Diploma of Arts (DipA)
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Introduction
Sheridan College’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, economics, history, geography, sociology and three foreign languages (Arabic, Chinese or Japanese). During the course, students will have 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 student recommendations for the further development of Sheridan College.

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

Pre-Diploma Preparation (1 module)
- Academic Writing

Core Subjects (2 units)
- Introduction to Christianity
- Introduction to Social Research

Elective Subjects (choose 6 units)
- Creative Writing
- Survey of English Literature 1: Middle Ages to 18th Century
- Survey of English Literature 2: Romantic Period to Early 21st Century
- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Introduction to Macroeconomics
- Introduction to Human Geography
- Fundamentals of Physical Geography
- The Indian Ocean in World History 1: c.3000 BC – c.1500 AD
- The Indian Ocean in World History 2: c.1500 – 2001
- Survey of Sociology: Themes
- Survey of Sociology: Perspectives
- Introductory Arabic 1
- Introductory Arabic 2
- Introductory Chinese 1
- Introductory Chinese 2
- Introductory Japanese 1
- Introductory Japanese 2

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

Trimester 1 (Jan–May) and Trimester 3 (Sep–Dec) 
Trimesters 1 and 3 are dedicated coursework trimesters for all students. Full-time students will take 3-4 units in Trimester 1 (9-12 contact hours per week), and 3-4 units in Trimester 3 (9-12 contact hours per week).

Trimester 2 (May–Aug)
Trimester 2 is a dedicated research trimester for all undergraduate students. Whether you are enrolled full-time or part-time, your only formal study during Trimester 2 will be a single research-related unit (3 contact hours per week).

The trimester provides a focused opportunity to acquire valuable research skills, and to practise applying those skills under the supervision of the College faculty. Each research-related unit can only be taken once a minimum of three (3) other units have been completed in the relevant year of study.

The Trimester 2 schedule also offers you some freedom to pursue personal, professional and learning goals outside of your formal coursework. The College provides a range of extra-curricular programs during this trimester for you to gain life experience and enhance your employability. These programs are described on the College website at http://sheridan.edu.au/index.php/home/academic-calendar.

In the sample schedule below, the student will complete the minimum requirements for the Diploma of Arts.

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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 full-time when they are enrolled in seven (7) or more units per year. Students are regarded as part-time when they take less than seven (7) units per year.

A single Diploma of Arts unit represents 168 hours of study over a trimester, 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).

New students are required to take the two-week intensive module “Academic Writing” before their first trimester begins. The “Academic Writing” module will run in Trimester 1 and Trimester 3, allowing for two possible entry points to the Diploma of Arts in an academic calendar year.

Language 101 units should be taken before 102 units, unless granted an exemption based on previous exposure to the language.

All other elective units do not have additional prerequisites. However, the College recommends that students considering a discipline as a major for future study should take both units from that discipline during their Diploma. For example, a student planning on pursuing a Geography major should take Introduction to Human Geography in Trimester 1 and Fundamentals of Physical Geography in Trimester 2.
Mode of Study and Assessment

The Diploma of Arts utilises a blended learning model which combines face-to-face teaching sessions with the use of 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 your study, you will be able to:

- Demonstrate your theoretical and technical knowledge of specialised learning areas within the humanities and social sciences.
- Exercise your 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 your understanding of knowledge and skills relating to specialised learning areas within the humanities and social sciences.
- 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 your 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 you take in the Diploma of Arts program will contribute towards the fulfilment of these broader learning outcomes.

Location

All teaching sessions take place at the Perth CBD campus (Suite 18, 7 Aberdeen St Perth) during office hours.

Admission Requirements

**Domestic Students**

- A minimum ATAR score or its equivalent as determined by the Academic Council (for 2016 the score is set at 60), and
- Completion of WACE/HSC, 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 Transfer to University

The Sheridan College 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 program at any Australian university. The amount of credit granted will be dependent upon the rules and regulations of the university.

Further Information

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

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