Welcome to ANU, from across Australia and all corners of the earth. Our place is your place.

Our campus is an experience, a place to belong, to live, learn and discover you. Your time with us will introduce you to enriching courses and lifelong friends and see you living and collaborating with other passionate and talented people.

Gaining an internationally recognised degree at the Australian National University (ANU) is an amazing opportunity to dig deeper and make a difference.

Picture yourself at ANU – in Australia’s national capital, Canberra. We can’t wait to meet you.

The Australian National University (ANU) acknowledges, celebrates and pays respect to the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people of the Canberra region and to all First Nations Australians on whose traditional lands we live, meet and work.

#1 university in Australia¹
#1 most employable graduates²
5 stars for student to staff ratio and staff qualifications³
17,000+ students from 100 countries around the world
6,490 accommodation beds on campus
**Guaranteed** accommodation offer⁴
6 Nobel laureates among ANU staff and alumni

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1. QS World University Rankings 2023
2. Times Higher Education Rankings 2020
3. 11:1, Good Universities Guide 2021
4. All prospective first-year undergraduate students are eligible for the ANU accommodation guarantee.
5 reasons why ANU is for you

1. We’re the #1 university in Australia and #30 in the world.¹

Tackle the world’s complex problems alongside the experts who wrote your textbooks. Together with the unique internship and global learning opportunities you can take up at ANU, you’ll build the skills and experience to join Australia’s #1 most employable graduates.²

2. Small, interactive classes taught by world-leading academics

Connecting with your talented lecturers, tutors and classmates – and the amazing resources at ANU – will be easy. Our student-teacher ratios are among the best in Australian universities and our learning facilities and internship opportunities with employers are second to none.

3. Flexible, internationally recognised degrees

Choose from 50 single degrees across a wide range of disciplines or combine your passions with your career interests and choose to study a flexible double degree. At ANU, you can design your own double degree from 599 possible combinations.

4. Early offer with automatic scholarship consideration

ANU makes offers for admission, scholarships and guaranteed accommodation⁴ to Year 12 students in early September. Apply directly for free between March and May and go back to making the most out of your last year at school.

5. Supportive community to help you settle in

Our students come from diverse backgrounds — and some are the first in their family to go to university. At ANU, you’ll have a wide range of resources and services to help you adjust to university and thrive in your life and future career.
Welcome to Canberra

Vibrant, fun and multicultural, Canberra is an amazing combination of cosmopolitan delights and country warmth. Getting around is easy, and there are heaps of jobs here for students and things to see and do. Say hello to Australia’s coolest city.

Touristy treasures
Canberra’s attractions are renowned and oh-so-unique. Discover the workings of our government at Parliament House or explore art, history and culture at the War Memorial, the National Gallery and the National Museum. You can even talk to the animals at the National Zoo & Aquarium or end a summer’s day watching a film under the stars at the Botanic Gardens.

After-dark action
As the sun descends on another vibey day in Canberra, the fun doesn’t diminish. This city is brimming with PM pursuits, from live music venues and themed bars to world-class theatres and night-time festivals. Too much noise? Soak up the serenity in the early AM with a hike up Mount Ainslie.

Foodie feasts
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Fantastic festivals
Canberra has a range of awesome festivals celebrating the city’s four distinct seasons. In spring, there’s flower-filled Floriade. In summer, there’s the car loving Summernats and the Canberra Comedy Festival. In autumn, the illuminating Enlighten Festival. And in winter, the Truffle Festival. That’s year-round festival frolicking for the taking!

Super-fun shopping
If you love shopping, then you’ll find ample ways to spend your coin in Canberra, with lots of boutiques, small retailers and op shops selling everything from fashion and gifts to homewares and vintage treasures. Plus, the city has its fair share of mega retail centres offering one-stop-shop opportunities and bargains.

A city to love

#1 Highest average income and lowest unemployment in Australia
Why Study in Canberra 2022

#5 Most sustainable city in the world
Earth Org 2022

25% People who speak a language other than English
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Adelaide Bragias
Bachelor of Criminology (Honours)

“I love how the Canberra community has always felt like the perfect size: big enough to be able to meet new people every day, but small enough so that there is always a strong sense of community.”

Helen Tong
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts
Space to learn and grow

At ANU, you'll learn in innovative spaces, gain new skills and accreditations – and take part in programs that will help you stand out long before you graduate.

Small classes taught by world-leading academics

With a student-teacher ratio of 11:1, you'll work alongside renowned academics who are leaders in their fields. Driving your learning in lectures and tutorials will be the latest research and challenges to dig deeper, ask the hard questions and try new approaches to solving today's big problems.

Academic skills

Building on the skills you gained at school will make sure you thrive at university. ANU supplies workshops and one-on-one sessions on academic writing, research techniques, communication strategies, referencing, academic integrity and how to prepare for exams. Just tell us what you need and we'll provide it.

