

# Bachelor of Arts



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# Why JCU?

## **A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER**

- Access to world-class teachers
- Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
  - Benefit from small class sizes
  - Connect with professional networks
- Support through scholarships for merit and equity
  - Discover great accommodation options

## **PURSUE YOUR PASSION**

Tailor your degree to suit your interests. Choose from 12 disciplines spanning creative arts, humanities and social sciences.

## **ACHIEVE YOUR POTENTIAL**

Excel in small class sizes with personalised support and world-class facilities. JCU Arts was independently awarded five stars for learning resources.\*

## **TRANSFERABLE SKILLS**

Expand employability opportunities. JCU students gain valuable communication and creative thinking skills, applicable to various career pathways.

## **SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS**

Explore JCU's range of scholarships, grants and bursaries and discover the right financial assistance to achieve your goals.

\*2024 Good Universities Guide, UG Humanities, Culture and Social Sciences



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- ✔ Learn to think creatively, analyse effectively and build the critical thinking skills necessary to work in today's modern society. Become a digital disruptor and make a difference in the world.
- ✔ You will be taught by world-class lecturers and experience small, friendly classes and personalised support. Practical work placements ensure you are work-ready when you graduate.
- ✔ You will study a selection of core subjects and your preferred discipline. Each discipline provides you with in-depth knowledge in that study area. You can choose a second discipline, or select two specialisations, which can complement your studies, or broaden your area of expertise.

## COURSE DETAILS:

<b>Locations:</b>	Cairns, Townsville, Online
<b>Start Dates:</b>	February, July
<b>Duration:</b>	3 years full-time Part-time available
<b>ATAR:</b>	59
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	English 3/4, C

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only

# Disciplines

Within our undergraduate arts degree, you are able to choose from 12 disciplines. A discipline is your chosen area of specialisation. Not all disciplines are available at all campuses. The handbook provides detail about the subjects you can study within each discipline and the campuses each discipline is available at.

## Anthropology

Understand cultural and ethnic differences and analyse how peoples' beliefs and social and cultural practices fit into wider social, political and economic contexts. Learn the research, observation and interview techniques that will equip you to work with people from diverse cultural backgrounds. Develop skills critical in decision making for governments, corporations and not-for profit organisations.

## Archaeology

Develop skills in archaeological site recording and conservation. Participate in field trips to investigate heritage site excavations, and Australian Aboriginal rock art sites. You may also have the opportunity to travel on South-East Asian excursions. You will learn the fundamentals of archaeology, then expand on this knowledge with more specialised offerings in evolutionary, forensic, Asian, Australian and European archaeology.

## Criminology

Learn why people are motivated to commit crime, and explore strategies to prevent law-breaking and rehabilitate offenders. Throughout your studies, you can participate in a wide range of extracurricular criminology student activities. This course equips you with skills to help make a difference in your community. Not all subjects in this discipline are available internally; you will need to take some subjects online.

## English

Investigate and explore the riches of literature across the ages. You will develop your understanding of the English language and gain a high level of communication and reasoning skills while growing your passion for reading and writing. JCU English discipline students examine a wide range of literary periods and genres that provide a comprehensive source of historical and cultural understanding.

## History

Gain an intimate knowledge of humanity by examining past societies and cultures. You will study the history of North Queensland, and develop your understanding of Australian history. Analyse major historical events in a global context and investigate how political, economic and environmental events shaped different communities.

## Human Geography

Explore the interactions between people, natural events and the environment, and learn how to solve major ecological and environmental problems. You will gain specialist skills including environmental and town planning, land management, regional sustainability and environmental impact assessment. Throughout your studies, you will develop proficiency in identifying problems, evaluating explanations, analysing data, and computing techniques.

## Human Services

Develop 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. JCU students benefit from our research culture and working relationships with government agencies and local community groups. You will gain practical skills and experience through field trips and project work.

## Indigenous Studies

Expand your understanding of the complex interface between Indigenous and Western knowledge, perspectives and practices in Australia today. Explore Indigenous knowledge and traditions, colonial disruptions, and Indigenous re-assertion in the current era, from the local to the global. Some subjects include field trips and one includes an optional international trip to an Indigenous community.

