

AQF LEVEL

AQF LEVEL 7 CRITERIA –

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

BACHELOR DEGREE

PURPOSE

The Bachelor Degree qualifies individuals who apply a broad and coherent body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake professional work and as a pathway for further learning.

KNOWLEDGE

Graduates of a Bachelor Degree will have a broad and coherent body of knowledge, with depth in the underlying principles and concepts in one or more disciplines as a basis for independent lifelong learning. Graduates of the Bachelor of Social Science will have a broad and coherent body of theoretical, methodological and practical knowledge as well as the critical thinking skills to engage with the nature of humans, their relations to each other and the social structures they have created and within which they live. The Social Science program develops critical thinking, civic engagement, global learning, and intercultural knowledge outcomes for students.

SKILLS

Graduates of a Bachelor Degree will have:

- cognitive skills to review critically, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge
- cognitive and technical skills to demonstrate a broad understanding of knowledge with depth in some areas
- cognitive and creative skills to exercise critical thinking and judgement in identifying and solving problems with intellectual independence
- communication skills to present a clear, coherent and independent exposition of knowledge and ideas

Graduates of the Bachelor of Social Science will have:

- cognitive and technical skills to demonstrate a broad understanding of major ideas, values, beliefs, and experiences that have shaped human history and cultures
- understanding the nature of the individual and the relationship between the self and the community.
- cognitive and creative skills to exercise critical thinking and judgement in a range of methods by which the social sciences study individuals, cultures, and societies.
- technological skills for inquiry in the social sciences.
- communication skills to present a clear, coherent and independent exposition of knowledge and ideas in relation to human behaviour, problems, or situations from social science, cross-cultural, and global perspectives.

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APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Graduates of a Bachelor Degree will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- with initiative and judgement in planning, problem solving and decision making in professional practice and/or scholarship
- to adapt knowledge and skills in diverse contexts
- with responsibility and accountability for own learning and professional practice and in collaboration with others within broad parameters

Graduates of the Bachelor of Social Science will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- applying social science strategies toward eradicating threats to a democratic society and a healthy planet including, but not limited to: militarism, racism, sexism, economic inequality and corporatism
- evaluating forms of expressive direct action including free speech, demonstration, protest, unionisation, and civil disobedience
- demonstrating the value and need for cultural diversity and relativity within and among local and global societies
- evaluating how theories, models, and structures within the social sciences have been established and maintained through systems of power and oppression
- implementing research methods by proposing and conducting original research through individual and/or group projects
- evaluating various research methods and theories.

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