Practical internships

As part of your degree, you can choose to enrol in internship courses that will see you work with real businesses and organisations. We offer internships that explore subjects as diverse as art collection management, archaeology, engineering, computing, public health, policy and diplomacy, as well as business, economics, law, science and strategy.

Professional accreditation

Before you can work in some jobs, you'll need to meet the professional requirements of their peak bodies, such as Engineers Australia, the Australian Computer Society and CPA Australia. ANU builds work-integrated learning components into your degree that will help you earn this accreditation.

Public policy experiences

Unique to ANU are a range of special internship programs that could see you working during your semester breaks alongside politicians and their aides in the ACT Legislative Assembly, Parliament House, the United States Congress or in Taiwanese government departments or agencies.

Centre for Indigenous students

Request a tour of the meeting place that supplies academic support, pastoral care and advice on internships and scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at ANU.

Email: tjabal.centre@anu.edu.au
Phone: 02 6125 4038

Support for students living with disability

We will support you to take part fully in your degree program. If you are a carer, have a medical condition or are living with disability, we'll provide you with advice about supports and adjustments.

Email: access.inclusion@anu.edu.au
Phone: 02 6125 5036

For information on how we'll also support your career and wellbeing, go to pages 10 and 12.
“I was placed in the Youth Law Centre within Legal Aid for twelve days over the semester as a paralegal and worked with a team of other students to help young people experiencing legal issues. This hands-on practical legal experience was great.”

**Helen Tong**
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts

“I’ve done work placements planting trees in Bredbo with NGOs and field trips to Kioloa. I’ve also completed 12 internship units at the Australian Academy of Science and I’m currently doing a research project in the Senate as part of the Australian National Internship Program (ANIP). This has been beyond valuable to me.”

**Ashy Kinsella**
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science
A campus made for you

Whether it’s time to study or put your books away for the day, our campus will be your playground. It’s beautiful, vibrant and safe and offers everything you’ll need to get the most out of university life.

Find a space to study
Focus on your studies in the many comfy spots dotted around campus – from the lounge and breakout zones in the Student Centre or Marie Raey Teaching Centre – to rooms with whiteboards and screens that make collaborating easy.

When you need to soak up some sun, settle yourself on the bean bags outdoors on the Kambri lawn or in the amphitheatre overlooking Sullivan’s Creek.

Meet, eat and shop
You won’t need to travel far for food and study supplies. Conveniently on the ANU campus are cafes, bars, a retro games room and a bookshop, pharmacy and supermarket. They serve everything from basic groceries, prescription medicines, stationery supplies and textbooks to coffee and food from around the world.

Catch up with friends over a pub dinner and a drink at the end of a hardworking day.

Stay fit and healthy
Build your physical and mental fitness at our two gyms, four ovals and swimming pool or by booking the indoor courts and fitness spaces at the ANU Sports Centre. Like Canberra, the University is bike-friendly and has some beautiful walking trails.

Pick up an e-scooter or bicycle between classes or bring your own with you.

Join a club or society
ANU offers heaps of opportunities to pursue your hobbies and interests with other students. Whether you’re interested in the arts, languages, advocacy, physics or sport, there’s a student-run social, academic or cultural club or society for you. Joining is super easy.

Run for election
You could advocate on behalf of all students to the University executive and help supply the free and confidential legal, welfare services and social events that the ANU Students Association (ANUSA) provides. Learn more on page 12.

Get involved in events
At the start of every semester, during Orientation Week, Kambri – the hub of student life at ANU – really comes alive! The calendar of student events includes markets, workshops, tours and competitions. Throughout the semester, you can also take part in social events, from concerts and movie nights to theatre and live music performances.
Get involved. You may be scared to say ‘hi’ to that person in your tute or to go to a society event, but you’ll make friends. Also, it’s never too late. Don’t feel like you need to cram all your internships, work experience, research, exchange into your first year. You’ve got time and doors will open for you if you keep your eye out for them.”

Ashy Kinsella
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science

“I’ve taken part in many events and societies and they are great fun. If you decide to be an active part of an ANU club or society, such as joining the executive as I have, you’ll find everyone is so lovely. They have swiftly become like a second family to me.”

Oliver Jongue
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of International Relations

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Ashy Kinsella
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science
YOUR ACCOMMODATION

A room of your own

Your study offer from ANU will guarantee you a place in a student residence. With several options to choose from, you’re sure to find a room to call your home-away-from-home.*

Supportive community
Living in a student residence will help you build your independence, make new friends and settle into university life. On tap will be residential advisers who provide wellbeing support 24/7 and tutors who can help you with your studies, plus an exciting calendar of social, sporting and community-building events.

City on your doorstep
A short walk away will be the Canberra Centre with its big-name and independent clothes, food, gift and phone shops and several browse-worthy second-hand shops. The Dendy and Palace cinemas, a games arcade, banks and several supermarkets will also be close by, along with Braddon and its cafes and nightlife.

