FLEXIBLE VERTICAL DOUBLE DEGREES

A guide for students

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What are flexible vertical double degrees?

A Flexible Vertical Double Degree (FVDD) is a new double degree which lets you undertake a Bachelor and a Master degree in a reduced timeframe. An FVDD program will generally take you four years to complete (5.5 if combining degrees within the Law group) and offers you time and cost savings when compared with studying a Bachelor and a Master degree separately. You can combine a Bachelor and a Master degree from related disciplines for depth of knowledge and specialist skills; or combine degrees from different disciplines for breadth and transferrable skills.

Why is this a good idea?

ANU pioneered flexible double and vertical double degree programs to give you more scope to tailor your studies to meet your interests, strengths and career goals. We piloted a suite of three fixed vertical double degree combinations back in 2013. Due to the success of the pilot we’ve greatly expanded the suite to give you even more choice and flexibility.

The new FVDDs respond to feedback provided by our first cohort of students to complete the program. They told us they wanted to experience uni first, before settling on a Master degree straight out of school. That’s why all vertical programs offered at ANU from 2017 are flexible.

We’re Australia’s national university, and we continue to explore ways to innovate and improve the delivery and relevance of education within a global and continually evolving jobs market. Giving you more choice and flexibility to combine a Bachelor and a Master degree is another step in this ongoing process.

What’s in it for me?

Save time and money

You’ll get credit in your Master degree for related areas of study in your Bachelor degree. This means you can save time (and money) compared with studying a Bachelor and Master degree separately.

Specialise or broaden

Study a Master degree in the same field as your Bachelor degree to develop depth of knowledge and specialist skills. Or take your Master degree in a different field to broaden your knowledge and develop your transferrable skills.

Be competitive in the jobs market

Your Master qualification can help you stand out from the crowd and remain competitive in the global jobs market.

Freedom to explore

Study an eligible Bachelor degree at ANU and opt-in to an FVDD straight after you enrol, or up until you’ve completed 72 units of study. Maintain the required Grade Point Average (GPA) and you’ll transition into the Master courses component (while still in your Bachelor degree) of your FVDD study program at 96 units.

University opens your eyes to a wide range of disciplines and paths of enquiry – many of which you won’t have encountered until you arrive. The benefit of aiming for this flexible program is that you can explore what ANU offers before settling on a discipline area. Then, when you’re ready, you can choose from over 300 FVDD combinations – explore first, decide later.

Vertical Law programs

Just fallen short of the marks you needed to study Law at ANU? A FVDD gives you another pathway to realising your dream when you study an eligible Bachelor degree combined with the ANU Juris Doctor.

The Juris Doctor is a challenging and rewarding Master-level degree. If you’re prepared to do the hard yards to maintain the required GPA to enter this program, you’ll get to graduate from one of Australia’s top law schools and be ready to launch into a stellar career.

How are FVDDs different to the old vertical double degrees at ANU?

They’re flexible so you can combine more Bachelor and Master degrees than within the original vertical double degree suite which offered three fixed combinations as a pilot.

You also won’t have to apply to study a FVDD through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) before receiving an offer from ANU. Instead you can opt-in to a FVDD up to and including the completion of 72 units of study (up to 1.5 years of full-time study) in an eligible Bachelor degree.

If you’re an international student however, you will select your FVDD when you apply so that you can receive an offer for both your Bachelor and Master degree and meet your Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) and Visa requirements.

Are there exceptions?

Medicine, four-year Advanced degrees or those with built-in Honours (like Law), as well as some Master degrees cannot be combined in a FVDD due to their unique degree structures. Check out the FVDD degree groups on the next page to see what you can study and combine.
There are over 300 FVDD programs for you to choose from. The way you choose your combination is to select a Bachelor and a Master degree from one of the following groups: Postgraduate business, humanities and social sciences; Postgraduate law; and Postgraduate science. Some examples of combinations you could select from each of the groups are:

### Postgraduate business, humanities and social sciences group*

**Master degree**
- Master of Archaeological Science
- Master of Asian and Pacific Studies
- Master of Culture, Health and Medicine
- Master of Demography
- Master of Diplomacy
- Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Master of Environment
- Master of General and Applied Linguistics
- Master of International Management
- Master of International Relations
- Master of Innovation and Professional Practice
- Master of Leadership
- Master of Management
- Master of Marketing Management
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Strategic Studies
- Master of Translation

**Bachelor degree**
- Bachelor of Archaeological Practice
- Bachelor of Art History and Curatorship
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Asian Studies
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Classical Studies
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Criminology
- Bachelor of Development Studies
- Bachelor of Economics
- Bachelor of Environmental Studies
- Bachelor of European Studies
- Bachelor of International Relations
- Bachelor of International Security Studies
- Bachelor of Latin American Studies
- Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Policy Studies
- Bachelor of Political Science
- Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- Bachelor of Visual Arts

### Postgraduate law group

**Master degree**
- Juris Doctor

**Proposed Bachelor degree**
- Bachelor of Archaeological Practice
- Bachelor of Art History and Curatorship
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Asian Studies
- Bachelor of Classical Studies
- Bachelor of Criminology
- Bachelor of Development Studies
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- Bachelor of Visual Arts

