Find out where a career in the Arts, Society and Education can take you ...
If you have ever wondered about how you can help make the world a better place, feel a drive to express your creativity, or yearn to explore the world and experience different cultures – a rewarding and exciting career in the Arts, Society and Education could be for you.

Whether you already have a clear picture of what you want to do with your passion for people, or you are open to the many possibilities, JCU’s Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Social Work programs offer you the opportunity to develop and strengthen your existing skills as well as learn many new ones.

Be curious, ask questions and experiment! You will be astounded by what you can achieve. Here at James Cook University (JCU), we can provide you with the strong foundation that will allow you to embark on your rewarding career in these amazing fields.

Make Life Matter
Are you excited by subjects that allow you to express your creativity, connect with people and explore the world around you?

Then a Bachelor of Arts is for you.

Your curiosity about people and cultures, your talent for writing or design, or your passion to make the world a better place are a perfect fit for a Bachelor of Arts degree.

One of JCU’s most flexible degrees, the Bachelor of Arts is the pathway for studying a wide variety of exciting majors including Anthropology, Archaeology, Criminology, Design and Creative Arts, English, History, Human Geography, Indigenous Studies, Modern Languages, Multimedia Journalism and Writing, Politics and International Relations and Sociology.

These programs offer employability-related activities and initiatives such as Work Integrated Learning (WIL), Career Development Learning and ePortfolios to help you gain employment and succeed in your chosen career. You will also have the opportunity to study overseas as part of your degree if you wish, broadening your horizons and allowing you to experience new cultures. You may like to participate in an Exchange Program, choosing to study a semester or two of your JCU degree at one of our partner universities around the world. Or you might prefer to take part in a short study program or internship overseas.

Some of the countries our students have studied at or visited include our Pacific neighbours Samoa, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia and Vanuatu. In Europe, our students have spent one or two semesters in the UK, Ireland, Scotland, Turkey and more. We also have partner universities across Canada and the United States.

How do I study a Bachelor of Arts?

Studying full-time, the course will take 3 years, or longer if you wish to study part-time. You will take 24 subjects and can combine majors (a study focus that you will become an expert in) and minors (a secondary focus that can complement your major) to tailor the degree to match your interests and aspirations.

Explore the Bachelor of Arts subject areas and tailor a degree to suit your interests:

**Anthropology**

Anthropologists study cultural and ethnic diversity and analyse how people’s beliefs fit into wider social, political and economic contexts. Studying Anthropology will help you build a career in international aid or community development. With further study, you can travel and work in museums, heritage and conservation organisations, universities, research institutes or government departments.

**Archaeology**

This major is perfect for you if you enjoy thinking about the past, working outdoors anywhere in the world, researching and being part of a team. You can participate in field trips to investigate heritage site excavations and go on to work in the cultural heritage management field or as a consultant to organisations to help them manage their environmental and cultural impacts.

“Travelling to Laos, in Southeast Asia, as part of my studies gave me lots of excavation experience. In the pit I was working on, we actually found the roof structure of an old temple from about the 16th century, which was really exciting.”

Peter Griffin, JCU Archaeology student

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I did a Bachelor of Arts degree and I’ve been all around the world. I worked in Cape York in the Torres Strait — I love working with Aboriginal people — and I’ve been to Myanmar, Laos, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand…”

Dr Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy, JCU graduate

Criminology
Learn why people are motivated to commit crime, and explore strategies to prevent crime and rehabilitate offenders. People who study Criminology may go on to pursue a career as a probation officer, prison officer, community development worker or youth worker. With further study, you can become a social worker, lawyer, forensic scientist, social researcher, or university teacher and researcher.

Design and Creative Arts
Learn how to think differently and bring your innovative ideas to life using technical equipment, software and programs. You can specialise in visual arts and digital imaging fields, or study future-focused design and innovation.

English
You will study the talents of Shakespeare, diverse forms of cinema, literature and the nature of, and methods used to analyse, literature. With an English major, your career choices can include journalism, editing and publishing, creative writing, public relations and copywriting.

History
Understand humanity better by examining past societies and cultures. Study how political, economic and environmental events shape different communities. Historians can work in a variety of career roles such as research officer, heritage officer, records manager or information officer. You might also work as a consultant to research and write histories.

Human Geography
Explore the interactions between people, natural events and the environment and learn how to solve major ecological and environmental problems. A combination of specialist skills including environmental and town planning, land management, regional sustainability and environmental impact assessment will be part of your studies. Potential jobs might focus on disaster planning, population planning and protected area management.

Human Services
Learn skills that will prepare you to work with marginalised and vulnerable people. Study social policy, community planning and development, education and capacity building, organisational practice and social responsibility. Build a career where you can make a difference in the youth and criminal justice system, community planning and development, social policy development, welfare practice, disaster relief, child and family services or aged care.

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Indigenous Studies
This major is designed to prepare graduates to engage thoughtfully with Indigenous Australians and Indigenous issues. You will develop understanding of the complex interface between Indigenous and Western knowledge, perspectives and practices in Australia today.

