Bachelor of Arts (Community Development) - 2018

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Murdoch University
About this degree

Australia’s communities are ever-changing and evolving and there is always a demand for qualified professionals to deal with the challenges that arise. The Bachelor of Arts (Community Development) online degree will equip you with the skills and strong practical knowledge for a career working with a variety of community groups and institutions. With this online course you will develop skills in communication, critical thinking, social policy and social justice that you can apply to a wealth of career options including the non-profit and government sectors. Our nation's future depends on knowledgeable professionals to help ensure the communities' voices are heard and acknowledged.

Overview

Please Note: New students who wish to complete this course should go to Murdoch’s Bachelor of Arts course page.

The Murdoch University Bachelor of Arts (Community Development) will give you valuable knowledge and understanding of the issues that affect community members and community groups.

It will provide you with a strong understanding of specific social institutions such as the family, work and the law, contemporary social issues such as social, gender and racial inequality, unemployment, health and welfare, social deviance and social control and how these affect people's lives in a community context.

If you want to be in high demand for your knowledge and understanding of community issues then Murdoch University's Community Development course is for you.

Learning Outcomes

KNOWLEDGE
Students graduating with a Major in Community Development will be able to:

- understand and evaluate literature written about community development
- understand the scope and nature of community development as it is being carried out in a range of social, geographic, industry and cultural contexts
- understand a range of social policy 'governmentalities' and approaches that shape contemporary work with community.

SKILLS

Students graduating with a Major in Community Development will have the skills to:

- use creative and professional styles and genres to write for a range of community audiences
- develop a research plan to carry out a community survey, plan or participatory process
- prepare a policy document for professional practice
- prepare an application for funding
- use relevant technologies and techniques to encourage community participation and achieve a range of creative outcomes with community
- Prepare written document on behalf of and in conjunction with community groups.

APPLICATION

Students graduating with a Major in Community Development will have the knowledge and skills to:

- interpret, communicate and present ideas in (or in relation to) a variety of community contexts to a range of audiences
- work collaboratively and independently in the range of settings to respond to project demands and community groups
- reflect, skeptically and creatively, on the social, ethical and political context that confronts professional practice
- function with creativity, innovation, elegance and cross-cultural dexterity to the many needs, demands and opportunities confronting the communities with whom they work.

Career Outcomes

This degree aims to develop your skills and abilities in communication, critical thinking, ethics and social justice as well as developing more specific knowledge related to Community Development.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts in Community Development will be suitable candidates for a wide range of careers in community services and welfare groups, government departments, and not-for-profit organisations.
Degree subjects

Recommended Study Pattern

To get the most from this course, students are recommended to follow these steps:

LEVEL 1 (total of 24 points)
- Complete the Transition and Breadth units - BAR100 and BAR150 (6 points)
- Complete three Part I core units (9 points)
- Complete three Level 1 General Electives from any OUA unit (9 points)

LEVEL 2 (total of 24 points)
- Complete the Research Skills unit - BAR200 (3 points)
- Complete one Breadth Unit from the list (3 points)
- Complete two Part II (Level 2) core units (6 points)
- Complete one Part II (Level 2) specified elective unit (3 points)
- Complete three Level 2 or 3 General Electives from any OUA unit (9 points)

LEVEL 3 (total of 24 points)
- Complete the Research Skills unit - BAR300 (3 points)
- Complete one Breadth Unit from the list (3 points)
- Complete three Part II (Level 3) core units (9 points)
- Complete three Level 2 or 3 General Electives from any OUA unit (9 points)

Degree structure

Majors

Level 1

Core Units – 6 credit points
BAR100 Academic Learning Skills (Transition Unit)
BAR150 Ideas & Identity (Breadth Unit)

Core Units – 9 credit points
COD125: Introduction to Community Development
SOC134: Introduction to Sociology
SUS100 Introduction to Sustainable Development

Level 2

Core Units – 6 credit points
BAR200 Developing Research Skills
Plus one of the following Murdoch University Breadth Units:
You may complete more than one Murdoch Breadth unit (as general electives)

Core Units – 6 credit points
COD201 Community Work Across Sites Settings & Peoples
COD214 Community and Social Policy

Level 3

Core Units – 6 credit points
BAR300 Bachelor of Arts Research Skills

Plus one of the following Murdoch University Breadth Units not yet completed:

- BRD202 Drugs in Society
- BRD251 Wellbeing
- BRD209 Creativity and Innovation
- POL226 Sex and Gender Matters
- AIS204 Indigenous Australia and the Nation
- ENV245 Global and Regional Sustainability
- ASN288 Women in Asian Societies
- PHL209 Metaphors of Mind
- REL101 World Religions

Core Units – 9 credit points
SUS310 Sustainable Urban Communities
COD303 Preparing for Professional Community Practice
COD302 Creative Ways to Work with Community

Please Note: Units which appear in a major and the breadth unit list may only be counted towards the requirements of the major.

Electives

Part I (Level 1)

General Electives – 9 credit points
Select from any 100 level units offered by OUA, subject to individual unit prerequisites. Students who are considering a second major are advised to consider using General Elective points (from Murdoch offerings) to meet the requirements of a second major.

Part II (Level 2)
General Electives – 9 credit points

In addition to one core 200 level Murdoch University Breadth Unit you are encouraged to complete additional Murdoch 200 level Breadth units as general electives.

Select from any 200 or 300 level units offered by OUA, subject to individual unit prerequisites. Students who are considering a second major are advised to consider using General Elective points (from Murdoch offerings) to meet the requirements of a second major.

Specified Electives - 3 credit points

Select from the following:

AIS204 Indigenous Australia and the Nation
SUS207 Overseas Aid & International Development

Part II (Level 3)

In addition to one core 200 level Murdoch University Breadth Unit you are encouraged to complete additional Murdoch 200 level Breadth units as general electives.

