

ENROLMENT GUIDE

Bachelor of Applied Social Science



ALPHACRUCIS
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course overview

Course Duration

Full-time load: 3 years

Part-time: Up to 10 years

Study Modes

Face-to-face, Online*, Blended

*Some subjects must be completed face-to-face to meet professional accreditation requirements

Intakes

Semester 1, Semester 2, Summer School

Course Structure

The full time course structure is based on six semesters (each of 13 weeks duration), with four subjects taught in each semester. It comprises:

- 15 compulsory core subjects (150 credit points)
- 7 subjects from the specialisation area/major (70 credit points)
- 2 elective subjects (20 credit points)

To qualify for award of the degree of Bachelor of Applied Social Science a candidate shall complete at least 240 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core subjects and satisfactory completion of the rules noted below:

- Minimum of 6 subjects (60 credit points) at 300 level

Area of Specialisation

The following areas are offered in the Bachelor of Applied Social Science. You are to select one and complete the necessary requirements:

- Counselling
- Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care
- Social Science
- Cross Cultural
- Youth Work

What you need to know

Elective Subjects

If you are completing the Counselling Specialisation, your elective subjects must be subjects from the Bachelor of Applied Social Science award.

Before enrolling into an elective subject, ensure you have met the pre-requisite for that unit.

Pre-requisites

A pre-requisite is a unit that must be successfully completed before attempting another unit. For example, in order to attempt SSC214, you must complete SSC112. Students must have completed the pre-requisite to enrol in the subject.

Course Levels

100, 200 or 300 level is indicated in the course code e.g., THE201 is a 200-level theology unit, whereas LEA301 is a 300-level leadership unit. The units increase in difficulty and build upon content and concepts that have come before.

Timetables

To check if units are available at your campus, Online Live, or Online Recorded, or for timetable information please visit our [Timetable](#).

For more information about this course see the [course handbook](#) located on the AC website.



What should I enrol in?

Core Units

The following three units contain foundational content that the rest of the course builds on. They are also pre-requisites for most of the other units so it's important that you complete these in your first semester (first two semesters if studying part time).

- RES101 Introduction to Academic Writing and Research
- SSC110 Psychology of Emotion and Wellbeing
- SSC112 Counselling Practice I

The following are all core units, it's recommended that you take them during your first two years. **See page 5 for a suggested full time enrolment pattern.**

- SSC111 Case Management
- SSC210 Human Lifespan Development
- SSC211 Principles of Psychology
- SSC212 Grief and Loss
- SSC213 Social Identity in Australia
- SSC214 Counselling Practice II
- SSC215 Group and Community Work
- SSC216 Mental Health
- SSC218 Working with Trauma
- SSC219 Professional Accountability (see below r.e. placement)
- SSC220 Professional Considerations
- THE101 Christian Worldview
- 10 Credit Points of any unit 200 level or above (Elective #1)
- 10 Credit Points of any unit 200 level or above (Elective #2)

Not all units are available every semester. Check the [timetable](#) for unit availability.

Specialisations

As you progress through your degree, you will need to choose a specialisation. Below are the recommended study paths for the different specialisations. It is recommended that you start to work your way through these units towards the end of your degree.

Counselling

The counselling specialisation is accredited with the Australian Counselling Association.

- SSC217 Applied Counselling Theories
- SSC300 Professional Practice (see below r.e. placement)
- SSC336 Cognitive Behavioural Theories and Therapies
- SSC338 Working with Relationships
- SSC340 Engaging Families
- SSC341 Australian Indigenous Studies **or** Counselling modality subject
- 10 credit points SSC 100 level or above

Chaplaincy/Pastoral Care

The chaplaincy specialisation is accredited with Chaplaincy Australia.

- CCM304 World Religions
- MIN101 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry
- MIN102 Christian Spirituality
- SSC300 Professional Practice (see below r.e. placement)
- SSC334 Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care
- SSC337 Working with Addictions
- 10 credit points LEA/MIN/SSC 100 level or above

Youth Studies

- SSC300 Professional Practice (see below r.e. placement)
- SSC331 Solution Focused Therapy and Positive Psychology
- SSC339 Working with Children and Young People
- SSC340 Engaging Families **or** SSC337 Working with Addictions
- SSC343 Youth Work
- SSC345 Youth Issues
- 10 credit points MIN/SSC 100 level or above

Cross Cultural

- CCM221 Preparing for Cross Cultural Field Ministry
- CCM304 World Religions
- SOC201 Theology of Social Justice
- SSC335 Culturally and Socially Diverse Practice
- SSC341 Australian Indigenous Studies
- 20 credit points CCM/MIN/SSC 200 level or above

Social Science

- SSC300 Professional Practice (see below r.e. placement)
- 20 credit points SSC 100 level or above
- 20 credit points SSC 200 level or above
- 20 credit points SSC 300 level or above

Placement

Your placement comprises of two units:

- SSC219 Professional Accountability
- SSC300 Professional Practice (100 hour Placement)

SSC219 is a weekly supervision class that runs alongside SSC300. These two units **must be taken at the same time**. They are typically completed in the final semester of your degree. [See more information about placements here](#). Students following the counselling specialisation must complete SSC220 Professional Considerations, SSC336 Cognitive Behavioural Theories and Therapies, and a counselling modality unit before undertaking placement.