Classes just minutes away
All you’ll need will be in easy reach of your residence by foot or bicycle: lecture halls, cafes, bars, bike paths, gyms and several libraries. The events and activities of ANU clubs and societies and the Kambri student hub will also be a short distance away. Roll out of bed and be in class within minutes!

What’s in your residence?
You may have your own kitchen, bathroom and living area or share these with others. Each residence also features shared laundry, common study and leisure spaces, such as music and games rooms, plus outdoor areas with barbecues, tables and chairs. All areas are accessible.

Compare student residences
You can live in a catered, flexi-catered or uncatered student residence in either a room or studio. As a guide, rates in 2023 ranged between $265 and $516 per week. Financial support may be available, if you need it, to help you pay for your accommodation.

* Eligibility criteria apply
Living on campus at Wamburun Hall is a great experience. It is one of the most diverse residences on campus, filled with students from around Australia and the world. With a capacity of 500 residents, there are so many new people to meet and friendships to create. Wamburun is also walking distance from classes and shops. Campus living is an unforgettable experience.”

Ben Leung
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

“I’ve lived at Burton and Garran Hall. Everyone was friendly and kind, and always up for a chat. The social events were fun and I made wonderful memories there. I loved how quickly I could get to class. Getting to my job in Civic was also a nice walk through campus, which is lovely on a sunny day.”

Kishaya Lye
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts

Accommodation guarantee
In your first year, we guarantee you a room in an approved student residence. Here’s how to apply:

Direct applicants
Simply tick ‘yes’ on the accommodation page in the application portal and list your preferences. If you receive an admission offer in September or December/January, you’ll get an accommodation offer at the same time.

UAC applicants
Apply for a room through the ANU accommodation portal later in the year. Your admission and accommodation offer will be sent to you a few days apart in December/January.

Learn more about the ANU application process on pages 24 and 25.

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Let’s talk about your career

The ANU Careers team provides one-on-one practical advice and will point you to resources that can help you complete a job application and increase your impact at interview.

Quick Help appointments
During your studies and after you graduate, our team of Career Consultants can help you with advice about selection criteria questions, performing at interviews or updating your resume. During your appointment with them, they may also give you some job searching strategies.

Career planning
Our Career Consultants can help you explore the potential careers your degree prepares you for and discuss some of the things you can do to increase your employability, such as taking part in career development workshops and programs.

Volunteering
Getting involved as a volunteer in the community can help you meet new people and gain new skills. The ANU+ program recognises involvement in volunteering activities and taking part in it will show employers that you’re willing to gain a deeper understanding of yourself and get involved in the world around you.

CareerHub
This is the University’s central online career development and employability tool. It features a job vacancies noticeboard that can connect you with internships, graduate employment programs, career-related resources and events, including workshops, instructive videos and employer visits to campus.

Expos and employer visits
Each year, ANU will invite you to events that will connect you with prospective employers. Our Career Connect fair, usually held in Semester 2, brings together employers from various disciplines and industries so you can learn from them about recruitment processes, upcoming vacancies and build your professional networks.

"The ANU Career Hub is great for gaining professional skills. It helped me learn about the job market, how to interview well and has tools to help you advance your resume too."

Zoë Logan
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of International Relations graduate
According to Brian

ANU Vice-Chancellor, Brian Schmidt AC, FRAS, FAA, shares some words of wisdom about choosing a university and the experiences it will give you. Best of all, he reveals how coming to ANU himself helped him win a Nobel Prize.

What advice do you have about choosing a university?

Choosing a university will be one of the most important decisions you'll make; it will help shape your independence as a person more than anything. This is an emotional time, one of learning who you are and what you want to be, and of exploring and doing the things that you're interested in. I recommend making the decision about where you'll go to university using both your mind – your intellect – and your heart.

What's the best thing about going to university?

University is about more than just grades. The years to come will be important to your life. You'll meet people from Australia and countries around the world and make great friends. Building your knowledge and gaining new skills will equip you to solve complex problems. Your degree, when you finish it, will just be the beginning. In fact, you will become someone who never stops learning.

You won a Nobel Prize in Physics in 2011. Did ANU have a role in that?

There is no way I would have won a Nobel Prize if I had stayed in the United States. I became an astronomer and the social structure of my field over there would not have given me the freedom that ANU did. Here, I could go out and do what I thought was best with the support of a tight-knit community.

So, how would you sum up the ANU experience?

ANU is the whole package. Yes, we have a wide range of degrees and offer great flexibility. Our colleges are world-leading and our campus in Canberra has a beautiful scale and size to it, but it is how welcoming our community is that makes it great. ANU is a place where you'll work hard but also have fun. Try and live in a student residence, because your university experience will be an exciting one, and you'll want to be right at the heart of it.
Your wellbeing is everything

Whenever you need medical care, counselling, legal advice or cultural or spiritual support, you’ll find it right here on campus. Best of all, these services are free.

