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Drawing on six decades of research and teaching excellence, UNSW engages with the grand challenges facing humanity. We deliver an unparalleled university experience fuelled by an innovative spirit, agile leadership and the courage to challenge traditional thinking.

UNSW is a founding member of the Group of Eight, a coalition of Australia’s leading research-intensive universities, and of the prestigious Universitas 21 international consortium.

Our Faculty

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Our Dean

Professor Susan Dodds, Professor of Philosophy

At UNSW Arts & Social Sciences, we’re dedicated to generating new ideas, tackling critical social issues, and pursuing practical applications that anticipate and drive social, cultural and economic progress.

Our world-leading research expands fundamental and applied knowledge, and understanding about the human condition, and our sense of social responsibility drives us to lead, debate and deliver on the pressing issues facing contemporary Australia and the world.

We’re determined to have a global impact, improving the lives of people in partnership with industry and government.
Our Programs

Undergraduate degrees

Our flagship Bachelor of Arts (BA) program offers over 30 areas of study. Students have the opportunity to choose from over 45 double degrees.

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Arts & Business
Bachelor of Criminology & Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Education (Secondary) dual degrees
Bachelor of International Studies
Bachelor of Media (Communication & Journalism)
Bachelor of Media (Public Relations & Advertising)
Bachelor of Media (Screen & Sound Production)
Bachelor of Music
Bachelor of Social Research & Policy
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

Discipline areas

- Asian Studies
- Australian Studies
- Chinese Studies
- Creative Writing
- Criminology
- Development Studies
- English
- Environmental Humanities
- European Studies
- Film Studies
- French Studies
- German Studies
- History
- Indigenous Studies
- International Relations & Politics
- Japanese Studies
- Korean Studies
- Linguistics
- Media, Culture & Technology
- Music Studies
- Philosophy
- Sociology & Anthropology
- Spanish & Latin American Studies
- Theatre & Performance Studies
- Women's & Gender Studies

Postgraduate programs

Our postgraduate programs are flexible, industry-focused and globally relevant, taught by world-class scholars within a supportive environment.

Master of Applied Linguistics
Master of Counselling Social Work
Master of Development Studies
Master of Education (9 specialisations available)
Master of Educational Leadership
Master of Environmental Management
Master of International Relations
Master of Interpreting
Master of Interpreting & Translation
Master of Journalism & Communication
Master of Public Policy & Governance
Master of Public Relations & Advertising
Master of Teaching
Master of Translation

Research degrees

- PhD
- Masters by Research
- Professional Doctorate in Public Policy & Governance
- Doctor of Social Work

Our Students*

- 6,692 students enrolled in Arts & Social Sciences programs, including 4,863 undergraduate students
- 18% International / 82% Local
- 1,883 graduating students
- 22% of total UNSW Indigenous enrolments
- 529 Higher Degree Research students
*In 2016

Our Staff*

- 280 academic staff / 106 professional staff
- 137 male staff / 249 female staff
*In 2017

Accreditations & Memberships

- Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)
- NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)
- National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI)
Our Schools, Centres & Research Networks

UNSW Arts & Social Sciences comprises of four teaching and research schools:

- School of Education
- School of Humanities & Languages
- School of Social Sciences
- School of the Arts & Media

We also have specialist research centres and research networks. Our centres are:

- Centre for Social Research in Health
- Social Policy Research Centre

Our research networks are:

- Biopolitical Studies Research Network
- Forced Migration Research Network
- Gendered Violence Research Network
- Globalisation and Governance Research Network
- Intellectual Disability Behaviour Support Program
- Practical Justice Initiative
- South Asia @ UNSW

Links to Industry

UNSW is recognised as the Australian university with the strongest links to industry.

UNSW Arts & Social Sciences has strategic partnerships with government agencies, cultural institutions, corporate and community organisations, strengthening the career pathways for our graduates.

We are a major partner of Sydney Writers’ Festival, Sydney Film Festival, and Biennale of Sydney, as well as The Walkley Foundation – the peak professional body representing Australian journalists.

Alumni

The UNSW Arts & Social Sciences alumni community consists of over 54,000 graduates located across 120 countries.

UNSW graduates were the most hired by LinkedIn's top 30 most-in-demand employers in 2015, including companies like Rio Tinto, Google, Qantas, and Apple.

Our Research

The research produced within UNSW Arts & Social Sciences is internationally recognised for its exceptional quality and relevance, enhancing knowledge, policy and practice, and transforming people's lives.

Our research is driven by creative and innovative thinkers working in and across the fields of Education, Arts and Media, Humanities and Languages and the Social Sciences.

Our social research centres are both influential and highly recognised.

The Social Policy Research Centre is at the forefront of generating change across a wide range of social policy areas, including Disability, Social Inequality and Wellbeing, Social Policy and Design.

The Centre for Social Research in Health influences and responds to a broad range of national and international health strategies with the ultimate aim of improving the health and well-being of affected individuals and communities.
Researchers in Education explore the cognitive, motivational and social processes relevant to learning and achievement, educational leadership and policy, assessment, and gifted education. Addressing the key issues of literacy, equity and diversity in education, research in this area is driven by a strong commitment to community engagement and working collaboratively with industry and international research partners.

Researchers and creative practitioners in Arts and Media are international leaders in their fields in Performing Arts, Literary Studies, Creative Writing, Film, Television and Digital Media. Ranging from award-winning novelists and composers to renowned literary theorists, film, performance and media researchers, research in this area engages with global and local issues in creative and innovative ways designed to reach audiences from within and beyond the university community.

Researchers in Humanities and Languages range from world-leading historians and philosophers to highly recognised and innovative researchers in Environmental Humanities, Asian and European languages and culture. Spanning from award-winning historians of Empire and Australian History to cutting-edge work on global cinema and Asian media studies, researchers in this area are committed to innovative interdisciplinary approaches to contemporary cultural issues.

Researchers in the Social Sciences engage in field-defining research at both international and national levels across a wide range of disciplines, including Criminology, Sociology, Social Work, Public Policy and International Relations. Committed to collaborative interdisciplinary approaches to key social and political issues, researchers in this area in Forced Migration, Gendered Violence, Globalisation and Governance are closely aligned with UNSW’s global vision.

**Identified Areas of Research Strength**

### Social Justice and Equity
- Criminology
- Indigenous Justice
- Social Policy
- Social Wellbeing and Health
- Disability Studies
- Gendered Violence
- Language and Literacy Education
- Special Studies in Education

### Cultural Inquiry and Political Change
- Forced Migration
- Human Rights and Human Security
- Development Studies and International Relations
- Environmental Humanities
- Historical Studies
- Political and Social Theory
- Learning and Cognitive Processes

### Contemporary Humanities and Creative Arts
- Creative and Performing Arts
- Language Studies, Translation and Interpreting
- Contemporary Philosophy and Bio-politics
- Screen Studies
- Literary Studies
- Digital Cultures

**In 2016, UNSW Arts & Social Sciences was awarded $3.0 million in grants in recognition of our research excellence.**

**Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2015***

**Research fields ranked well above world standard:**
- Studies in Creative Arts and Writing
- Historical Studies
- Literary Studies
- Film Studies

**Research fields ranked above world standard:**
- Education
- Studies in Human Society
- Language, Communication and Culture
- Philosophy and Religious Studies

*Australia’s national research evaluation framework
Our Campus

The main UNSW campus is located on a 38-hectare site at Kensington, seven kilometres from the centre of Sydney. Our facilities host state-of-the-art technologies and resources to support teaching and research across a diverse range of disciplines.

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