

# Bachelor of Education (Secondary) Teaching Area Requirements

## Program requirements

The program requires the successful completion of a total of 330 units. Most courses are 10 units, but some are 20 or 30 units.

Students must only complete courses that form part of the program and **must not complete more than 330 units**.

This program is accredited by the [NSW Education Standards Authority \(NESA\)](#) with a sequential course enrolment pattern. Core and compulsory courses are sequenced to provide foundational knowledge as students move through each year of study. This sequence is detailed in the recommended program plan.

Students are also required to meet **additional** [academic and non-academic admission requirements](#) in the first year of the program to ensure progression into second year education courses.

**Students are required to successfully complete 150 units of Core Courses (for 40107) or 190 units of Core Courses (for 40108) and at least ONE of the First Teaching Area options listed in [Table 1](#). The remaining space can be used to add an additional teaching area, or electives.**

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## Teaching Area requirements

A **Teaching Area** is an area of study (for example, English, Mathematics, History, Biology etc.) that you wish to focus on in your program in order to gain [NSW Education Standards Authority \(NESA\)](#) accreditation upon graduation. A course will count towards your Teaching Area (First Teaching Area - FTA or Additional Teaching Area - ATA) if it is listed as a Compulsory Course or Course List (directed) course under the relevant Teaching Area in the [program handbook](#). To graduate and receive NESA Accreditation for a Teaching Area, you must complete all the Teaching Area requirements listed under that teaching area in the program handbook.

All Bachelor of Education (Secondary) students must complete a First Teaching Area and have the option of completing Additional Teaching Areas and/or Electives. Students in the Bachelor of Education (Secondary) – 40107 program have 180 units available to meet their teaching areas. Students in the Bachelor of Education (Secondary) (Honours) 40108 – program have 140 units available to meet their teaching areas. There are several options that students may consider.

- Extended Studies is an option in Health and Physical Education or Mathematics for students in 40107 only. Completing Extended Studies will lead to NESA Accreditation in **ONE** Teaching Area – HPE only or Mathematics only. There is no room to complete an Additional Teaching Area if you are completing Extended Studies in Health and Physical Education.
- Due to some Teaching Areas sharing Compulsory Specialist Studies Methods courses, it is possible to combine multiple teaching Areas. For example, in 40107 it may be possible for:
  - Three Science FTAs;
  - Physics FTA, a second Science FTA and Mathematics ATA (*if you meet the enrolment requisites for MATH1110*);
  - Three Language Teaching Areas;
  - Modern History, Ancient History and a third Teaching Area;

If you are unsure which combination of teaching areas to undertake, please discuss this with your **Program Convenor** in the first instance.

- If your FTA and ATAs have overlapping Compulsory Course requirements, you can undertake an additional Elective in its place. Alternatively, students can use Electives to meet an Additional Teaching Area.

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- Investigating Science is only available to students undertaking a Science First Teaching Area: Biology or Chemistry or Earth and Environmental Science or Physics.
- Students who wish to qualify in the Mathematics/Physics NESA teaching area will be required to complete the Physics First Teaching Area and the Mathematics Additional Teaching Area.

Most students will complete:

ONE First Teaching Area (80 units), ONE Additional Teaching Area (60 Units) and Electives (40 units)

Or

ONE First Teaching Area – Health and Physical Education (120 units), ONE Additional Teaching Area (60 Units). No electives.

However, if your chosen First Teaching Area has more units or fewer units (e.g. English as an Additional Language/Dialect, Industrial Technology Timber & Metal) or if you need to take courses to meet requisites outside your teaching area (e.g. students who need to complete MATH1002 to meet the requisites for Mathematics) may need to seek program advice to understand the combinations available to them.

**A full list of all Teaching Areas (First and Additional) is detailed in [Table 1](#).**

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## Planning Requirements

There is a recommended study plan available for all core courses in the Bachelor of Education (Secondary) program. By following this recommended plan, you will ensure that you meet the requisites to be able to progress to your next term of study.

You will need to add in the Compulsory and Course List courses for each of your teaching areas, as well as any electives required to meet the 330 units required in your program. Electives are courses you can select from all courses available at the University that do not have any other conditions (such as a program requisite) applied to them. Depending on your teaching areas, you may not have room for electives in your program.

