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Actor
Arts Manager
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Costume Maker

Dancer
Designer
Director
Lighting Technician
Musician

Music Teacher
Performer
Producer
Sound Designer
Stage Manager

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It's all about U

When you join the ECU community, you discover something that makes this place so special. ECU is a place that welcomes **U**.



At ECU, we recognise and respect the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' communities, cultures and histories.

We also acknowledge and respect the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our campuses are located.

Immersive learning like you've never imagined



The heart of Perth's commercial, cultural and entertainment districts has been transformed by a university campus that's unique in Australia.

ECU City is equipped with the most digitally advanced facilities in the Southern Hemisphere, with state-of-the-art performance and learning spaces that encourage creative thinking and collaboration.

It hosts WA's first Apple Foundation Program, a global initiative developing the next generation of app developers, entrepreneurs, and digital innovators.

The campus is home to the internationally recognised Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, where aspiring dancers, musicians, actors, theatre performers, producers and designers can hone their craft and build their futures. And over 300 annual public performances have been added to Perth's cultural calendar!

ECU City opened to students in February 2026.



Find out more —
ecu.edu.au/degrees/ecu-city

Why study at ECU?

There are so many good reasons to choose ECU for study. Here are some of the better ones.



Get career ready while you study

During your studies, we'll help you build your personal brand to prepare you for a new career.



Become a creative thinker

Creative thinking is a skill that's highly valued by employers and we'll help you make it your superpower.



Travel overseas as part of your studies

In lots of courses, you'll have opportunities like study exchanges with other unis, study tours and more.



Experience 5-star teaching and student support

Your lecturers and tutors will help you get the best out of yourself and will introduce you to new networks and possible employers.



Get the support you need

We'll help you adjust to your new life as a student, whatever your study or personal circumstances.



Gain specialised skills

Our courses allow you to specialise in and gain expertise in a core discipline.



Get practical experience outside the classroom

You'll quickly turn theory into practice with work experience opportunities like internships, practicums and more.



Industry partnerships open doors for you

Exciting internship or prac placements through our partnerships with IBM, West Coast Eagles, state-wide schools, hospitals and more.



Scholarships available

A scholarship can help you realise your ambitions by paying for fees, textbooks and living expenses.

Top rated university



Rated 5 stars for undergraduate teaching quality for 19 straight years in a row.



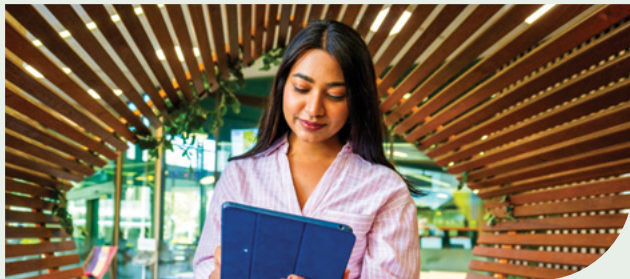
Ranked in the world's top 100 universities under 50 years old.



The top public university in Western Australia for undergraduate overall experience.

Get career ready

It's not unusual for students to be unsure about careers or what course to study. Here are some ways we can help you decide what to do.



Try our 5-minute Career Finder quiz

This quiz might surprise you with a suggested career direction and courses that take you there.

→ Take the quiz – ecu.edu.au/study/career-finder



Come to an event

Visit one of our campuses and attend an Open Day or information session.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/events



Get career advice and job skills

You can get support and resources to help you plan your future career, as well as find work or volunteering experience while you're a student. This includes career-based workshops, industry events, one-to-one career advice and more.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/careers-employability



Check out our study areas

Our eight study areas cover courses that lead to different careers and industries.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/degrees/study-areas

Parents and carers guide to university study

Whether your child is the first in the family to go to university or you've been here before, this little guide will help you understand some of the mysteries of higher education.

→ Download the guide – ecu.edu.au/parents



Know you'll be supported

It's not a secret that studying at uni is a whole new world. The good news is, no matter your study challenges, we're ready to help you succeed.

Adjusting to study

At ECU, we'll support you through your studies no matter your personal circumstances.

Our Access and Inclusion team will work with you to identify reasonable adjustments to your study and uni life.

This includes if you have a medical condition or disability or have responsibilities for caring for a family member in a similar situation. It might also include ensuring you can continue to observe any cultural or religious practices.