First-year program
If you’re from a rural or remote location, low-income or refugee background or the first in your family to attend university, the First-Year Experience program is for you. It will help you build your connection to the University, your teachers and fellow students through events, activities, support services and much more.

Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre
A meeting place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, the Tjabal centre can provide you with academic support, pastoral care and advice on internships and scholarships. This home away from home is also a space to gather, study and heat up your lunch and can help you to achieve your academic and career goals.

Medical clinic
The ANU Medical Centre’s general practice (GP) clinic supplies free medical services to students. When you’re on campus, you can make an appointment or walk-in to see a doctor or nurse for a health check-up, immunisations, minor wound management and more.

Counselling
ANU Counselling is a free, confidential and non-diagnostic service that you can use to support your mental health and wellbeing while you’re studying. You can access one-on-one counselling sessions or take part in free group programs and seminars.

Sexual harassment and violence support
The ANU Respectful Relationships unit helps and supports survivors with sexual harassment and violence reporting.

Spiritual support
When you need spiritual support, our team of multifaith chaplains can help. They represent the Anglican, Catholic and Baptist churches and the Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, Baha’i faiths, as well as the Humanist tradition.

Students’ association
You will automatically become a member of the ANU Students’ Association (ANUSA). As well as being able to join in the fun stuff, like 200-plus clubs and societies, you’ll have access to free legal advice and supportive welfare programs. You can also choose to run for office during the ANUSA elections.

24/7 crisis line
As an ANU student, you can call this line if you need relief from emotional distress, help managing immediate threats to your safety or to learn about pathways for longer-term support.

Mentoring
SET4ANU is a free mentoring program designed to help new students transition to life at ANU. Signing up to the program will match you with a later-year student volunteer who will help ease you through your first few weeks here.
“ANU counselling has been a really useful resource that I’ve utilised for a couple of years now. I’ve also had some amazing experiences with the Respectful Relationships and safety and wellbeing teams in a supportive capacity. They provide help to students at times of need and it’s great to know they’re there.”

Ashy Kinsella
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science
Supportive and enriching scholarships

A scholarship can give you space and support for the things that matter during university, like being able to focus on your studies, pay your rent and travel home in the holidays. Some of our scholarships can also give you a community.

ANU offers scholarships for most situations. If you apply between March and May, tick the scholarship box in the direct application portal and we’ll automatically consider you for possible scholarships.

Our 200-plus scholarships recognise academic achievement, financial hardship, leadership, rural and regional status, barriers to higher education and athletic performance.

For 4-5 years, they can help you with a range of study-related costs, including student accommodation, travel and other expenses.1

The Tuckwell Scholarship
$24,700 a year

Australia’s most transformational undergraduate scholarship program, the Tuckwell supports up to 25 school leavers each year. As well as enrichment opportunities, it provides an exclusive alumni network.

Even though you will need to apply for this scholarship separately, make sure you let us know you’re interested in it by ticking the Tuckwell box in the direct application portal.

Send your application to ANU in March to make sure you have time to apply for the Tuckwell scholarship, as it closes in early April.

Kambri Indigenous Undergraduate Scholarship
Up to $30,000 a year

A flexible package of benefits, the Kambri scholarship can include a stipend for living and educational expenses, payments for student accommodation and an allowance for trips home.

ANU Humanitarian Scholarship
$69,624 over 4 years plus tuition fee waiver

This scholarship for students from refugee backgrounds is all about making university accessible. ANU offers one of these scholarships each year and you can apply for it through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

1. Award values may change.
Without the level of help provided by the Kambri scholarship, I would not have been able to attend ANU or make the move to Canberra from Tasmania. It has influenced every aspect of my student journey and allowed me to dedicate time to my studies by reducing stress about financial burdens, for me and my family. The Tjabal centre at ANU has been an endless source of support, too, with academic planning, organising transport home for breaks, and much more.

Emma Spinks
Palawa woman of lutruwita (Tasmania)
Bachelor of Political Studies

“The Tuckwell Scholarship was always about much more than finances; it is a whole program of enrichment. There is a group of 25 recipients each year and we are really close as a cohort. Tuckwell has opened so many doors for me.”

Matthew Jacob
Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Learning by adventure

During your time at ANU, you can study overseas at some of the world’s top universities while earning credit towards your degree.

With opportunities to practice a language, learn a new culture and explore different perspectives, the global programs of our 180 partners in 39 countries will build your knowledge, life skills and networks – and look amazing on your resume.

You can study abroad for two weeks, during your summer study break or for a whole semester or year.

Where will you go?

There’s nothing like learning by adventure! Choose where you’d like to go.

- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Brunei
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- French Polynesia
- Germany
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Mexico
- Myanmar
- The Netherlands
- New Caledonia
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Peru
- Portugal
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States

“The opportunity to study abroad for two semesters at two ANU partner universities in Asia has allowed me to learn from leading academics about local economies. My highlight was travelling around Southeast and East Asia during weekends and breaks with new friends, exploring and developing my understanding of the region we live in.”

Sam Watson
Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Finance

Discover exchange destinations
ANU, in their words

Two students and two alumni reveal their impressions of Canberra, accommodation, scholarships and the ANU learning experience – and why they chose to study here.

Josie Bates • Singleton, NSW
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/ Bachelor of Economics

Lachlan Arthur • Gawler, SA
Doctor of Medicine and Surgery graduate

Zoë Logan • Canberra, ACT
Bachelor of Political Science (Honours)/ Bachelor of International Relations graduate

Charlotte McLeod • Sydney, NSW
Bachelor of International Relations/ Bachelor of Arts
Why I chose ANU

Zoë: I returned to Australia after taking a gap year overseas. I chose to come back to Canberra because of ANU. Being in the nation’s capital meant I would be in the heart of Australian politics with opportunities and exposure that no other university could offer me as a political science student.

Josie: The flexible double degree options and the simple and convenient direct application process helped make my decision to study at ANU easy. When I was offered a scholarship, that cemented why ANU was the place for me.

Lachlan: I came to ANU because I believed I’d get the best preparation for my dream career as a clinician-researcher, including opportunities to study abroad at world-class institutions.

What I like about Canberra

Charlotte: The ‘bush capital’ is fantastically green, with plenty of opportunities for outdoorsy types. Scenic bike rides and walks with friends have become a part of my routine.

Zoë: I loved that the University was in the CBD, which makes it easy to get around. Canberra is a very easy place to live and offers the best of both a city and quiet life.

Living in a student residence

Charlotte: The community in Fenner Hall has been the best part of my ANU experience. There always seems to be a play, sports team or band to throw myself into and clubs, such as the Chocolate Soft-Serve Appreciation Society.

Josie: Living on campus at John XXIII College I have been constantly busy and have had people around me to get a coffee, play sport, eat in the communal dining room or study with. The strong sense of community has helped me adjust to living away from home.

Getting a scholarship

Zoë: My study tour scholarship introduced me early to field research, ultimately leading to my decision to do an honours year. Without the scholarship, I would not have met my best friends, gained international experience or been as competitive in the job market when I graduated. Having the scholarships also gave me the opportunity to network with think tanks, NGOs, government advisors, and diplomats.

Josie: I was awarded an equity-based scholarship for rural women in engineering from the ANU College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics (CECC). It was great for initially meeting people in my courses.

My campus life

Charlotte: I got involved in the ANU 180 Degrees Consulting chapter to gain experience with NGOs and corporate sponsors. I’ve also drafted material for the student newspaper, Woroni, and feminist magazine, Bossy, and been involved in an equity workshop with Fifty50.

Zoë: My favourite part of campus life was spending time in the great outdoor spaces with my friends. Campus is always bustling. Whether it is mid-week or a weekend, there are plenty of people around to spend time with, take study breaks together or discuss classes over a coffee.

The ANU learning experience

Charlotte: We are spoiled for choice with study spaces at ANU. I have the same full-time study load as a student doing a single degree but will graduate with two qualifications.

Zoë: The greatest benefit to my learning was the working relationships I had with academics. They inspired me, introduced me to new techniques, helped me talk out ideas, answered questions and challenged me to think critically. My tutors and lecturers also introduced me to new people to expand my networks.

The Academic Skills team was also super helpful for me, especially at the start. They run workshops and have heaps of great resources that helped me adjust to writing for university.

Lachlan: I was lucky enough to go on a student exchange twice during my undergraduate degree – to the University of Copenhagen in Denmark and to ETH Zurich in Switzerland. Both trips were once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that allowed me to meet incredible people, see amazing sights and gain valuable experience.

When you choose a degree you love, you will work every day until you graduate. Nothing will taste sweeter than nailing an essay or feeling knowledgeable at a dinner table. I chose criminology at ANU because I wanted to understand how to make our systems and societies fairer and safer for everyone.”

Adelaide Bragias
Bachelor of Criminology (Honours)
YOUR STUDY OPTIONS

Degrees that challenge and inspire

From art, robotics and astronomy to neuroscience, health and music, there's a single or flexible double degree for you at ANU. Your future career starts here.

More than 50 single degrees
If you have a career in mind and know what you want to study, a single, structured degree that takes 3–4 years to complete could be the right choice for you.

Our single degrees can be flexible too–so if you want to explore a few interests or keep your career options open to a range of possibilities, you can choose from a wide range of majors and minors and create a study program that’s unique to you.

Single degrees at ANU explore a range of interests:
- Arts, society and culture
- Business and commerce
- Engineering and computer science
- Health and medical studies
- Law and legal studies
- Natural, physical and environmental sciences.

