

# Bachelor of Arts (Major in Aboriginal Studies)

## NOTRE DAME BROOME CAMPUS

Notre Dame Broome is a unique place to study and learn. The small and friendly campus means students benefit from personal attention, a caring learning environment and dedicated staff. Admission to Notre Dame is a comprehensive process that takes into account all the characteristics, experience, knowledge and skills of a prospective student.

A key objective of the Broome Campus is to provide strong support for the process of reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians. The Campus provides a supportive environment and offers an opportunity for non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal people to live together and to learn about Aboriginal history and culture.

## ARTS AT NOTRE DAME

This Degree is offered only through Notre Dame's Broome Campus and has a particular emphasis on Aboriginal Studies and complementary disciplines in keeping with its special focus as a Campus of Reconciliation.

## WHY STUDY ARTS AT NOTRE DAME

The Broome Campus, because of its unique location and mission, has a specific interest in Indigenous issues, in enhancing the educational opportunities for Indigenous peoples, and in furthering the mutual understanding that should ideally exist between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. As a result, there is a commitment to engaging Indigenous staff, encouraging research on Indigenous issues, and developing pathways for Indigenous students to gain professional qualifications. This makes the Broome Campus a unique and exciting place to undertake this degree.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Arts (Major in Aboriginal Studies) offers opportunities to select from a number of Aboriginal Studies units which examine both the history of Indigenous peoples and their place in modern Australia. The Elective units allow students to focus on disciplines of particular interest, which relate to the major focus.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

### YEAR 1

**One Compulsory Unit**  
Communications

**Two units of the Core Curriculum**  
Introduction to Theology  
Aboriginal People

**One Aboriginal Studies Unit**  
Foundations of Australians Indigenous Languages

**Four Elective Units**  
*Chosen from the available units offered by the School of Arts & Sciences. These will be in the general areas of Politics, Legal Studies, Sociology, Literature, Social Justice and Psychology. Specific units will be notified to students in advance of the close of enrolment date.*

### YEAR 2

**One Core Unit**  
Spirituality and the Challenges of Reconciliation

**Three Aboriginal Studies Units**  
The Cultural & Spiritual Life of Aboriginal People  
Contemporary Issues for Aboriginal People  
Aboriginal People & the Economy

### Four Elective Units

*Chosen from the available units offered in the School of Arts & Sciences. These will be in the general areas of Aboriginal Studies, Social Justice, Sociology, Psychology and Legal Studies. Specific units will be notified to students in advance of the close of enrolment date.*

### YEAR 3

**Four Aboriginal Studies Units**  
Aboriginal People & the Media  
Aboriginal People & the Legal System  
History of Aboriginal People in the Kimberley  
Aboriginal People & Social Justice

### Four Elective Units

*Chosen from the available units offered in the School of Arts & Sciences. These will be in the general areas of Literature, Social Justice, Legal Studies, Politics, Sociology and Psychology. Specific units will be notified to students in advance of the close of enrolment date.*

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Degree in Arts (Aboriginal Studies) provides an excellent general preparation for career openings in many areas of employment in modern Australia, whether the Degree is undertaken on its own or followed by a Degree in a more specialised area. The knowledge and broad-based personal skills developed by the variety of disciplines covered in the Degree will stand Graduates in good stead to take their place in the modern workplace which requires adaptability and flexibility. The ability to write clearly, research independently and to apply information appropriately in a wide range of situations is highly valued for employment in a variety of workplaces.

## ADMISSION

Applications are encouraged from students of all ages. The comprehensive entry requirements consider past academic performance as well as personal accomplishments and suitability for the course. Prospective students must be able to demonstrate good verbal and written skills. For further information on undergraduate admission criteria, please consult the University website.

## ENTRY POINTS

Students may undertake study as a part-time or full-time student, commencing in First Semester (February) or in Second Semester (August), subject to unit availability.

## MODE OF STUDY

The Bachelor of Arts (Major in Aboriginal Studies) can be studied either full-time or part-time with a reduced load in any particular semester.

The Degree may be studied in an External mode which enables students to remain in their town or community; however, external students may be required to attend a 'study centre' in their area/region two days per semester. Students admitted to this mode of study must demonstrate they have access to computer facilities, a suitable study environment and academic support. The staff on the Broome Campus can offer some assistance in these areas.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend classes on the Broome Campus for at least part of their Degree.

## CERTIFICATE & DIPLOMA

Those students who complete four (4) Aboriginal Studies units qualify for the award of a Certificate in Aboriginal Studies.

Those students who complete eight (8) Aboriginal Studies units qualify for the award of a Diploma in Aboriginal Studies.

## TUITION COSTS

The Broome Campus offers Commonwealth Supported places under the Higher Education Support Act. Students with a Commonwealth Supported Place are eligible to apply for HECS-HELP to assist in paying their tuition costs.

For more information about Commonwealth Supported Places and scholarships contact the Broome Campus.

## ACCOMMODATION

The Broome Campus offers quality on-site accommodation in the Student Village. The Village is made up of the Student Hostel which provides short-term accommodation for students who attend one week 'block study' programs and the Student Housing which is made up of nine separate houses for students studying full-time for at least one semester.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the course, or information about admissions, fees or the University itself please contact the Broome Campus.

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