Free counselling service

If you need to discuss any personal issues that may be affecting your ability to study, we have a free, professional and confidential counselling service.

Student health services

All ECU campuses have health centres with doctors (GPs), nurses and allied health services to assist you if you need them.

Wellbeing and mental health

The Living Room is a safe and inclusive space where you can drop in to have a relaxed chat with a trained peer who understands the journey you are going on as a student.

Adjusting to academic life

Learning at university can be a bit daunting to begin with, but we've got you covered with whatever help you need.

That includes help with preparing assignments, help with researching or referencing, help with online study and loads more. You can even get a peer leader in your first semester!

Sport and fitness

Staying active can help sharpen your mind and reduce the stress of assignments and exams.

ECU has fantastic sport and fitness facilities, designed to support your health and wellbeing. You can also join group fitness classes tailored for everyone, or drop into fun social sports and competitive representative events.

Childcare for parents

Depending on your campus, early learning and creche facilities are available for students with children, offering long day care and occasional care.

Apply for a scholarship

Our scholarships are awarded to students from all kinds of backgrounds and for all kinds of reasons. It's not just the academically brilliant ones. This includes people who've had a challenging life without the same opportunities as others. A scholarship can help you realise your ambitions by paying for fees, textbooks and living expenses.



Find out more –
ecu.edu.au/scholarships



Do you identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

At ECU, we help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities to achieve their dreams and aspirations through further education.

We'll assist you with choosing a university entry pathway and with understanding and adapting to your new university life.



Find out more –
ecu.edu.au/indigenous

Travel overseas while you study

University study is way more than lectures, reading and assignments. As a student, you might also have opportunities to travel overseas as part of your studies, where you can immerse yourself in a new culture and develop lasting friendships.

Not only will this look good on your résumé, but it's also an excellent opportunity for you to challenge yourself and broaden your horizons.

Student exchange

This is a program where you apply to study units related to your university course for one or two semesters in another country.

ECU has partnerships with 90 institutions in 35 countries around the world, so there's plenty to choose from.

Go on a study tour

Overseas study tours are possible during your time at ECU, and they usually run for one to two weeks.

You'll join a group of classmates and learn in another country, while developing your cultural communication skills. And having fun!



Welcome to WAAPA

Since its first intake of students in 1980, WAAPA has set the benchmark for exceptional training in all of the performing arts disciplines.

WAAPA has launched the careers of world-class performers including Hugh Jackman, Frances O'Connor, Jai Courtney, Tim Minchin, Eddie Perfect and Lisa McCune, to name just a few. Behind the scenes, our graduates can be found in high-profile arts management roles, and at every level of production and design across the arts.

In our new home at the ECU City campus, WAAPA's extraordinary physical environment now matches the outstanding calibre of the training we provide. ECU City is one of the most dynamic, innovative and technologically advanced university campuses in the Southern Hemisphere, featuring six world-class venues for the 300-plus public performances that WAAPA presents each year.

At WAAPA, you'll be taught by the most accomplished practitioners in the industry, and the development of your craft will be nurtured through intensive practice-based training.

You will be afforded wonderful opportunities to experiment and grow in a culture that is always welcoming, supportive and positive. With students from diverse creative disciplines training under one roof, you'll enjoy unparalleled occasions in which to work in a cross-disciplinary collaborative environment. Through your training with us you will also forge empowering artistic partnerships and lifelong friendships.

When you graduate, you'll be ready to join the thousands of WAAPA alumni who light up the world with their extraordinary creativity and talents.

So, if you aspire to a career in the performing arts, I invite you use this guide to find the perfect course to match your passion. Applying to study at WAAPA is highly competitive but if you're successful, you'll discover just why training at WAAPA is so special.

Professor David Shirley
Executive Dean, WAAPA

Supporting performance excellence at ECU City

WAAPA's presence at ECU City is supported by a major philanthropic partnership between Edith Cowan University and Minderoo Foundation, WAAPA's Principal Partner. The \$30 million Minderoo Foundation gift further enabled the specialist fit-out and advanced technology within the Minderoo Centre for Performance Excellence, delivering high-quality performance and learning environments that support WAAPA students to excel.

The partnership also established the Premier Visiting Artists Fund, which attracts globally renowned artists to WAAPA to deliver intensive programs of teaching and performance excellence.