Cross Credits and RPL

If you have completed previous studies/work experience in the same or related areas, you may be eligible to receive credit towards one of the units in your program. There are two main types of credit.

A **cross credit** is awarded for similar study completed elsewhere or as part of a different degree. Cross credits can be granted as:

- A like for like credit for one of the units in the degree.
- An unspecified cross credit - full credit for a certain amount of credit points, but not correlating specifically to any particular unit. Unspecified credits usually function as one of your electives.
- An exemption without credit - i.e. you won't need to complete a particular unit, but will need to complete another elective in its place.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) is credit granted in light of professional experience.

Requests for credit are made via the [Student Gateway](#). You will need to provide adequate evidence of meeting learning outcomes for the requested units e.g., transcripts, unit outlines or a detailed resume.

RECOMMENDED COURSE PROGRESSION

FIRST YEAR:

SEMESTER 1

CODE	SUBJECT TITLE
RES101	Introduction to Academic Writing and Research
SSC110	Psychology of Emotion and Wellbeing
SSC112	Counselling Practice I
SSC210	Human Lifespan Development

SEMESTER 2

CODE	SUBJECT TITLE
SSC111	Case Management
SSC214	Counselling Practice II
SSC215	Group and Community Work
SSC216	Mental Health

SECOND YEAR:

SEMESTER 1

CODE	SUBJECT TITLE
SSC211	Principles of Psychology
THE101	Christian Worldview
-	Specialisation subject / Elective*
-	Specialisation subject / Elective*

SEMESTER 2

CODE	SUBJECT TITLE
SSC212	Grief and Loss
SSC213	Social Identity in Australia
-	Specialisation subject / Elective*
-	Specialisation subject / Elective*

THIRD YEAR:

SEMESTER 1

CODE	SUBJECT TITLE
SSC218	Working with Trauma
SSC220	Professional Considerations
-	Specialisation subject / Elective*
-	Specialisation subject / Elective*

SEMESTER 2

CODE	SUBJECT TITLE
SSC219	Professional Accountability
SSC300	Professional Practice / Specialisation
-	Specialisation subject / Elective*
-	Specialisation subject / Elective*

*Only 2 general electives, and 1 Specialisation elective is required

How to enrol in units

Enrol through the [Student Gateway](#). For further assistance with enrolment or regarding changes in your course, contact the Student Support Team: studentsupport@ac.edu.au

How to track your progress

Use this [course progression worksheet](#) to track your progress through your degree.

UNIT MODE AND AVAILABILITY GUIDE

Social Sciences

Please note that the tables below are only a guide. Study mode and unit availability may vary slightly each semester. Please check the [timetable](#) for up to date information

BOTH SEMESTER 1 & SEMESTER 2

Unit code and name	Delivery Modes
RES101/RES401 Introduction to Academic Writing & Research	OR
SSC110/SSC410 Psychology of Emotion and Wellbeing	OR or Live
SSC112/SSC412 Counselling Practice I	OR or Live
SSC214/SSC514 Counselling Practice II	Intensive or Live
SSC219/SSC519 Professional Accountability	Live
SSC220/SSC520 Professional Considerations	Intensive
SSC300/SSC500 Professional Placement	External
THE101/THE401 Christian Worldview	OR or Live

SUMMER SCHOOL

Unit code and name	Delivery Modes
RES101/RES401 Introduction to Academic Writing & Research	OR
SSC110/SSC410 Psychology of Emotion and Wellbeing	OR
SSC210/SSC510 Human Lifespan Development	OR
THE101/THE401 Christian Worldview	OR

Delivery modes

- **Online Recorded (OR):** Lectures delivered via pre-recorded videos. Live tutorials are hosted during semester.
- **Weekly (live):** Lectures are delivered live each week either on Campus or via Zoom.
- **Intensive:** Lecture content is delivered live in a continuous block, typically 3-5 days long.

SEMESTER 1 ONLY

Unit code and name	Delivery Modes
SSC211/SSC511 Principles of Psychology	OR or Live
SSC210/SSC510 Human Lifespan Development	OR or Live
SSC217/SSC517 Applied Counselling Theories	OR or Live
SSC218/SSC518 Working with Trauma	OR or Live
SSC336/SSC536 Cognitive Behavioural Therapy	Intensive
SSC334/SSC534 Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care	Live
SSC337/SSC537 Working with Addictions	Live
SSC340/SSC540 Engaging Families	OR or Live
SSC345/SSC545 Youth Issues	Live

SEMESTER 2 ONLY

Unit code and name	Delivery Mode
SC111/SSC411 Case Management	OR
SSC215/SSC515 Group and Community Work	OR or Live
SSC216/SSC516 Mental Health	OR or Live
SSC212/SSC512 Grief and Loss	OR or Live
SSC213/SSC513 Social Identity in Australia	Live
SSC331/SSC531 Solution Focused Therapy & Positive Psychology	Intensive
SSC335/535 Socially & Culturally Diverse Practice	Live
SSC338/538 Working with Relationships	Live
SSC339/539 Working with Children and Young People	Intensive
SSC343/543 Youth Work	Live

- **Graduate Certificate in Trauma Counselling:** Please refer to the [Enrolment Guide](#) for more information about enrolments.
- **Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision:** Please refer to the [Enrolment Guide](#) for more information about enrolments.