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# Semester 1 2026 Orientation

## Welcome to Western Civilisation Students

With Professor Alastair Blanshard

Wednesday 18 February 2026, 1 – 2 pm

# Acknowledgment of Country

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.



# Professor Alastair Blanshard

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Program Director of the Advanced Humanities degree, and  
Coordinator of Western Civilisation extended major.

Greek Historian with an interest in the impact of antiquity on the  
modern world

## Research Interests:

- Hercules
- Gender and Sexuality
- Representation of Greece and Rome on film
- Exploration of Greece in the 18<sup>th</sup> century





# What's happening today?

1. Welcome
2. Extended Major Structure
3. What to Enrol In
4. Enrichment Activities
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6. Support



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# 1. Welcome

# What is Western Civilisation

A curriculum that:

- Is creative and diverse.
- Has a strong critical focus on the key intellectual movements which have shaped Western Civilisation from antiquity to the current day.

A curriculum where you will:

- Read, study and critique major works of literature, art, music, politics, law, and religion.
- Learn about the dynamic interplay of social, historical and aesthetic forces that have contributed to evolving conceptions of the West.

Courses focus on small-group discussion



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## 2. Extended Major Structure

# Western Civilisation Courses

## 7 Core Courses

Code	Title
WCIV1000	The Classical World
WCIV1100	Jewish and Christian Works
WCIV2000	European Enlightenments
WCIV2100	Empire and its Critics
WCIV3000	Women and Gender: Historical and Contemporary Writings
WCIV3100	Situating Australia
WCIV3200	Constructing the West

## 5 Elective Courses – choose from

Code	Title
WCIV2200	American Epic: Form and Experience
WCIV2300	Shakespeare, Art and the Modern
WCIV2500	Sounding the West: Music and Cultures
WCIV2600	Icons of Western Art
WCIV2700 *	Western Political Thought
WCIV2800 *	The Rule of Law
WCIV2900 *	Rights and Freedoms

\* At least one of these courses must be studied




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## 3. What to Enrol In

## 2026 Study Planner

### Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Honours) (Western Civilisation)


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For students intending to undertake an Overseas Exchange Semester

		Units				
Year 1	Semester 1	HUMN1100	Interdisciplinary Thinking	2		
		WCIV1000	The Classical World	2		
		General Elective		2		
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	Semester 2	HUMN1201	Perspectives in Humanities	2		
		WCIV1100	Jewish and Christian Works	2		
		WCIV2xxx	(WCIV2600, 2700, or 2900)	2		
		General Elective		2		
<b>NB: Exchange study applications for Year 2 Semester 2 must be made by November of Year 1</b>						
Year 2	Semester 1	HUMN2200	Cross-Cultural Humanities	2		
		WCIV2000	European Enlightenment	2		
		WCIV2100	Empire and its Critics	2		
		WCIV2xxx	(WCIV2200, 2500 or 2800)	2		
	Semester 2	Exchange study for credit towards General Elective		2		
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		Year 3	Semester 1	HUMN3100	Humanities and the Big Questions	2
				WCIV3000	Women and Gender: Historical and Contemporary Writings	2
WCIV2xxx	(WCIV2200, 2500 or 2800)			2		
Semester 2	HUMN3300		Masterclass - Advanced Research in the Humanities	2		
	WCIV3100		Situating Australia	2		
	WCIV3200		Constructing the West	2		
Year 4	Semester 1	WCIV6012 (Part A)	Honours Research Thesis	4		
		WCIV6000	Western Civilisation Honours Seminar	4		
	Semester 2	WCIV6012 (Part B)	Honours Research Thesis	8		
		<b>Total units</b>		<b>64</b>		

# Study Plans

Please follow the Study Plan for your program

<https://hass.uq.edu.au/student-support-WC>

## 2026 Dual Degree Study Planner

### Bachelor of Humanities/ Bachelor of Laws (Honours)


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Semester 1 Commencement | Full Time Study Planner