Design your own flexible double degree
A fabulous way to combine your interests and stand out in the job market, a flexible double degree takes 4–5 years to complete and will see you graduate with two bachelor’s awards.

Build your own flexible double degree from 599 possible options. Here are some suggestions:
- Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Genetics
- Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Asian Studies/Bachelor of Environment and Sustainability
- Bachelor of Applied Data Analytics/Bachelor of Criminology

Study a research degree
If you would like to develop highly transferable skills that work across disciplines and industries, one of our undergraduate research degrees could be for you.

Challenging and rigorous, these study programs are for high-achieving students and take 4 years to complete. They come with one-on-one guidance, exclusive placements in research organisations and opportunities to travel.

ANU undergraduate research degrees:
- Bachelor of Advanced Computing (Research and Development) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Research and Development) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Finance, Economics and Statistics (Honours)
- Bachelor of Philosophy (Advanced) (Honours)

From 80 to 98
This is the range of ANU selection ranks. If you apply directly as a Year 12 school leaver, we’ll calculate your rank based on your Year 11 or Year 12 results (whichever are better) and any adjustment factors after we receive your application. If you apply through the Universities Admissions Centre, we’ll use your Year 12 results or other eligible qualifications to calculate your selection rank. Learn more about adjustment factors on page 25.

Find your degree
Browse our single degree programs or build your own double degree. You’ll also find ATAR and IB scores here and any prerequisites you'll need to meet before you apply to ANU.

Search programs and courses

Talk to us
Reach out to the members of our Future Student Experience team. They are currently studying at ANU and can answer any questions you have about our degrees and the application process.

Talk to ANU
“At other university open days all the prospective engineering students were male and the lecturers seemed to focus on the technical side of problems at the expense of the human side. Open Day events at the ANU College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics (CECC) had more gender diversity and described a nontypical engineering degree. They really highlighted an interdisciplinary focus and humanitarian engineering.”

Louise Bardwell
Bachelor of Engineering (R&D, Hons)/Bachelor of Arts (Pacific Studies) graduate

“I found ANU really changed and shaped who I was as a musician for the better. I think I’ve really grown, not just from what I learned here, but also from all the people I met. Enjoy uni and keep pushing for what you’re passionate about.”

Olivia Faletoese
Bachelor of Music graduate and bassist for indie dance-pop band, Archie
Admission requirements

Before you start your application, check that you meet our admission requirements for undergraduate study. Ticking these off your list will make the process a smoother one for you.

Year 10 and 11 students

Use our Year 12 school leavers’ admission requirements, selection ranks and the prerequisites of our degrees to guide you to the subjects you choose for your final years of school. Also, look at our co-curricular or service requirement now; this can guide your involvement in school and community activities.

Year 12 school leavers

Checklist

☐ I am an Australian or New Zealand citizen, Australian permanent resident or holder of an Australian humanitarian visa.

☐ I am currently in Year 12 at high school or my final year of the International Baccalaureate

Academic qualifications

☐ I have or will have completed a Year 12 or International Baccalaureate certificate by the end of the school year.

☐ I will be awarded an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) or equivalent rank.

ANU offers adjustment factors that could boost your selection rank if you’re eligible for them. Our selection ranks range between 80 and 98. Learn more about adjustment factors on page 25.

Co-curricular or service requirement

☐ I have been involved in activities outside the classroom, such as volunteering, part-time work, caring for a family member or playing a sport.

How to apply

As a Year 12 school leaver you can apply directly to ANU between March and May for free. Learn more on page 24.

Co-curricular or service requirement (CCS)

You will need to meet the co-curricular or service CCS requirement in the application portal to show us you have the skills to succeed at university.

Depending on the type of skills-based activities you’ve been involved in, you may only need to supply evidence of some of the following to meet the requirement:

- Academic and extension activities: summer academic and exchange programs
- Community and service activities: volunteering, membership of a club, the student council or caring for a family member
Non-school leavers

Checklist

Citizenship
☐ I am an Australian citizen, permanent resident or humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen.

Age/Stage
☐ I completed school prior to 2023.

Academic qualifications
I have completed one of the following:
☐ a secondary school qualification
☐ a VET qualification at AQF level 5 or higher (diploma or above)
☐ a university entry scheme
☐ at least one year of full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) study of a bachelor degree.

How to apply
Apply through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) later in the year. You may have to pay an application fee. Learn more on page 24.

Explore entry schemes
If you will be a mature age student and you do not have an assessable qualification, you can choose a pathway entry scheme that will prepare you for full-time university study.
YOUR APPLICATION

How to apply

There are two ways you can apply to study at the Australian National University (ANU). The way that’s right for you depends on whether you’re a Year 12 school leaver or someone who left school a while ago.

Year 12 school leavers

Apply directly to ANU between March and May. Your application form will cover scholarships, student accommodation and admission and could see you get an offer of a place in the most eligible degree on your list of preferences as early as September.