### Postgraduate science group**

**Master degree**
- Master of Environment
- Master of Innovation and Professional Practice
- Master of Public Health

**Proposed Bachelor degree**
- Bachelor of Biotechnology
- Bachelor of Genetics
- Bachelor of Environment and Sustainability
- Bachelor of Science

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* The following degrees may be available for 2018 commencement: Master of Project Management, Master of Business Information Systems and Master of Human Resource Management

** Further Science Master degrees will be proposed for 2018 commencement.
If I am new to ANU?

**Domestic and UAC International**

**Step 1 – Choose ANU**
- If you’re interested in studying a FVDD program at ANU, then identify the FVDD that meets your interests, strengths and career goals.
- Select your eligible Bachelor degree from your preferred FVDD group
- Apply for your eligible Bachelor degree at ANU through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at uac.edu.au

**Step 2 – Opt-in**
- Receive your offer from UAC to study your eligible Bachelor degree at ANU.
- Accept your offer via the ANU website – you will find instructions in your offer letter.
- Opt-in to your FVDD program straight after you enrol, or up until you have completed 72 units of study – it’s up to you.

**Step 3 – Transition**
- Plan your study program at programsandcourses.anu.edu.au. We have Program Advisers who can assist you with ensuring your choices will allow you to transition into the Master component of your program later on.
- Start taking Master courses at 96 units by achieving the required GPA
- Transition to your Master degree at 144 units by maintaining the required GPA during your eligible Bachelor degree.

**Direct International only**
If you’re an international student applying directly to ANU, select your Bachelor and Master degree when you apply. This way, you’ll receive a packaged offer to meet your eCoE and visa requirements.

If I am already at ANU?

**Step 1 – Choose your degree combination**
- Decide on which Master degree to combine with your current Bachelor degree. Note that you can only do a FVDD with a single Bachelor degree. If you are in an undergraduate double degree already, you need to transfer to a single degree if you want to do a FVDD.
- Plan your study program at programsandcourses.anu.edu.au. We have Program Advisers who can assist you with ensuring your choices will allow you to transition into the Master component of your program later on.

**Step 2 – Opt-in**
- Opt-in to your FVDD program right up until you have completed 72 units of study – it’s up to you. Note if you are an international student you will need to be issued an additional eCoE and you may incur associated visa extension costs.

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE COMPARISON – HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT TO WHAT YOU ARE ALREADY DOING?

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Check the anu.edu.au/fvdd website for up-to-date information.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Apply
I’m a new student at ANU. How do I apply?

**Domestic students**
Choose your Bachelor degree from your preferred FVDD group. You can opt-in to your Master degree any time after receiving and accepting your offer to completing 1.5 years or 72 units of study.

**International students**
Choose your Bachelor degree from your preferred FVDD group through UAC International. When you receive and accept your offer, choose your Master degree too. You will receive a new packaged offer to meet your electronic CoE and visa requirements.

If you’re applying direct to ANU, you will choose your Bachelor and Master degrees when you apply to receive a packaged offer that meets your eCoE and visa needs.

You can also opt-in after starting your Bachelor degree but be aware you will need an additional eCoE and this is likely to incur additional costs to extend your visa.

Choice
How many FVDDs can I choose from?
You can choose from over 300 degree combinations across the three FVDD groups.

Course load
This is a double degree. Will I have twice the workload?
Teaching and learning methods and class requirements are the same as if you were taking your Bachelor degree and Master degree separately. That means your full-time course load is the same. You are not required to overload your study program or attend additional classes or lectures.

Course requirements
You will need to meet the same course requirements for the Bachelor degree and Master degree within your FVDD program as if you studied these degrees separately. You will take less elective and breadth courses.

Credit
When you complete your Bachelor degree, you receive 48 units of credit towards your Master degree. This credit is based on the four Master degree courses (24 units) you take during your Bachelor degree, plus 24 units of general credit given for breadth for your Master degree.

Defer
Can I defer or take program leave?
You can defer or take leave from your Bachelor degree. You can take leave from your Master degree too. However, if you want to take a gap year between your degrees, you will need to be reconfirmed for admission to the Master degree based on the admissions criteria at that time.

Duration
How do I finish my FVDD as soon as possible?
Ask your Program Administrator about how to manage your required and elective courses to complete your Bachelor degree in the shortest time and transition to your Master degree.

ATAR
What ATAR do I need to get to get into my FVDD?
You will need to achieve the required ATAR or equivalent for your Bachelor degree.

Bonus points
Will my plan to study an FVDD affect my ability to receive bonus points?

Academic or Equity bonus points can be applied to your Entrance Rank for admission to your preferred Bachelor degree.

Opt-in option
I’m a current student at ANU. How do I opt-in?
You can opt-in via an online form. The opt-in form varies depending on the group you wish to apply to and links are below:

- Postgraduate business, humanities and social sciences group
  ql.anu.edu.au/lu79
- Postgraduate law group
  ql.anu.edu.au/g964
- Postgraduate science group
  ql.anu.edu.au/gelo
Enrolment

How do I enrol in my FVDD?
You will enrol online using ISIS in the normal way. Ask your Program Administrator about how to manage your required and elective courses to ensure you complete your Bachelor degree in the shortest time and transition to your Master degree.

