

# Diploma of Arts (DipA)

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## Introduction

Sheridan Institute of Higher Education's Diploma of Arts provides a first-year undergraduate program for students interested in preparing for employment in cross-cultural settings, in the social enterprise sector, or as a pathway towards future study in the humanities and social sciences.

Students can select from units covering literature, creative writing, linguistics, economics, history, geography, sociology and three foreign languages (Koine Greek, Mandarin Chinese or Japanese). During the course, students will enjoy the opportunity to explore a range of secular and Christian perspectives on human existence, human dignity and personal morality, and examine how these perspectives influence our understanding of the body of knowledge across different disciplines.

Students will also complete a research project that will lead to recommendations for the further development of Sheridan.

## Course Outline

A total of 8 units, and an academic writing module, must be taken to complete the Sheridan Diploma of Arts program. Each unit is worth 3 credit points for a total of 24 credit points.

### Core Diploma of Arts Subject/s (1 unit)

- HU140 Creative Thinking

### Diploma of Arts Electives (choose 5 units)

- CW101 Introduction to Creative Writing
- CW102 Writing Style
- LT101 Survey of English Literature 1: Middle Ages to 18<sup>th</sup> Century
- LT102 Survey of English Literature 2: Romantic Period to Early 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- LN101 Introduction to Linguistics
- EC101 Introduction to Microeconomics
- EC102 Introduction to Macroeconomics
- GG101 Introduction to Human Geography
- GG100 Fundamentals of Physical Geography
- HT101 The Indian Ocean in World History 1: c.3000 BC – c.1500 AD
- HT102 The Indian Ocean in World History 2: c.1500 – 2001
- SO101 Survey of Sociology: Themes
- SO102 Survey of Sociology: Perspectives
- MK101 Principles of Marketing
- MN101 Principles of Management
- CN101 Beginner Chinese 1

- CN102 Beginner Chinese 2
- JP101 Beginner Japanese 1
- GK101 Introductory Koine Greek 1
- GK102 Introductory Koine Greek 2

### Common Core Subject (2 units)

- CS100 Introduction to Christianity
- RS191 Academic and Professional Communication Skills

Students must complete all core units and the required number of electives to meet the graduation requirements for the Diploma of Arts.

## Academic Calendar

The Diploma of Arts is a 12-month program. Units are delivered in 15-week semesters. Each semester comprises 12 weeks of teaching, two non-teaching study weeks, and an examination week.

### Semester 1 (Jan–Jun) and Semester 2 (Jul–Dec)

Full-time students will take 4 units in Semester 1 (12 contact hours per week), and 4 units in Semester 2 (12 contact hours per week).

## Entry Points

Students may enter the Diploma of Arts at the beginning of any semester.

Full-time students who begin their studies in Semester 1 will complete their course according to the following schedule:

Sample DipA Program (Semester 1 Entry)

YEAR	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1	GG101 Introduction to Human Geography (3cp) HT102 The Indian Ocean in World History 1 (3cp) LT101 Survey of English Literature 1 (3cp) RS191 Academic and Professional Communication Skills	GG100 Fundamentals of Physical Geography (3cp) HT102 The Indian Ocean in World History 2 (3cp) LT102 Survey of English Literature 2 (3cp) CS100 Introduction to Christianity (3cp)

Full-time students who begin their studies in Semester 2 will complete their course according to the following schedule:

Sample DipA Program (Semester 2 Entry)

YEAR	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
		GG100 Fundamentals of

		Physical Geography (3cp) HT102 The Indian Ocean in World History 2 (3cp) LT102 Survey of English Literature 2 (3cp) CS100 Introduction to Christianity (3cp)
2	GG101 Introduction to Human Geography (3cp) HT102 The Indian Ocean in World History 1 (3cp) LT101 Survey of English Literature 1 (3cp) RS191 Academic and Professional Communication Skills	

### Note for Prospective Language Students

Sheridan recommends that full-time students intending to study language units at Sheridan, for example “Beginner Chinese 1” and “Beginner Chinese 2”, begin the Diploma of Arts in Semester 1.

### Course Workload

The Diploma of Arts may be completed in one year if taken full time, or longer if taken part-time. Students are regarded as taking an annual full-time workload when they are enrolled in a minimum of twenty four (24) or more credit points across two semesters in a given year. Students are regarded as part-time when they take less than twenty four (24) credit points per year.

A single Diploma of Arts unit represents 168 hours of study over a semester, including class contact hours and private study. The 168 hours typically consists of seminars for 36 hours (3 hours per week over 12 teaching weeks) and private study for 132 hours (9 hours per week over 12 teaching weeks plus 12 hours per week over 2 non-teaching weeks).