		BACHELOR OF HUMANITIES			BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)		
		Course Code	Course Name	Units	Course Code	Course Name	Units
Year 1	Semester 1	HUMN1100	Interdisciplinary Thinking	2	LAWS1700	Foundations of Law	2
		WCIV1000	The Classical World	2	LAWS1701	Law of Contract I: Principles of Contractual Agreement	2
	Semester 2	HUMN1201	Perspectives in Humanities	2	LAWS1702	Law of Contract II: Principles of Contractual Liability	2
		WCIV1100	Jewish and Christian Works	2	LAWS1703	Principles of Public Law	2
Year 2	Semester 1	HUMN2200	Cross-Cultural Humanities	2	LAWS2702	Law of Torts I	2
		WCIV2000	European Enlightenment	2	LAWS2706	Foundations of Property Law	2
	Semester 2	WCIV2xxx	(WCIV2300, 2600, 2700, or 2900)	2	LAWS2703	Law of Torts II	2
		WCIV2xxx	(WCIV2300, 2600, 2700, or 2900)	2	LAWS2707	Interests in Property	2
Year 3	Semester 1	WCIV2100	Empire and its Critics	2	LAWS2708	Criminal Law	2
		WCIV2xxx	(WCIV2200, 2500, or 2800)	2	LAWS3700	Constitutional Law	2
	Semester 2	WCIV2xxx	(WCIV2300, 2600, 2700, or 2900)	2	LAWS3705	Public International Law	2
		WCIV2xxx	(WCIV2300, 2600, 2700, or 2900)	2	LAWS2709	Trusts and Equity	2
Year 4	Semester 1	HUMN3100	Humanities and the Big Questions	2	LAWS3701	Administrative Law	2
		WCIV3000	Women and Gender: Historical and Contemporary Writings	2	LAWS3702	Corporate Law	2
	Semester 2	WCIV3100	Situating Australia	2	LAWS3703	Ethics and the Legal Profession	2
		WCIV3200	Constructing the West	2	LAWS3704	Jurisprudence	2
Year 5	Semester 1				LAWS4701	Civil Dispute Resolution	2
					LAWS5xxx	LLB(Hons) Flexible Core Course	2
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					LAWS5xxx	LLB(Hons) Flexible Core Course	2

# What Your First Semester Should Look Like

## Advanced Humanities (Honours)

Course Code & Name	Units
HUMN1100 Interdisciplinary Thinking	2
WCIV1000 The Classical World	2
General Elective	2
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- General electives can be from almost any undergraduate program at UQ.
- Complementary courses can be found in other majors/extended majors of the BAdvHum(Hons) or BA program.
- Language courses may also be taken.

## Humanities / Laws (Honours)

Course Code & Name	Units
HUMN1100 Interdisciplinary Thinking	2
WCIV1000 The Classical World	2
LAWS1700 Foundations of Law	2
LAWS1701 Law of Contract I: Principles of Contractual Agreement	2

# Changing Between Programs

- Semester one commencement only.
- Requires a QTAC application.
  - Once you complete at least 8 courses, QTAC will assess entry based on your GPA.
- Credit may be possible.
  - Courses need to fit within the structure of your new program.
  - If changing from the single to the dual, you will not be able to receive full credit for what you have done.
- If you are on a Scholarship you will need to apply to have your Scholarship transferred.
  - Requests due 15 December each year.

<https://hass.uq.edu.au/student-support-WC>

# Interested in a Language?

## Diploma in Languages

- An additional qualification.
- 16 units (8 courses) comprising -
  - 1 Major, or
  - 2 Minors.
- Taken concurrently with the BAdvHum(Hons) or BHum/LLB(Hons).
- By 'overloading' (enrolling in 5 course rather than 4) each semester, both programs may be completed with no additional time.

## General Electives (BAdvHum(Hons) only)

Your general electives may comprise Language courses.



## Languages available:

- Ancient Greek
- Chinese
- Chinese Translation and Interpreting
- French
- French Advanced
- German
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Japanese Advanced
- Korean
- Latin
- Russian
- Spanish



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# 4. Enrichment Activities

# Global Experience

A semester has been set aside in your Study Plan for a **semester-based overseas exchange**

## BAdvHum(Hons)

- You need to plan for this now as applications are due **31 October 2026**
- **General Electives** only may be taken on exchange

## BHum/LLB(Hons)

- **LLB(Hons) Flexible Core Courses** only may be taken on exchange
- You will need to speak with the BEL Faculty to discuss overseas study opportunities

## A Global Experience may also be:

### Summer Exchange

Application for Short-term Study in UQ's Summer break:

- Open: 15 July (for Summer of the same year)
- Close: 24 September (for Summer of the same year)

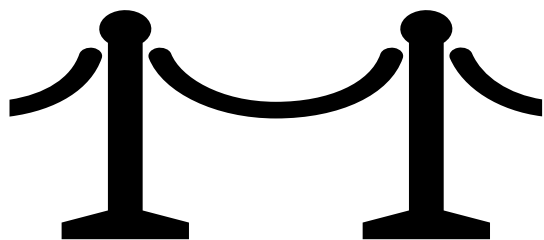
### Winter Exchange

Application for Short-term Study in UQ's Winter break:

- Open: 28 November (for Winter of the following year)
- Close: 16 April (for Winter of the same year)

- Volunteer opportunity
- Internships

## Extra-Curricular Activities



Gallery Tours



Round-table discussions





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# 5. Partner With Us

# We value your insights, feedback and contributions

We will ask you to partner with us and contribute to improving our curriculum, processes, and outreach through:

- Surveys
- Focus Groups
- Mentoring others
- Representing the Centre and the Western Civilisation curriculum at –
  - UQ Open Day
  - High School Visits
  - Our Residential School
- Scholars only: Your biography for our annual report to our Donor – The Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation



# Support

We are here to help and assist with your enrolment and studies.

Contact us directly, or look through our resources at:



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