4404 Environmental Planning and Management
- ENVT4411 Geographic Information Systems Applications
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- PUBH4403 Epidemiology 1
- PUBH5749 Foundations of Public Health
- PUBH5751 Disease Prevention in Population Health
- PUBH5754 Health Promotion 1

## Science Communication
- SCOM4402 Science Communication Literature Review
- SCOM5302 Contemporary Issues in Science Communication
- SCOM5307 Evaluating Science Engagement
- SCOM5308 Peer Review

## Sociology
- ANTH4101 Advanced Qualitative Methods: Interviews and Focus Groups
- SOCS5001 Engaging Cultural Difference
- SOCS5003 Research Design
- SOCS5501 Evaluation

## Soil Science and Plant Nutrition
- AGR4401 Advanced Crop Production Science
- AGR4407 Plant and Human Nutrition
- ENVT5001 Biotechnology in the Natural Environment
- ENVT5503 Remediation of Soils and Groundwater
- ENVT5510 Soil Dynamics
- AGR5548 International Agriculture: Research and Development (Soil Science and Plant Nutrition)

## Sport Science
- SCIE4481 Good, Bogus and Corrupted Science
- SSEH5654 Fundamentals in Research Methods
- SSEH5688 Introduction to Work, Health and Safety

## Translation Studies
- TRNS5001 Introduction to Translation Studies
- TRNS5002 Interdisciplinary Translation Studies
- TRNS5003 Corpus-based Translation Studies
- TRNS5004 Translation Localisation
- TRNS5011 The Ethics of Translation

## Urban Planning
- PLNG4402 Planning Law
- PLNG4403 Planning and Governance
- PLNG4404 Statutory Planning
- PLNG4411 Urban and Regional Analysis

## Visual Arts
- VISA4001 Fine Arts Honours Seminar 1: Survey and Situate
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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