

2026 Humanities & Social Sciences Subject Guide

In most subjects, lectures are online, either pre-recorded or scheduled. Subjects will also have scheduled workshops, tutorials, labs and/or practical sessions, which you can attend either on campus or online – use the guide below to help choose subjects with the availability that best suits your needs. Many subjects also allow for independent study, meaning there is no attendance requirement or participation component. The guide below is designed to help you identify possible subjects but you should always double check the Handbook and/or the Subject Outline to confirm.

International students are expected to attend workshops on campus in most cases, to comply with visa requirements, but you can check with the Enrolments team if you have questions.

C Subject includes on campus attendance option in Cairns

T Subject includes on campus attendance option in Townsville

O Subject includes scheduled online workshop attendance option

I Subject includes fully independent study option (learn in your own time) - you can successfully complete the subject without any scheduled attendance. There may still be scheduled assessment tasks – see the Assessment Overview for your subject.

L Subject includes lab or field work

Trimester 1

Subject		Options		
SC1101	Science, Technology & Truth	T	C	O
CU1010	Effective Writing	T	O	I
AN1001	Anthropology: Cultural Diversity in Global Perspective	T	O	I
AN2106	Anthropology of Violence: The State, Politics and Citizens	T	O	I
AN2004	Medical Anthropology: Health and Healing Across Cultures	C	O	I
AR2416	Ancient Ancestors to Digital Devices: Our Evolutionary Journey	T	O	I
AR3501	Ancestors and Emperors: The Rise and Fall of Ancient Societies	T	O	I
EL2011	Creative Writing	T	O	I
EL2020	Australian Literature	C	O	I
EL3050	Postcolonial Narratives: Writing, Place, and Identity	T	O	I
HI2000	Environmental History	T	O	I
HI2001	The History of Global Connections	T	O	I
HI2021	Modern Australian History	T	O	I
PL1001	The Political World: An Introduction to Political Science	T	C	O
PL2110	Government and Politics in Developing Areas	C	O	I
SY2100	Migration, Ethnicity and Belonging	C	O	I
SY2101	Sociology of Digital Life	C	O	I
SY3018	Power and Protest in a Globalising World	T	O	I

Trimester 2

Subject		Options			
CU1010	Effective Writing	C	O	I	
SC2101	Solving Complex Problems in a Changing World	T	C	O	I
SC3101	Transforming Professional Futures: From Ideas to Action	T	C	O	I
AN2114	Australia through Time and Place	C	O	I	
AN3008	Myth, Ritual and Religion	C	O	I	
AR1001	The World of Archaeology	T	C*	O	I
AR2407	Forensic Archaeology	T	O	I	L
CY2001	Perspectives on Criminology	T	O	I	
CY2002	Youth Deviance	T	O	I	
FR1001	Pacific French: Language, Culture and People	T	O	I	
PL2153	International Politics and Foreign Relations	C	O	I	
PL3004	Contemporary Chinese History, Politics and Foreign Relations	C	O	I	
SS2222	Foundations of Social Research Methods	T	C	O	I
SS3001	Social Policy Development and Analysis	C	O	I	
SY1001	Australian Society: An Introduction to Sociology	T	C	O	I

*AR1001 is taught primarily from the Townsville campus with 5 weeks of on-campus pracs in Cairns.

Trimester 3

Subject		Options		
SS1010	Australian People: Indigeneity and Multiculturalism	T	C	O
AN2013	Culture, Knowledge and Environment	T	O	I
AN3006	Anthropology and Development: Critical Perspectives on Globalisation and Inequality	T	O	I
AR2304	From Stonehenge to the Colosseum: Archaeology of Europe	C	O	I
AR3008	Boats and Beaches: The Archaeology of Coasts and Islands	C	O	I
CY1001	Deviance, Crime and Society	T	O	I
CY3456	Crime Prevention and Community Safety	T	O	I
EL1033	How to Read a Book	C	O	I
EL2014	Creative Nonfiction	T	O	I
EL2047	Children's Literature	T	O	I
EL3122	Gothic Landscapes in Literature and Film	T	O	I
HI1302	Modern World History	T	O	I
HI2009	War and Australian History	T	O	I
HI3284	Researching History in Australia	T	O	I
PL2220	Climate Change, People, and Power	T	O	I
PL3330	Rethinking Global Politics: Contestation and Change	T	O	I
SY2022	Family, Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Society	T	O	I

