WHY ARTS SCHOLARS?

Open the door to new possibilities and fresh perspectives with Arts Scholars.

Bring your passion and skill to our tight-knit community and learn how different approaches can positively impact our society.

You’ll enjoy one-on-one academic mentoring to help you realise your potential as a leader, researcher and communicator. Learn within a supportive, fun environment that empowers you to achieve your goals. The interpersonal, critical, and creative skills developed in Arts Scholars will enhance your undergraduate experience and help you stand out in a competitive job market.

“We want to create a learning environment where students get a chance to play with ideas and think outside the square. It is fantastic seeing them connect with each other and with the big issues confronting society.”

Deborah Montgomerie
Senior Lecturer

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

The Arts Scholars programme combines academic excellence with a supportive and engaging community. Arts Scholars empowers students to shine brightly in their professional endeavours.

“The Arts Scholars programme coloured my university life and connected me with great people that I am still friends with to this day.”

Eda Tang
Journalist, Stuff

Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Media* + Communication

*Media and Screen Studies has replaced Media as a major in the BA.
WHAT CAN I STUDY?

There are three year-long courses in the Arts Scholars module. You can take one per year, with each building upon the other through your degree. The first-year course is centred around a chosen theme to explore various social, economic, and cultural issues across disciplines through group discussions and personal reflection. The second-year course is about honing research skills and exploring new subjects beyond students’ chosen majors. In the final year, students pursue individual passion projects, applying their academic and research abilities.

ARTSCHOL 100* – Themed Seminar
Introduces students to research in the real world through weekly 90-minute discussion seminars, each featuring experts from the university and a variety of guests from community and creative backgrounds. Students build expertise by considering the central theme through multiple lenses in class discussions, group work and individual reflection.

*Students who apply for admission to Arts Scholars in their second year of study may seek a concession to replace ARTSCHOL 100 with an alternative approved Arts course.

ARTSCHOL 200 – Great Works and Work
This course engages students with the range of research being done in the Faculty of Arts from a variety of cultural and disciplinary backgrounds. In the first half of the course, staff from across the Faculty of Arts present seminars about their current research, methodologies and career trajectories. The second half of the course focuses on developing students’ own research skills.

ARTSCHOL 300 – Independent Project
Students will attend a small number of seminars, but their primary work will be self-directed and may involve significant independent and/or group-based learning under academic supervision. This might include a research project, research apprenticeship, or creative work. This is the capstone course in the Arts Scholars programme.

“Art Scholars was the highlight of my undergrad, as it provided me with the unique opportunity to pursue a creative research project tailored to my future career interests and be part of a tight-knit community of like-minded individuals.”

Blair McIntosh
Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History + Geography
Master of Arts in History

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