At ECU City, which opened in February 2026, students are learning, creating and performing in exceptional facilities designed to support contemporary performance education.

The \$853 million ECU City campus is the result of a landmark collaboration between the Australian Government, the Western Australian Government and Edith Cowan University to deliver Perth's first fully comprehensive inner-city university campus.



Image: Render of the City campus from Roe Street perspective

→ Discover more at –
ecu.edu.au



Graduate Highlights

Sound opportunities

In her final year at WAAPA, 2022 Sound graduate Georgia Snudden undertook a work placement with the world-famous Cirque Du Soleil. She impressed the team behind the *Corteo* show so much that the company offered her an ongoing position. Georgia has since mixed sound for *Corteo* in London's iconic Royal Albert Hall – which she says was a real 'pinch me' moment.

Managing a career in live events

Emma Barbaro, 2014 Stage Management graduate, discovered her passion for live events management at WAAPA. That led to seven years with the City of Sydney before she joined the ABC's live events television coverage team. Emma, who is now working in London, says: "I'm so happy I went to WAAPA. It opened so many doors for me. I know I wouldn't be where I am today without it."



Breakthrough role for Lila

Only two years after graduating from WAAPA, proud Whadjuk and Ballardong Noongar woman Lila McGuire scored the lead role of Evonne Goolagong in the ABC's mini-series, *Goolagong*, based on the inspiring true-life story of the world champion tennis player. Lila completed WAAPA's Aboriginal Performance course in 2020 and a Bachelor of Arts (Acting) in 2023.

Natalie Jenkins joins Yirra Yaakin

In 2025, Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company appointed Natalie Jenkins as its new Executive Director. Natalie, a WAAPA Arts Management alumna, brings 30 years of executive leadership across the arts, culture, community, and commercial sectors to her new position, including six years as co-CEO and Executive Director of Black Swan State Theatre Company.

Shalom's international career

Since graduating from WAAPA's Bachelor of Arts (Acting) course in 2015, Shalom Brune-Franklin has starred in some of the most buzzed-about television shows in the world: *Line of Duty*, *Baby Reindeer*, *The Tourist*, *Love Me*, *Great Expectations* alongside Olivia Colman, *Dune: Prophecy*, *The Assassin* with Keeley Hawes, and *The Girlfriend* starring Robin Wright.



A world-leading anime composer

After gaining a Bachelor of Music degree in Composition and Music Technology (now called Composition and Sonic Arts) at WAAPA, Kevin Penkin applied his skills to the worlds of anime and video games. Over a decade later, he is a world-leading BAFTA-nominated composer whose music has been recorded by orchestras all over the world and streamed by millions. In addition to *The Apothecary Diaries*, *Sky: The Two Embers – Part 1* and *The Rising of the Shield Hero*, he is best known for composing the award-winning scores of the anime *Made in Abyss* and *Tower of God*.

Performing Arts Courses

See yourself on the stage? Why not build on your creative skills at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, one of the world's leading performing arts academies.

WAAPA is recognised nationally and internationally for the quality of its acting, dance, music theatre and music graduates.

In this part of our guide, you'll find Certificate IV courses, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas and Degrees that can lead you into careers in the performing arts.



"Wise Children" (2023)

Photographer name: Stephen Heath

Course 10908NAT

Certificate IV in Aboriginal Performance

This qualification is scheduled to transition to a new code (subject to regulatory approval).

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 1 year

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

If you're an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander with an interest in the performing arts, this course is for you. It'll give you the confidence and skills to audition for roles in theatre, film and television.

This course offers students intensive training in acting and improvisation, dance and stage movement, voice and singing, script analysis and the audition process. All areas are performance based, where workshops feed into rehearsals, and rehearsals feed into performance.

On completion of this course students may enter the industry, or further their studies in performing arts courses.

Numerous graduates go straight into the industry, establishing solid careers as professional actors and performers. Other graduates go on to further study in higher-level acting and dance training courses.

Career Opportunities

You can pursue opportunities in the entertainment industry as an Actor, Performer, Entertainer, or consider further studies in courses like the Diploma of Screen Performance, a Bachelor of Performing Arts or a Bachelor of Arts (Acting).



See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C84



"Black Medea" (2024)

Photographer name: Stephen Heath

Acting Studies

Course 11347NAT

Diploma of Screen Performance

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 1 year

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

If you aspire to being a TV or film actor, this could be the starting point.