General Electives – 9 credit points

Select from any 200 or 300 level units offered by OUA, subject to individual unit prerequisites. Students who are considering a second major are advised to consider using General Elective points (from Murdoch offerings) to meet the requirements of a second major.

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Part II (Level 2) Core unit - Research Skills and Breadth Units

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\(^1\) You MUST complete one of these Breadth units as Core. You may choose to complete more than one as elective units.

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PART II (Level 2) Core units - Major

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Part II (Level 2) Specified Elective units

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1 AIS204 replaced the retired unit AIS234 Our Mob: Indigenous Community Engagement. Students who have completed AIS234 will have it counted towards their degree.

Part II (Level 3) Core unit - Research Skills and Breadth Units

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Requirements

Course Admission Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a Commonwealth supported place in this degree, you must be:

- An Australian citizen residing in Australia for all or part of your studies; OR
- A New Zealand citizen who will be residing in Australia for the duration of your study; OR
- The holder of a permanent visa who will be residing in Australia for the duration of your study

You must also meet one of the following requirements:

A. Applicants with higher education study

- 2 OUA Undergraduate units at pass level OR equivalent
- Transferring from another course or university
- If you have successfully completed university studies equivalent to at least 2 units (6 Murdoch credit points) you can apply to transfer to Murdoch University using your previous studies. To be eligible for the course, you need to have passed units to a high standard.

B. Applicants with vocational education and training (VET) study

- If you have successfully completed a Certificate IV or higher you can apply for admission into a Commonwealth Support Place.

C. Applicants with recent secondary education (within the past two years) Australian Year 12 students

- School leavers gain an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) from four course subjects completed during Year 12, or OP (Overall Positions) in Queensland. To apply to Murdoch University after Year 12, you must achieve English competency and have achieved your WA Certificate of Education (WACE) or its interstate equivalent along with the ATAR (or OP) relevant for your chosen course. An ATAR of 70.00 or higher (or a Queensland Overall Position of 14 or less) is required for admission to a Commonwealth Support Place in this course.

D. Applicants with work and life experience

- Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)
  - STAT is a national test for mature age people designed to assess aptitude for learning in a tertiary environment. It is not a test of your knowledge on specific academic subjects. It is recognised in all Australian states. You must achieve a minimum of 140 in the Written English and 135 in the Qualitative or Multiple Choice sections of the STAT to gain entry to Murdoch.

- Completed secondary education more than two years ago
Enabling Programs

- STAT preparation course - Applicant needs to sit the STAT after the course is completed.
- Murdoch University OnTrack / OnTrack Sprint / FlexiTrack - If you have successfully completed Murdoch University's OnTrack or Flexitrack program you can apply for admission into a Commonwealth Support Place. Details are available at http://www.murdoch.edu.au/OnTrack/

Additional information

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people: Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre - http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Kulbardi/
- International Students - http://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/how-to-apply

English Language Requirements

- To demonstrate English language competency you will need a scaled mark of at least 50 in ATAR English, Literature or English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD).

For further admission information about this course, please refer to Murdoch Admission Information - Arts

To learn more about Commonwealth supported places, including eligibility please see Commonwealth supported places.

Please note: You can still enrol and pay for your units via FEE-HELP or an upfront payment if you are not eligible for CSP.
Qualifications

Award Requirements

To qualify for the Bachelor of Arts (Community Development) at Murdoch University, students must complete 72 credit points (24 units).

The Murdoch Degree Framework

(72 Points of Credit: 24 points at Part I, 48 points at Part II)

A Murdoch University degree is structured around four key elements:

- transition to university,
- research skills,
- breadth of knowledge, and
- depth of knowledge (the chosen Major).

Degree Structures

Murdoch’s degree structures combine all the required elements to make a student knowledgeable, experienced, confident and successful within a chosen career:

Each level of an undergraduate degree requires 24 credit points, the equivalent of a year of full-time study. Taking a combined degree introduces additional credit point requirements to your qualification.

Transition to University

Each degree includes a transition unit, helping students develop the key academic skills to succeed in a chosen field. Students entering Murdoch with advanced standing will still be required to complete this unit or demonstrate achievement of the unit’s learning outcomes.

Research Skills

Second and third year units focus on the research skills relevant to the chosen degree. Research, communication and problem solving abilities are highly valued by employers, so we aim to ‘future proof’ your education with skills for undertaking life-long learning.

These skills involve:

- Identifying research
- Using appropriate methodology to find, record and organise research data;
- Critically evaluating and interpreting available information;
- Managing the research process and organising information;
- Communicating research findings with the appropriate language and context.
Breadth of Knowledge

Often, the best solutions appear when people apply knowledge in new ways or work with a team to bring different skills together. Breadth studies introduces students to knowledge outside a chosen discipline, teaching students to understand how others think and solve problems.

For detailed information go to this website: http://our.murdoch.edu.au/OUA/

Recognition of Prior Learning / Credit

Students may be eligible for credit for previous studies.

When applying for credit, students will need to provide documentation, including original transcripts of academic records or certified copies, unit outlines and an explanation of the grading system.

This must be sent to the Open Universities Support Office at Murdoch University. Please note that credit cannot be gained for subjects completed more than 10 years ago.

To obtain an Application for Advanced Standing Form, please download it from this website:

http://our.murdoch.edu.au/OUA/Forms/

Note: Students must be enrolled in a Murdoch unit before any Advanced Standing application will be assessed.

Registering in this Course

Students are recommended to Register with Murdoch University before starting their Part 2 units to receive enrolment advice.
A fee of $250 is payable on registration.

To obtain an Application for Registration Form, please download the form from this website:

http://our.murdoch.edu.au/OUA/Forms/