### Rules of Progression

Introductory language units must be taken in a specific order. For example, students seeking to enrol in “Beginner Chinese 2” must have previously completed “Beginner Chinese 1”, unless granted an exemption based on previous exposure to the language.

All other Diploma of Arts coursework units have been designed as discrete subjects, and do not require additional prerequisites. However, Sheridan recommends that a student considering a particular discipline as a major for future study should ensure they have taken both units from that discipline during their Diploma. For example, a student planning on pursuing an Economics major should take “Introduction to Microeconomics” in Semester 1 and “Introduction to Macroeconomics” in Semester 2.

### Mode of Study and Assessment

The Diploma of Arts utilises a learning model which combines face-to-face teaching sessions with supplementary resources uploaded to the Canvas online course management platform.

Assessments typically consist of a combination of online forum discussions, essays, literature reviews, interactive case studies, tests, written reports, presentations and/or examinations.

### Expected Learning Outcomes

Diplomas qualify individuals who apply integrated technical and theoretical concepts in a broad range of contexts to undertake advanced skilled or paraprofessional work, and provide a pathway for further learning.

Upon completion of their study, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate theoretical and technical knowledge of specialised learning areas within the humanities and social sciences.
- Exercise cognitive skills successfully to identify, analyse and synthesise information from a range of sources.
- Plan, propose and evaluate potential solutions to unpredictable problems relating to specialised learning areas within the humanities and social sciences.
- Communicate understanding of knowledge and skills relating to specialised learning areas within the humanities and social sciences to others in various learning contexts.
- Apply learned technical and creative tools from one or more specialised learning areas within the humanities and social sciences to interpret and resolve unpredictable problems in a range of scenarios.
- Demonstrate the capacity to seek knowledge and truth with persistence, independence, rigour, and integrity.
- Evaluate the relevance of Christian faith and practice to the pursuit of knowledge in the humanities and social sciences.
- Model self-discipline, servant leadership and respect for the dignity of individuals and groups in various settings.

Each unit taken in the Diploma of Arts program will contribute towards the fulfilment of these broader learning outcomes.

### Location

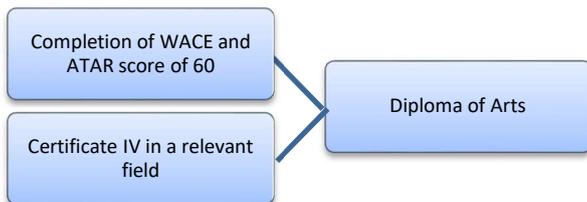
All classes take place at the Perth CBD campus (Suite 18, 7 Aberdeen St Perth).

## Admission Requirements

### Domestic Students

- A minimum ATAR score or its equivalent as determined by the Academic Council (the current score is set at 60), and
- Completion of WACE/HSC with scaled marks of at least 50 in ATAR English or ATAR Literature, or
- Completion of relevant VET Certificate IV.

### Domestic admission pathways into DipA



### International Students

- Successful completion of an assessable qualification from Australia or comparable qualification from selected countries, or
- IELTS 6.0 overall with no band lower than 6.0 OR equivalent.

For decisions of equivalence, or alternative admissions arrangements for students over the age of 19, please contact the Registrar.

## Credit Transfers

The Sheridan Diploma of Arts is a recognised higher education course, accredited by the *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency* (TEQSA). Graduating students are able to present the Diploma of Arts as evidence in applying for credit towards a Bachelor of Arts program at any Australian university. The amount of credit granted will be dependent upon the rules and regulations of the university. Sheridan has formal articulation agreements with Murdoch University, Curtin University, Alphacrucis University College, Christian Heritage College and Avondale University, to accept Sheridan Diploma graduates into the second year of their relevant Bachelor programs. Successful completion of the Sheridan Diploma of Arts also affords students entry into the second year of the Sheridan Bachelor of Arts course.

## Tuition

From 2020 domestic students will pay \$790 per unit, for a total cost of \$6,320 for the Diploma of Arts.

From 2020 international students will pay \$1,540 per unit, for a total cost of \$12,320 for the Diploma of Arts.

There are no additional expenses for textbooks and field trips. These items are fully covered by the tuition fees outlined above.

## Tuition-Free Placements

Graduates and current staff of Baptist schools in Western Australia are invited to register for a selected number of tuition-free placements offered each year. Tuition-free placement students will only be required to meet the expenses of textbooks and field trips.

## Further Information

If you would like to know more about the course or about Sheridan, please visit [sheridan.edu.au](http://sheridan.edu.au) or contact the Registrar.

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