## Politics and International Relations

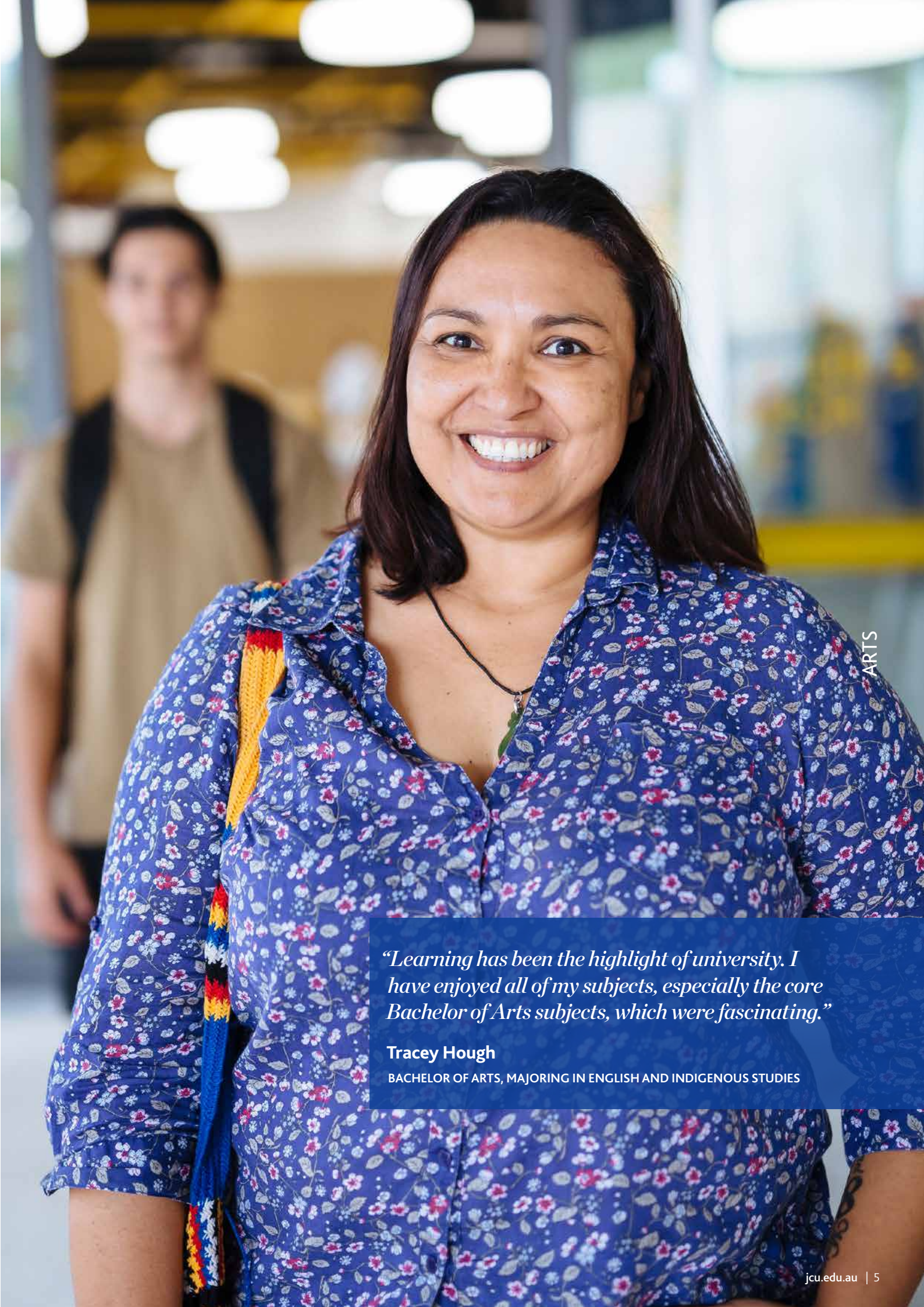
Take a deep dive into the people, institutions and issues involved in Australian and international politics. Explore political processes, policy, diplomacy, political economy, and globalisation of Australia and the Asia-Pacific. You will examine Australia's global position and role, economic and social policies, traditional and non-traditional threats to security, poverty, and other topics relevant to our modern society.

## Psychology Studies

Gain a deeper understanding of the biological, social and cultural factors that influence how humans think, feel and behave. Explore the history of psychology, the nervous system, memory, cognition, intelligence, motivation, emotion, health psychology, personality and psychological disorders. You will have the opportunities to participate in current research and gain real-world skills. This discipline is not accredited, if you want to become a Registered Psychologist, find out more about the Bachelor of Psychological Science or Bachelor of Psychology (Honours). This discipline is not available at JCU Cairns.

## Sociology

Develop the analytical tools to learn how society is organised and how we experience life with each other. You will study social trends and understand why and how societies and institutions have developed through history. With a focus on the societal issues of the tropics, you will develop social science research skills and explore a diverse range of topics.



*“Learning has been the highlight of university. I have enjoyed all of my subjects, especially the core Bachelor of Arts subjects, which were fascinating.”*

**Tracey Hough**

BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJORING IN ENGLISH AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES

*“The Bachelor of Arts is the degree for the 21st century. For anyone who wants to prepare for the future, the Bachelor of Arts allows you to broaden yourself and develop understandings to deal with the challenging questions facing humanity. You can tailor your degree in line with your own interests. You have the flexibility to study a range of subjects. You can also prepare for particular professions such as anthropologist or criminologist. The Bachelor of Arts has the range and flexibility for you to be all you can be.”*

**Rosita Henry**

PROFESSOR IN JCU COLLEGE OF ARTS, SOCIETY AND EDUCATION



## Career Opportunities

JCU Bachelor of Arts graduates have a diverse range of skills with many career choices. Your career options vary depending on what disciplines you select. You could work in areas such as arts and theatre, media and communications, research, conservation, or community. As a JCU Bachelor of Arts graduate, you could take on roles like anthropologist, archaeologist, journalist, public relations officer, policy advisor, criminologist, community development officer, or historian.





# JCU Accommodation

Study and live in some of the most interesting places in the world. Cairns and Townsville are on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, magnificent rainforests, the savannah region and Outback Australia.

Living on-campus is a great way to make the most of your time at JCU. JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas, has five different accommodation options housing over 1,300 students. JCU Cairns, Nguma-bada campus, Smithfield, features an accommodation complex for 300 students. Living on-campus is a great place to make new friends and immerse yourself in the JCU culture. All rooms at our on-campus residences are single board, with a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully catered or self-catered housing. Find out more at [jcu.edu.au/accommodation](https://jcu.edu.au/accommodation)



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