Modern Languages
Become fluent in French, German, Italian or Japanese and gain valuable skills relevant to the globalisation of today’s society. Work with organisations requiring skills in negotiations related to trade, treaties, security, environment, international aid and human rights. With further study, you can also go on to be a language teacher, interpreter, diplomatic service officer, or international aid or development officer.

Multimedia Journalism and Writing
This major will prepare you to become a successful media and communications professional. You will develop skills in creative writing, news writing, public relations, editing, critical reading, filming, storyboarding, and effective writing. There are also opportunities to undertake an internship at the local newspaper, radio and television stations, City Council, government and private offices and businesses.

Politics and International Relations
Gain a sound understanding of issues that affect Australia and the world today. You will explore Australia’s global position and role, economic and social policies, traditional and non-traditional threats to security, poverty, and other topics relevant to Australia, the Asia-Pacific region, the tropics and the world.

Psychology Studies
Develop a deeper understanding of the biological, social and cultural factors that influence how humans think, feel and behave. This major (only available at the Townsville campus) will complement your studies in other areas of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. This major is not accredited, so if you want to become a Registered Psychologist, find out more about the Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours).

Sociology
Study social trends and understand why and how societies and institutions have developed through history. You can work in organisations that need planners, product researchers, community project managers, policy analysers, administrators, advocates and more. Understand how societies change, and be a part of creating positive changes for the future.

“Going to Papua New Guinea as part of my studies gave me a new perspective on people, culture and family. They’re a very tight-knight community.”
Jack Growden, JCU Anthropology and Human Development student

“Social Science is about understanding how we live and why we do the things we do. And always, for me, it’s about social justice.”
Dr Michelle Dyer, JCU graduate
“My highlight was my first-year placement up at St Joseph’s in Atherton. It was my first technical prac and it was an awesome team to try everything for the first time with.”

Jesse Argent, JCU Bachelor of Education (Primary) student

“I’d love to work at a school with a Special Education department. When I’m not studying, I volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House and just seeing those kids and how much effort they put in is amazing. It makes me even more sure that this is what I want to do.”

Emma Gillespie, JCU Bachelor of Education (Primary / Special Needs) student

Are you an Indigenous person living in a rural or remote area? Are you interested in becoming a teacher in your community? JCU offers a program called RATEP that allows you to stay in your community while completing a Bachelor of Education. RATEP is offered in partnership with the Queensland Department of Education and Training and Tropical North Queensland TAFE.
Want to help children reach their full potential?

Find out how you can make a difference through studying Early Childhood or Primary Education.

DEGREE: Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)
OP/RANK: 14/69

Have you ever wondered how you can make a career out of your love of learning and helping children be their best selves? This is what drives Early Childhood Educators who work with young children both before they start school and in their early years of schooling.

The early years of life are a time of rapid brain development as the foundations of learning and development are laid. Early Childhood Educators help ensure children have a strong knowledge base to build upon.

What is an Early Childhood Educator?
Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) are teachers who specialise in working with young children, from birth to 8 years of age.
ECEs support the development of young children’s vocabulary, early literacy skills, and social interactions.
A typical day is active and rewarding, involves indoor and outdoor work, and may require after-school hours.

What are some of the course highlights?
Throughout your degree you will experience 120 days of professional experience in a range of early childhood (prior to school) and school settings. JCU draws on its strong partnerships in a variety of educational settings to organise suitable placements for you.

What career options do I have as an Early Childhood Educator?
Early Childhood Education is a specialised field of education that leads to work in schools, preschools, kindergartens and childcare centres. Other career paths include government departments (for example children’s services, family services, education and health), education administration, and community development roles.

How do I become an Early Childhood Educator?
Studying full-time (four subjects over one semester), the course will take 4 years, or longer if you wish to study part-time. This course is available to study online. If you are interested in this course, you will need to have studied General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics. You will also need at least ‘Sound Achievement’ in English.

DEGREE: Bachelor of Education (Primary)
OP/RANK: 14/69

Have you ever wondered how you can make a career out of helping children reach their full potential? This is what drives Primary Teachers who work with young students just starting out on their school journey.

What is a Primary Teacher?
Primary teachers focus on the program of study for children in Prep to Year 6. Primary teachers are committed to shaping a positive future for all young Australians by promoting life-long learning.

What are some of the course highlights?
Gaining professional experience in schools is an integral part of the Education program at JCU. This commences in your first year of study and involves 90 days of professional experience in a range of secondary school settings over the course of your study. Towards the end of your degree, you will also have the opportunity to participate in a school internship or service learning in a local or overseas community organisation.

What career options do I have as a Primary Teacher?
State, Catholic and independent schools are in need of primary school teachers. Many JCU graduates have taken the opportunity to travel and teach in Europe, the United Kingdom, Asia and North America. Other career paths include government departments (for example children’s services, family services, education and health), education administration, and community development roles.

How do I become a Primary Teacher?
Studying full-time (four subjects over one semester), the course will take 4 years, or longer if you wish to study part-time. From mid-2019, this course will also be available to study online. If you are interested in this course, you will need to have studied General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics and a General Science subject. You will also need at least ‘Sound Achievement’ in English.
Want to inspire young adults to be all they can be?