Exchange or study abroad

Can I have an international learning experience during my FVDD?
You may be able to go on exchange or study abroad if you plan appropriately. You will have fewer electives which means your exchange and study abroad opportunities are limited.

Fees

How much will my FVDD cost?

**Domestic students**

All courses taken in your Bachelor degree – including the four Master degree-level courses – are available as Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) and count towards your Bachelor degree. All courses taken within your Master degree will incur domestic tuition fees.

**Example 1: Bachelor of Science/Master of Population Health**

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**Example 2: Bachelor of Commerce/Master of Strategic Studies**

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When you transition to your Master degree, check your eligibility for FEE-HELP to defer your Master degree fee payments.

There are limited postgraduate CSPs available based on academic merit and year of entry to your Master degree. Check CSP here. anu.edu.au/students/scholarships-support/graduate-commonwealth-supported-places

**International students**

You will be charged International Student Fees for both degrees.

Honours

Can I add Honours to my Bachelor degree?
You can delay starting your Master degree and add an Honours year to your Bachelor degree. This will increase the overall duration of your program and you will be reassessed for entry to your Master degree. See ‘deferring’ and ‘program leave’.

Hurdles

What happens if I don’t meet the hurdle to progress through my FVDD?
If you don’t meet the hurdle (maintain the required Grade Point Average) to progress to the Master component of your degree program, you will still be able to continue in and graduate from your Bachelor degree.

Internships

Can I do an internship during my FVDD?
You can do an internship if your degree allows.

Offer

How do I receive an offer for my FVDD?

**Domestic students**

Provided you meet admission requirements you will receive an offer for your Bachelor degree. You can opt-in to your Master degree after that.

**International students**

Provided you meet admission requirements for your Bachelor degree, you will receive a packaged offer which includes your Master degree to allow you to apply for a visa for the full duration at once.

Preferences

I can’t find my FVDD in UAC?

**Domestic students**

Choose your Bachelor degree from your preferred FVDD group and make it your top preference in UAC. After you receive and accept your offer, opt-in to your Master degree. See ‘apply’.
**Prerequisites**

Are there any prerequisites for my FVDD?

You must receive the required entrance rank (ATAR plus any eligible bonus points) or equivalent, plus any prerequisites for your Bachelor degree to receive an offer.

**Progression requirements**

What GPA do I need to maintain?

You must maintain a 5.0 GPA to progress to the four Master courses taken during your Bachelor degree.

The exception is the Juris Doctor which requires a 4.5 GPA for admission.

**Scholarships**

Can I apply for a scholarship?

You can apply for a scholarship if you are taking or plan to take a FVDD.

**Single degrees**

Can I take any of the degrees in the FVDD suite by themselves?

All Bachelor and Master degrees in the FVDD suite can be taken as single degrees.

**Special requirements**

What special requirements do I need to meet for admission to my FVDD?

To be assessed for admission to some programs, you may need to attend an interview, supply a portfolio or undertake an audition. Check your Bachelor degree admission requirements.

**Study abroad or exchange**

Can I study abroad or go on exchange during my FVDD?

You may be able to study abroad or go on exchange if you manage your electives appropriately and plan ahead. You will have fewer electives which will limit the international learning experiences you can undertake.

**Testamurs**

Will I graduate once or twice, and will I get two certificates?

You will receive a testamur (also known as a graduation certificate) when you graduate from each degree program in your FVDD.

If you prefer to graduate from both degrees at the same time, you can choose to defer having your Bachelor degree conferred until you complete your Master degree. You will still receive a testamur for each degree, meaning you will receive two testamurs at the one conferral.

**Transferring**

If I change my mind, can I transfer to another degree program or FVDD?

Transfer between degrees by completing the standard degree program transfer and FVDD opt-in application forms.

Be aware that the duration of your program may be affected, depending on the degree you transfer into. International students may have to pay additional visa costs.

**Transition**

How will the transition period between my two degrees work?

All courses undertaken in the Bachelor degree – including the four Master courses – are taken as part of the Bachelor degree. Upon completion of Bachelor degree program requirements (including the four Master courses completed as part of the Bachelor), students are able to graduate with the Bachelor degree without having to proceed to the Master.

Once you have opted in, if you want to change your preference, you can only do this at the completion of 72 units.

On completion of 96 units you will be assessed for permission to undertake Master-level courses.

Following release of results, if you have met the threshold requirements, a full offer letter will be issued to you and you can accept your offer.

**Vice-Chancellor’s courses**

Can I do the Vice-Chancellor’s courses in my Bachelor degree?

Unless you are completing a professionally-credited or named degree program, you can use your electives to complete the Vice-Chancellor’s courses.
EXAMPLE FVDD STUDY PROGRAMS

Take a look at what your FVDD study program might look like.

Bachelor of Criminology/Juris Doctor

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