

Graduate Diploma in Creative Industries (ARG501.1)

Please note these are the 2023 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank

English language requirements An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).

[View IELTS equivalences](#)

Duration 1.0 years

UAC code

Faculty Faculty of Arts and Design

Discipline Discipline of Built Environment and Design

Location UC - Canberra, Bruce
UC - Canberra, Online

Fees 

Per Unit

Full Course

International students

Academic entry requirements To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.

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CRICOS code 110293M

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About this course

Untap your creative leadership potential

Take your career a step further with a Graduate Diploma in Creative industries. Develop a strong understanding of the creative sector and learn to engage with audiences and markets in digital environments while building networks that will help shape your career.

Tailor your course to suit you with the option to choose from a broad range of units including marketing, user-experience, conservation, entrepreneurship, digital leadership, and finance for creative business. Get inspired by guest lecturers and course content from leaders working at the cutting edge of the creative and cultural industries.

For those working locally, you'll take advantage of a growing Creative Business sector and be ready to take advantage of the ACT government's ambitions to cultivate Canberra into Australia's arts capital.

Designed as the second step in the Creative Industries suite, the Graduate Diploma in Creative Industries can be added on to Graduate Certificate in Creative Industries or started from the beginning.

Study a Graduate Diploma in Creative Industries at UC and you will:

- Create, pitch, and develop strategies for creative projects and businesses.
- Anticipate, identify, and develop knowledge of key technological developments and their relevance to creative practice.
- Understand and manage change and uncertainty to confidently produce novel solutions.
- Engage respectfully with Indigenous approaches and knowledge to strengthen the creative sector.

Career opportunities

- Exhibition Producer
- Campaign Manager
- Executive in the GLAM sector
- Creative Director
- Publicist
- Communication Strategist
- Creative Entrepreneur
- Creative Agency Owner/Director
- Public Servant across Creative/Cultural Divisions

Course-specific information

Designed as part of a nested series, you can choose to continue studying a Master of Creative Industries simply by adding on additional units of study.

To be eligible for the Graduate Diploma of Creative Industries, applicants must have an undergraduate degree (AQF level 7) or equivalent as approved by the University Admissions.

Admission requirements

Applicants must have an undergraduate degree (AQF level 7) or equivalent as approved by the University Admissions.

Students who have completed one of the following Graduate Certificates at UC may apply, and receive credit for the units completed under the Graduate Certificate:

- Graduate certificate in Creative Industries,
- Graduate Certificate in Digital Marketing
- Graduate Certificate in Heritage Materials Conservation
- Graduate Certificate in Creative Business
- Graduate Certificate in Creative Leadership
- Graduate Certificate in Design.

(note: only credit for one Graduate Certificate can be applied)

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2023	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 1	06 February 2023	✓	✓
2023	UC - Canberra, Online	Semester 1	06 February 2023	✓	
2023	UC - Canberra, Online	Semester 2	31 July 2023	✓	
2023	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 2	31 July 2023	✓	✓
2024	UC - Canberra, Online	Semester 1	05 February 2024	✓	
2024	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 1	05 February 2024	✓	✓
2024	UC - Canberra, Online	Semester 2	29 July 2024	✓	
2024	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 2	29 July 2024	✓	✓
2025	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 1	03 February 2025	✓	✓
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Semester 1	03 February 2025	✓	
2025	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 2	28 July 2025	✓	✓
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Semester 2	28 July 2025	✓	

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#). Credit is not permitted towards completion of a graduate certificate.

Course requirements

Graduate Diploma in Creative Industries (ARG501) | 24 credit points

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Required Units - Must pass between 12 and 24 credit points from the following

Specialisations - Must pass between 1 and 2 of the following

Creative Industries - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Required - Must pass 9 credit points as follows

Impact and Enterprise G (11155) | 3 credit points – Level G

Creativity and Digital Engagement G (11862) | 3 credit points – Level G

Indigeneity and the Creative Sector G (11863) | 3 credit points – Level G

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Entrepreneurship PG (9691) | 3 credit points – Level P

Innovation Toolbox PG (11077) | 3 credit points – Level P

Heritage Materials and Their Environments G (11160) | 3 credit points – Level G

The Cultural Significance of Patina G (11161) | 3 credit points – Level G

Heritage Materials - Structure and Integrity G (11162) | 3 credit points – Level G

Heritage Materials - Aesthetics and Stability G (11163) | 3 credit points – Level G

Consumer and Buyer Behaviour PG (11420) | 3 credit points – Level P

Finance for Creative Businesses PG (11498) | 3 credit points – Level P

Creative Decision Making G (11500) | 3 credit points – Level G

Strategy, Innovation and Change PG (11506) | 3 credit points – Level P

Audiences, Data and Media Convergence PG (11634) | 3 credit points – Level P

Art, Technology and Business G (11864) | 3 credit points – Level G

Leadership in the Creative Industries G (11865) | 3 credit points – Level G

Digital Advertising Practices PG (11866) | 3 credit points – Level P

Social Media Marketing G (11867) | 3 credit points – Level G

Digital Advertising & Marketing Principles G (11868) | 3 credit points – Level G

Visual Communication for Creative Businesses G (11869) | 3 credit points – Level G

UX Design G (11870) | 3 credit points – Level G

Digital and Tangible Design G (11871) | 3 credit points – Level G

Digital Marketing - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

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Design - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

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In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Two Graduate Certificate (Specialisation) Units

Two Restricted Choice Units

Semester 2

Two Restricted Choice Units

Two Graduate Certificate (Specialisation) Units

Course information

Course duration

Standard 1 year full time or equivalent part time. Maximum duration is 4 years.

Learning outcomes

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Understanding and managing change and uncertainty to confidently produce novel solutions	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives; behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; evaluate and adopt new technology.</p> <p>UC graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing,</p>

	<p>being and doing: Use local Indigenous histories and traditional ecological knowledge to develop and augment understanding of their discipline; communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways; apply their knowledge to working with Indigenous Australians in socially just ways.</p>
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Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Graduate Diploma in Creative Industries	GradDip CreativeIndustries

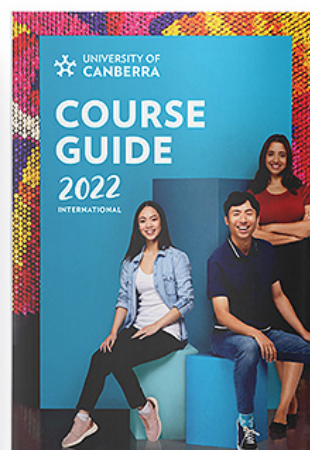
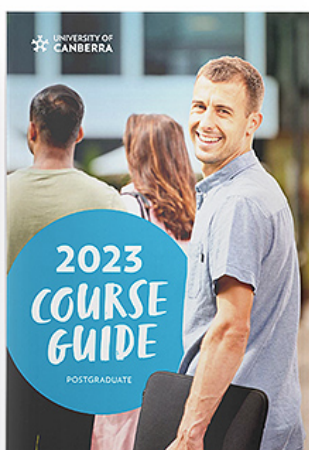
Honours

None.

Enquiries

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.