Find out how you can make a difference through studying *Secondary Education*.

Have you ever imagined one day helping other young people achieve their dreams? What about passing on your passion for particular subject areas? This is what drives Secondary Teachers who engage with students as they develop their plans for post-secondary education.

**What is a Secondary Teacher?**

Secondary teachers work with students in Years 7-12 and focus on specialising in two subject areas. For example, English and Geography, English and Mathematics, Accounting and History, Chemistry and Biology, or a number of other combinations.

**What are some of the course highlights?**

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**What career options do I have as a Secondary Teacher?**

Your JCU secondary teaching qualification is recognised in government, independent and Catholic schools throughout Australia and internationally. So whether you’re dreaming of building your career in Australia or overseas, this degree is both highly portable and in demand. Your qualification will also prepare you for roles in education management, a broad variety of government departments, community development and a range of personnel management positions.

There is a high demand for secondary teachers, particularly in Queensland, with the Department of Education reporting that Queensland is likely to need up to 800 additional secondary teachers in 2020.

**How do I become a Secondary Teacher?**

Studying full-time (four subjects over one semester), the course will take 4 years, or longer if you wish to study part-time.

If you are interested in this course, you will need at least a ‘Sound Achievement’ in English and General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics. For secondary Chemistry teaching you will need to take Chemistry and Mathematical Methods. For secondary Physics teaching and Mathematics teaching, you will need to take Mathematical Methods.

“I originally came to JCU to study Chemical Engineering and about six months through I realised it wasn’t really what I wanted to do. I was spending a lot of time teaching my peers and I loved doing that so I decided to combine science and teaching and do a double degree.

*Through my fourth-year placement I actually got a full-time, permanent position at Townsville Grammar School as a Maths and Science teacher.*”

Charlotte Merrick, Bachelor of Education (Secondary) and Bachelor of Science graduate
“About halfway through my degree I switched to major in Maths and minor in Health and Physical Education (HPE). I discovered I really enjoyed teaching Maths. Now I teach Maths and HPE to Grade 7 to 10 students at Southern Cross Catholic College in Annandale and I love seeing them understand and apply something I’ve taught them and their excitement around that.

I also made a lot of great friendships at JCU that have continued through into the workplace. Although we’re all working at different schools now, we still collaborate and help each other out.”

Damon Green, Bachelor of Education (Secondary) graduate

“I had great lecturers and tutors throughout my degree, who were very up-to-date with what was happening in the field of Education. This really helped me when I transitioned into the workforce. I felt like I could ask them to be a personal reference or ask for advice on building my resume.”

Rachel McKenzie, Bachelor of Education (Secondary) graduate
Want to help individuals, families and communities thrive?

Find out how you can make a difference through studying Social Work.

Do you want to work for social justice and equity for all? Do you care about human rights and supporting the more vulnerable people in our society? This is what drives Social Workers who are concerned with the wellbeing of others and strive to create a healthy and safe environment for everyone.

What is a Social Worker?
Social workers aim to help people thrive in their environment, promote positive relationships and work towards creating a just and equitable society. They are concerned with the wellbeing of young people, families, groups and communities.

JCU’s Bachelor of Social Work places a strong emphasis on professional practice experience, and practical skills are integrated into every year of the degree.

In your third and fourth years of study you will have opportunities to participate in field placements. Each placement experience incorporates 500 hours of hands-on training with an accredited social work supervisor (1000 hours in total).

What career options do I have as a Social Worker?
Social workers have the knowledge to specialise in a wide variety of service areas including: child welfare, youth, disability, health and mental health, domestic violence, public housing, drug addiction and aged care.

Other roles social workers undertake include community work, counselling and mediation, and social policy research and development.

According to The Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching website, JCU’s Social Work graduate full-time employment rates are consistently higher than the national average. JCU’s Social Work team is also closely aligned with the Australian Association of Social Workers, which is the professional representative body of social workers in Australia.

How do I become a Social Worker?
Studying full-time (four subjects over one semester), the course will take 4 years, or longer if you wish to study part-time.

If you are interested in this course, make sure you receive at least a ‘Sound Achievement’ in English.

“I did a trade after I left school but after a while I realised I wasn’t passionate about that career. So I decided to go to uni and study Social Work. Now I’m employed by ACT for Kids as a therapist, which is just so rewarding and interesting. I love working with people every day.”

Wesley Bennet, JCU graduate
The best thing about JCU’s Social Work degree is that you do two long placements. That meant I had practical experience, which went on my resume and led to me getting a job. At Townsville Aboriginal and Islanders Health Services (TAIHS), I manage three youth support programs, helping people aged 10 to 18 achieve their life goals.

Sara Zuchowski, JCU graduate

From early on in my life I witnessed some of the most challenging social realities around me, which made me wonder: ‘What can I do about this?’ I found the answer in Social Work, which is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes the empowerment and liberation of people.

JCU Associate Professor Abraham Francis

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