This nationally recognised course prepares performers with a range of knowledge and skills to enter the performing arts industry as a screen performance actor for roles in television and film productions. This one year, full-time course is suitable for newcomers to acting as well as experienced actors looking to hone their screen acting abilities. Taught by an accomplished staff of industry professionals, students train in skills including acting techniques, improvisation, movement, auditioning and self-testing. On successful completion of the course, you will understand the pre-professional skills necessary to successfully audition and perform for the screen.

Career Opportunities

Graduates may choose to audition for higher level qualifications or audition for roles in industry. Recent alumni have worked in national and international film and drama series.



→ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C75



Course 10995NAT

Diploma of Acting

This qualification is scheduled to transition to a new code (subject to regulatory approval).

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 1 year

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

This course will prepare you with a range of knowledge and skills to enter the performing arts industry as an actor for roles in theatre productions. On successful completion of the course, you will have integrated theatre acting, voice, movement, and industry practice into a tangible performance skill, acquired knowledge of script analysis in the context of acting for theatre, and be cognisant of the communication and pre-professional skills necessary to audition for and perform roles in theatre.

Career Opportunities

Graduates from this course may seek ongoing study in Advanced Diploma or higher-degree courses, such as a Bachelor of Performing Arts or Bachelor of Arts (Acting) or move directly into the performing arts industry.



→ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C85



Screen Performance short films
Photographer: Damian Foley

Course 11155NAT

Advanced Diploma of Performance (Acting)

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 1 year

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

This course prepares you with a range of knowledge and skills to enter the performing arts industry as an actor for roles in theatre and film productions, and television work. On successful completion of the course, you will have further integrated acting, voice, movement, and industry practice into a tangible performance skill. You will have acquired advanced knowledge of script analysis in the context of acting for theatre, film and television, and be cognisant of the communication and pre-professional skills necessary to audition for and perform roles in theatre, film, and television. Graduates of this course will be able to contribute in productions as both interpretative actors and generators of their own work.

Career Opportunities

Actor, Entertainer, Performer, Theatre Actor, Film Actor, Stage Director, Film Director, Playwright, Screen Writer. Graduates from this course may seek ongoing study in Bachelor-level courses or move directly into the performing arts industry.



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See more course information –
ecu.edu.au/courses/C86



See more course information –
ecu.edu.au/courses/Y93



Bachelor of Arts (Acting)

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 3 years

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

WAAPA's Bachelor of Arts (Acting) is a three-year conservatoire program designed to expand your thinking and ignite your imagination. At its core is the development of the contemporary, self-driven actor. Graduates leave confident, resilient, and ready to build careers in theatre, television, and film across Australia and around the world.

The course offers a full-time, studio-based environment where you grow through the combined practice of acting, voice, and movement for both stage and screen. Shaped by a philosophy of discovery, application, and embodiment, the training takes place in an inclusive and diverse community that values and nurtures each student's unique perspective.

Through intensive, skills-based training, you'll work with staff and a range of local, national, and international artists to mirror real industry processes and productions. For more than 40 years, the Bachelor of Arts (Acting) has built a global reputation for excellence, reflected in the success and influence of its graduates.

Career Opportunities

Graduates gain employment attracting A-list agents and become artists of the future, capable of contributing to a vibrant artistic community. Our graduates find employment across a range of media, including theatre, commercials, main stage, independent, children's theatre, community, comedy festivals, film, television, radio, writing, producing, casting, marketing, and many more.

"Antigone" (2025).

Photographer: Stephen Heath



“You gain a lot of skills in that course as a writer, performer, director, producer—essentially [making you] a self-producing independent artist.”



“TILT” (2025)

Photographer: Stephen Heath

Performance Making Studies

Bachelor of Performing Arts

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 3 years

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

You will explore original, self-devised and collaborative approaches to researching, creating, producing and presenting contemporary arts practice. This course will provide you with coherent knowledge of the performing arts, combining theoretical and technical knowledge of performance and seeks to unlock limitations through practical inquiry. It also examines the ever-evolving nature of contemporary practice and new approaches to presentation and production.

You will develop critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills. Self-directed projects will develop your confidence in working independently and highly collaborative group work will develop your ability to work as part of a cohesive team. The third year offers you the opportunity to focus on a particular discipline or area of practice.