We will assess your application using your Year 11 or Year 12 results, whichever are better.

Interested in the Tuckwell Scholarship?

Let us know this by ticking the Tuckwell box in the direct application portal. You will need to submit your application to ANU in March. Learn more on page 14 and at tuckwell.anu.edu.au

Apply directly to ANU

Login to the ANU application portal. It’s free! You can log out and go back to it at any time before the deadline.

Applications for admission open in March and close in May every year.

Application dates for 2024

Applications open
1 March 2023
Applications close
15 May 2023
Early offer release date
4 September 2023
Early offer acceptance deadline
4 October 2023
Final offer acceptance deadline
(dependent on ATAR release date)
January 2024

Application dates for 2025

Applications open
1 March 2024
Applications close
13 May 2024
Early offer release date
2 September 2024
Early offer acceptance deadline
2 October 2024
Final offer acceptance deadline
(dependent on ATAR release date)
January 2025

Year 12 school leavers & non-school leavers

Apply for admission to ANU through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) later in the year. If you’re a school leaver, though, you only need to apply via UAC if you missed out on applying directly between March and May.

Would you like a room in a student residence? We can guarantee you one if you apply on time and are eligible. Do this separately through ANU rather than UAC. Learn more on page 9.

Explore semester, orientation and other University dates
Direct applicants

Apply through UAC

Admission fee applies

UAC applications usually open in October and close in December.

You can list up to five degrees on your UAC application form and they can be from a range of universities.

You will need to meet the ANU co-curricular and service requirement if you’re a Year 12 school leaver (see page 22 for details).

Interested in a scholarship? Browse the undergraduate domestic ones on the ANU website to find some that suit you. You’ll discover how to apply for them here too. Learn more about scholarships on page 14.

UAC will use your most recent qualification to assess your application during its November/December or December/January offer rounds.

Visit uac.edu.au for latest application dates and fees.

Adjustment factors that can boost your selection rank

We recognise circumstances that could affect your success in high school. These may include severe family disruption, natural disasters, illness, disability, school location and caring responsibilities. Adjustment factors also recognise elite athletes and high achievement in some subjects.

If you’re eligible, your selection rank could be boosted by a maximum of 15 points.

Your adjustments could be made of:

• up to 10 equity-based adjustments, and
• up to 5 elite athlete adjustments, or
• up to 5 subject-based or performance-based adjustments (AMEB Grade 8).

Step-by-step video

Learn how to complete each step in the ANU application portal.

All applicants

If you apply to ANU directly, tell us in the application portal if you would like to be considered for any adjustment factors.

If you are going to apply through UAC, you’ll automatically be assessed for subject-based adjustment factors – but, if you are also eligible for equity-based adjustments, you will need to complete UAC’s equity application form for us to consider you for these.

“I applied directly and received an early offer from ANU based on my Year 11 results. I was so relieved that I had a place in my desired degree before sitting my exams. I approached ‘ATAR day’ with less anxiety.”

Charlotte McLeod
Bachelor of International Relations/Bachelor of Arts
YOUR APPLICATION

What happens next?
Discover some of the things that will happen once you’ve sent your application to ANU or UAC.

How will you assess my application?
We will calculate your selection rank using your academic qualifications and any adjustment factors. After that, we will compare your rank and then assess the number of degree places available before making you an offer or placing you on our waiting list.

If I apply directly and get an early offer...
You will receive this in September. It will be conditional on you completing Year 12 and getting an ATAR, but not on the ATAR score itself. We will finalise this offer in December and ask you to accept it again.

If I apply directly and don’t get an early offer...
We will place you on our waiting list and reconsider your application based on your Year 12 results during our December/January offer round.

Can I change my mind?
You’ll have an opportunity to change your degree preferences in your application before your final offer.

You can also choose to defer your offer of a place at ANU for six months or a year. You may not be able to defer a student accommodation or scholarship offer but will remain eligible for the accommodation guarantee when you start university.

When you arrive at ANU, you can request to change your student residence.

Will accepting my ANU offer stop me accepting offers from other universities?
No, it won’t, but you will only be able to enrol in a degree at one university. We recommend you wait until January before you enrol with any university – that is, after you have received all potential offers.

When will I need to pay for my student accommodation?
The date of the first payment will depend on the date of your final ANU offer, so look out for it and then add the payment deadline to your calendar.

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“I got an early offer. It felt amazing. I was able to relax a little bit. I liked the fact that the direct application process was easy and didn’t take long to do.”

Kishaya Lye
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts
Glossary of university terms

A

Adjustment factors
Extra points that may be used in combination with an applicant’s Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) to create their selection rank. Adjustments will not change your ATAR, only your selection rank for a particular program or programs.

Alumni
A group of graduates or former students.

AQF
Australian Qualifications Framework. Ensures the title of qualifications across Australia are consistent and represent the same high standards of education.