Compulsory Specialist Studies Methods courses teach you how to teach your teaching area. It is important that you complete these compulsory specialist studies methods courses before your third-year internship (EDUC3196) as they are pre-requisites for your placement.

You can plan as far in advance as you like, however you will need to check that the courses are still offered and are available in your desired term at the end of each year. If a course is no longer offered, or is offered in a different semester than planned, you will need to update your plan accordingly.

When planning, it is important to also check that you meet the **additional** [academic and non-academic admission requirements](#) in the first year of the program to ensure progression into second year education courses. For most students, this means completing 80 units in their first year of study.

## When to seek support

If any of your courses appear as “unmatched” or in the wrong section, please seek advice to ensure you have planned correctly. Unmatched courses will not count towards program requirements and should be fixed or removed before the census date of the relevant term.

Once you have planned your program, or if you get stuck with the planning process, you are welcome to reach out to Program Advice for support (or to check you have planned correctly).

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Table 1 – Teaching Areas	
First Teaching Areas	Additional Teaching Area
<p><b>Health and Physical Education – 120 units</b> Additional Option - Health &amp; Physical Education Extended Studies</p>	Not Available as an Additional Teaching Area
<p><b>Humanities –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal Studies – 80 units</li> <li>• Ancient History – 80 units</li> <li>• Business Studies – 80 units</li> <li>• Drama – 80 units</li> <li>• Economics – 80 units</li> <li>• English – 80 units</li> <li>• English as an Additional Language/Dialect – 70 units</li> <li>• French – 80 units</li> <li>• Geography – 80 units</li> <li>• German – 80 units</li> <li>• Japanese – 80 units</li> <li>• Modern History – 80 units</li> <li>• Society and Culture – 80 units</li> </ul>	<p><b>Humanities –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal Studies – 60 units</li> <li>• Ancient History – 60 units</li> <li>• Business Studies – 60 units</li> <li>• Chinese – 60 units</li> <li>• Drama – 60 units</li> <li>• Economics – 60 units</li> <li>• English – 60 units</li> <li>• English as an Additional Language/Dialect – 50 units</li> <li>• French – 60 units</li> <li>• Geography – 60 units</li> <li>• German – 60 units</li> <li>• Japanese – 60 units</li> <li>• Legal Studies – 60 units</li> <li>• Modern History – 60 units</li> <li>• Society and Culture – 60 units</li> <li>• Studies of Religion – 60 units</li> <li>• TESOL – 40 units (only available to students who commenced in the Teaching Area prior to 2023)</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Technologies –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and Technology – 80 units</li> <li>• Food Technology – 80 units</li> <li>• Industrial Technology Graphics &amp; Multimedia – 80 units</li> <li>• Industrial Technology Timber &amp; Metal – 100 units</li> <li>• Information Processes and Technology – 80 units</li> <li>• Marine Studies – 80 units</li> <li>• Software Design and Development – 80 units</li> </ul>	<p><b>Technologies –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Technology – 60 units</li> <li>• Industrial Technology Engineering – 60 units</li> <li>• Industrial Technology Graphics &amp; Multimedia – 60 units</li> <li>• Information Processes and Technology – 60 units</li> <li>• Marine Studies – 60 units</li> <li>• Software Design and Development – 60 units</li> <li>• Textiles and Design – 60 units (<b>only available to students who commenced in the Teaching Area prior to 2021</b>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <p>If you meet the requisites for MATH1110 – 80 units</p> <p>If you do not meet the requisites for MATH1110 – 90 units</p> <p>Additional Option - Mathematics Extended Studies (40 or 60 units)</p>	<p><b>Mathematics Additional Teaching Area</b></p> <p>If you meet the requisites for MATH1110 – 60 units</p> <p>If you do not meet the requisites for MATH1110 – 70 units</p>
<p><b>Science - Available as a First Teaching Area only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology</li> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Earth &amp; Environmental Science</li> <li>• Physics</li> </ul>	<p>Not Available as an Additional Teaching Area</p> <p><b>Investigating Science</b> is only available to students undertaking a Science as a First Teaching Area; Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science or Physics – 40 units</p>
<p><b>Visual Arts – Available as a First Teaching Area only – 120 units (<b>only available to students who commenced in the Teaching Area prior to 2021</b>)</b></p>	<p>Not Available as an Additional Teaching Area</p>
<p>Not Available as a First Teaching Area</p>	<p><b>Special Education – 40 units</b></p>

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