Other BA major subjects

Trimester 1

Subject		Options
EV1005	Environmental Processes and Global Change	T C
EV3020	Environmental Social Science	T C
IA2022	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People as Colonial Subjects	*Check availabilities in the Handbook
IA3024	Indigenous Narratives in the Contemporary Era	*Check availabilities in the Handbook
PY1101	Exploring Psychology 1	T O I
PY1106	Communicating in Psychology	T O I
PY2103	Introduction to Scientific Approaches	T I
PY2111	Learning Processes, Behaviour and Performance	T I
PY2018	Intercultural Psychology	T I
PY3101	Conducting and Interpreting Non-Experimental Studies	T I
PY3102	Social Psychology	T I
PY3106	Historical Foundations of Modern Psychology	T I
PY3106	Historical Foundations of Modern Psychology	T I
WS1006	Self in Professional Helping	T C O
WS2512	Organisational Practice	C O
WS2513	Community Work	T C O
WS3005	Evidence Informed Practice	T O
WS3027	Working with Children and Families	C O
WS4503	Social Work and Mental Health	T O

Trimester 2

Subject		Options
EV2502	Geographic Information Systems **Block 4	T C
EV3404	Field Studies in Tropical Geography **Block 3	T C L L
IA1011	Indigenous Australians	*Check availabilities in the Handbook
IA2023	Indigenous Continuity: Agency, Adaptation and Resistance	*Check availabilities in the Handbook
IA3025	Navigating Complex Knowledge Intersections	*Check availabilities in the Handbook
PY1102	Exploring Psychology 2	T I
PY1103	Critical Thinking	T I
PY2106	Developmental Psychology	T I
PY2112	Memory and Cognition	T I
PY2109	Environmental Psychology	T I
PY2110	Forensic Psychology	T I
PY3103	Psychopathology	T I
PY3107	Psychological Assessment	T I
PY3105	Workplace Psychology	T I
PY3109	Cognitive Neuroscience	T I
WS1005	Human Rights, Social Justice, and the Law	T C O
WS2121	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Skills and Frameworks for Practice **5 days intensive workshop on campus 22-26 June	T C
WS2511	Professional Ethics	O
WS3025	Group Work **5 days intensive workshop on campus 22-26 June	T C

Trimester 3

Subject		Options
EV1008	Human Geography	T C
EV2003	Introduction to Environmental Economics	T C
EV2301	Urban Geography	T C
EV3110	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment	T C
IA1012	Indigenous People of North Queensland **Block 5	*Check availabilities in the Handbook
IA2030	Comparative Indigenous Studies	*Check availabilities in the Handbook
IA3030	Navigating the Cultural Interface	*Check availabilities in the Handbook
PY2101	Behavioural Neuroscience	T I
PY2107	Conducting and Interpreting Experimental Studies	T I
PY2104	Health Psychology	T I
PY3108	Personality Psychology	T I
PY3104	Principles of Counselling	T I
WS1008	Social Policy & Social Development	C O
WS1010	Interpersonal Skills **5 days intensive workshop on campus 19-23 October	T C
WS2010	Women, Power and Society	T O
WS2214	Eco Social Justice	T O
WS3005	Evidence Informed Practice	T O
WS3027	Working with Children and Families	O
WS4503	Social Work and Mental Health	C O

Postgraduate Subject Offerings

Trimester 1

Subject		Options
AN5004	Medical Anthropology: Health, Healing and Global Development	C O I
EV5951	Development in Practice	T* C O I
EV5952	Critical Issues in Global Development	T* C O I
PL5110	Shifting Geopolitical Environments in Emerging States	C O I
SY5018	Power and Protest in a Globalising World	T O I
WS5005	Social Policy Analysis	O
WS5103	Community Development	T C O
WS5502	Mental Health & Trauma Informed Practice **5 days intensive workshop on campus 2-6 March	T C
WS5512	Organisational Practice	C O

*EV5951 and EV5952 are taught from the Cairns campus, by videolink to the Townsville classroom.

Trimester 2

Subject		Options
FR5001	Pacific French: Language, Culture, and People	T O I
PL5004	Chinese International Relations	C O I
PL5153	Politics and Foreign Relations	T* C O I
WS5518	Professional Values & Ethics	T O

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Trimester 3

Subject		Options
AN5006	Asia Pacific Development: Culture and Globalisation	T C* O I
AN5013	Culture, Knowledge & Environment in the Context of Global Development	T O I
EV5953	Research Methods for Global Development	C O I
EV5957	Sustainable Development in a Global World	T* C O I L L
PL5220	Climate Change, People, and Power	T O I
PL5330	Rethinking Global Politics: Contesting Authority and Orders	T O I
SY5022	Family, Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Society	T O I
WS5502	Mental Health & Trauma Informed Practice **5 days intensive workshop on campus 19-23 October	T C

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