

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (BA/BTeach)

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts who wish to undertake a secondary teaching qualification and who have completed at least one year of the Bachelor of Arts can apply to transfer to the combined Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching, a four-year full-time (or approved equivalent) program. The combined course comprises a total of 400 points with 250 points undertaken in the Faculty of Arts and 150 points in the Faculty of Education. The first two years of the combined course are devoted to arts subjects, with Bachelor of Teaching subjects normally undertaken in third and fourth year.

Course outline

The normal pattern of study is as follows:

	Bachelor of Arts	Bachelor of Teaching
First year	100 points (at least 75 points level 1)	-
Second year	100 points (75 points level 2, 25 points level 3)	-
Third year	12.5 points (level 3)	87.5 points (all compulsory level-1 subjects)
Fourth year	37.5 points (level 3)	62.5 points (all compulsory level-2 subjects)

Note:

- students must have completed a minimum of 200 points in arts subjects before being able to proceed to the Bachelor of Teaching subjects;
- students who are completing a diploma (such as the Diploma in Music (Practical)) concurrently with the Bachelor of Arts must have completed a minimum of 200 points in the arts/diploma course and have undertaken sufficient studies in their two chosen teaching areas to proceed to the Bachelor of Teaching component of the combined course;
- if students complete some level-2 arts subjects in year 1, they will be able to do additional level 2 or level-3 subjects in subsequent years;
- students may take one Bachelor Teaching subject in year 2, allowing them to take 25 points of arts subjects in year 3.

School experience requirements

Bachelor of Teaching students complete a minimum of 45 days of supervised practice teaching in schools plus an extended internship in final year. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching students should note that they are expected to meet their practicum commitments where these may occur in semester breaks at the same time as some arts subjects are offered on an intensive basis.

Semester dates

In 2003, students in year 3 of the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching course begin classes in the week beginning 24 February.

Students in year 4 of the course begin a School Experience Placement block in the week beginning 10 February.

Details of semester dates and school experience placements are available from the School Experience and Professional Practice Unit.

Honours

Students who wish to complete a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree undertake the additional honours year as a final fifth year after fourth year of the combined program.

Students who wish to complete the Bachelor of Teaching (Honours) within third and fourth year will be able to apply in the same way as all other Bachelor of Teaching students.

Deferral

Deferral of a place in the combined course is not possible.

Part-time studies

Part-time studies are available in the first two years of the combined course (the arts component) but not in third and fourth year (the Bachelor of Teaching component).

Selection into the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching

Students must initially gain admission to the Bachelor of Arts through the normal VTAC processes. At the end of first year of the Bachelor of Arts, students who have completed at least 87.5 points can apply for the combined course by submitting an internal transfer form to the Faculty of Education. Admission to the combined course is also possible after second year, provided that the prerequisite subjects for two teaching areas have been completed.

Selection will be based on academic merit and will be conditional upon appropriate selection of later year arts subjects to meet prerequisites for the student's intended teaching areas.

Further information

Further information about the Bachelor of Arts is available from the Arts Faculty office tel: +61 3 8344 5235; email: <arts-enquiries@unimelb.edu.au>; web site <<http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au>> and *Combined arts degrees (p.9)*.

Further information about the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching is available from the Faculty of Arts Office or the Faculty of Education Office.