ATAR
The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank that supplies a national comparative ranking to show how you have performed in Year 12 relative to your age cohort in the year you graduated.

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Award
The qualification conferred upon you after you have successfully completed your academic program. The undergraduate awards at ANU include bachelor and honours degrees.

B

Bachelor degree
An undergraduate award of three or more years of full-time or equivalent part-time study.

C

College
The term by which ANU refers to its academic faculties.

Commonwealth-supported student
Domestic students who are recipients of a Commonwealth HELP loan.

Course
A basic component or ‘subject’ of an academic degree program that is identified by a course name (e.g. Anthropology of Environmental Disasters) and course number (e.g. BIAN2064).

D

Direct applicant
Prospective students who have applied directly to ANU early in the year rather than through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or another admissions centre.

Domestic student
Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or holders of an Australian permanent visa. If you’re a holder of an Australian permanent visa or a New Zealand citizen, you must live in Australia for the duration of your studies to be eligible for enrolment as a Commonwealth-supported student.

E

Early offer
An offer made in September to prospective undergraduate domestic students who have applied directly to the University between March and May using their Year 11 results.

F

Flexible double degree
Combines two degrees of the same level. Elements of the two awards are undertaken simultaneously, so that completing a double degree takes less time than completing two single degrees. Graduates who complete a flexible double degree are awarded two degrees.

Flexible learning environment
A means of encouraging student engagement in learning activities that may include:
- adjustable teaching spaces
- choice of degree programs and courses

FTE
Full-time equivalent. This is a measurement of a student’s study workload.

G

Graduates
Students who have completed the academic requirements of their degree and received their award.

H

HECS-HELP
An Australian Government loan program that helps eligible students pay the student contribution amount for their enrolled courses.

I

Indigenous/Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students
Students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are eligible for priority admission to ANU if they meet the requirements for their degree and declare their Indigenous heritage.
Internship
A professional learning experience that offers meaningful, practical (unpaid) work related to your studies and career interests, which can be delivered as a course that you enrol in, or as part of another specialist internship program that you can apply to.

L
Lecture
A formal presentation by an academic staff member, usually to many students. Lectures may include the use of handouts and audio-visual presentations. Opportunities for asking questions or discussing the content being presented are usually fewer in lectures compared to tutorials.

M
Major
A major is made up of a series of courses (48 units/8 subjects) related to each other in content to create an area of specialisation.

Minor
A stream of courses within a program that are related in content and made up of 24 units. A minor is a subset of courses within a major and will not feature on your academic transcript or testamur.

O
Offer
The process by which the University or Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) issues applicants with a place in a degree program.

Orientation Week
A program of activities run at the beginning of each semester designed to give students the information and support they need to become familiar with and confident about university life. The program may include short courses, online resources, workshops, introductions to clubs and societies, and a range of other activities, including tours of campus facilities.

P
Professional accreditation
A formal process of assessment and review by a relevant accrediting body leading to formal recognition that a program meets a set of standards that ensure graduates have the competencies necessary to begin professional practice. Professional accreditation may also include the requirement for graduates to gain formal registration with the relevant statutory body before they can begin professional practice.

Program
A common term by which ANU refers to its degrees.

S
Selection rank
The ranking mechanism that tertiary admission centres and most universities use to assess admission to a degree program. Your selection rank can factor in your Year 11 and Year 12 results or ATAR and any adjustment factors you are eligible for.

Semester
A semester is generally a 12-week study session divided into two teaching periods, with a mid-semester break of two weeks between each. ANU has two semesters in a year.

Scholarships
Awards – usually financial – that help a student undertake a program of study at the University for about 3–5 years. ANU scholarships usually take the form of periodic payments to students or a reduction in costs, such as tuition fees.

Specialisation
Like a minor, a specialisation is an area of study with its own courses that can be taken in conjunction with a specific related major.

Student exchange program
A short two-week, semester or year-long study program that is extended to students to provide an opportunity for study at an overseas institution, which could earn them credit towards their degree.

T
Testamur
A testamur is the formal certification of your award or degree and includes the University seal and signatures of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor. Honours levels (e.g. First Class Honours), majors (e.g. Chinese) and prizes will not appear on the testamur, but will be listed on your academic transcript and Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement.

Tutorial
In tutorials, compared to lectures, students discuss the key topics, concepts and ideas of the course with their tutors. Tutorials are closely linked to assessment and often involve small group discussions and group work.

U
Undergraduate degree
An entry-level academic program of university study that leads to an undergraduate qualification, such as a bachelor degree and an honours degree. Completion of one of these can lead to study towards a postgraduate qualification, such as a master or PhD degree.

Undergraduate student
A student undertaking a program of study leading to an undergraduate award, such as a bachelor degree.

V
VET qualification
Vocational Education and Training. Refers to the type of qualifications that give students the skill sets that prepare them for work in trades and other industries.