Majors you can study in this course:

- Performance Making
- Performance Practice
- Production and Design
- Production Management

Career Opportunities

This course is underpinned by core performance, communication and management skills that are necessary to gain professional employment in the performing arts.



See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/Y97



Dance Studies

Course CUA51520

Diploma of Professional Dance (Elite Performance)

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 1 year

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

CUA51520 Diploma of Dance (Elite Performance) is the first of three qualifications that offers a pathway for classical ballet students to progress from Diploma to Advanced Diploma to a Bachelor of Arts degree. CUA51520 is a one-year, full-time course that develops technical and creative skills in the discipline areas of ballet, pointe, pas de deux and solos, contemporary techniques, choreography, dance history, music for dance, anatomy, nutrition, and fitness. It provides intense technical training, and develops artistic expression through practical experience, classes, and performance opportunities.

Note: Students who have completed this course may wish to continue their studies in the CUA60120 Advanced Diploma of Professional Dance (Elite Performance).

Career Opportunities

This course provides pre-professional training and prepares graduates for the increased rigour and demands of advanced, professional training. Emphasis is on building foundational technique, performance skills, and stage experience through intensive practical training and ensemble work. CUA51520 is ideal for those seeking to progress to more advanced study with the intent to launch a professional career.



Course CUA60120

Advanced Diploma of Professional Dance (Elite Performance)

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 1 year

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

The CUA60120 Advanced Diploma of Professional Dance (Elite Performance) further refines the skills developed in the Diploma. This course will continue to prepare you for a professional career in ballet. Classes are at an advanced level, focusing on your technical and creative skills in the discipline areas of ballet, pointe, pas de deux and solos, contemporary techniques, choreography, dance history, fitness, and performance psychology. This course provides you with intense technical training and develops artistic expression through practical experience, classes, and performance opportunities.

Note: Following successful completion of this course, current students may apply for the Bachelor of Arts (Dance) for a third year of training that allows ballet-focused students to graduate with a bachelor's degree. In this instance an audition may not be required.

Career Opportunities

This course will prepare you for the demands of work as a dance artist in mainstream Australian and overseas ballet and/or dance companies. It provides intense practical experience, where you'll develop exceptional technique and artistry through classes, performance and short industry placement opportunities.



→ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C78



→ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C79



Bachelor of Arts (Dance)

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 3 years

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

A challenging contemporary dance focused course where regular performance, intensive training and classroom practice are central to the philosophy of the program. The pursuit of physical excellence is paired with the nurturing of creativity, laying the foundations for the performer, choreographer and/or independent practitioner. The course provides an insight into dance as an art form, and as a social and educative experience, offering additional skills in communication, critical thinking, research and analysis.

Sustainability in relation to professional career pathways is emphasised through engagement with industry partners and exposure to diverse performance environments. Industry placement, short study tours and international exchange opportunities provide a local, national and international perspective.

Work Experience

You will complete the Career Pathways unit as part of this course. It is a professional practice unit consisting of choreography, rehearsal, and performance, which aids in both the training and assessment of students in the dance program. Students are allowed two weeks (preferably one in each semester) to complete one or two placements. Placement hours for the Career Pathways units will usually vary between 10 and 30 hours, depending on how many hours the host organisation is able to offer.

Career Opportunities

This course encourages students to pursue individual goals as dance artists, choreographers, teachers, dance academics or researchers.



See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/T73



'Rise Dance season' (2025)
Photographer: Stephen Heath

Course CUA50825

Diploma of Music

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 1 year

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

This nationally recognised qualification is designed to prepare you for a wide range of careers in the music industry, giving you the knowledge and skills to become a performer or music producer. As well as gaining essential theoretical knowledge, you will be assessed on your understanding of the specialised, technical and managerial competencies required to work in the music industry. You will learn in a multi-disciplinary performing arts academy and have access to hundreds of outstanding performances over the course of the year.

Within the course, you can specialise in Creation and Composition (contextualised as the Music Production study option) or Performance (contextualised as the Classical, Contemporary, Jazz, Music Artist, and Singing for Music Theatre study options).

The course will be delivered at ECU City (all study options) and is also available in Albany for students in the Great Southern area (Contemporary study option only).

Study Options:

- Classical
- Contemporary (also available in Albany)
- Jazz
- Music Artist
- Music Production
- Singing for Music Theatre

Career Opportunities

This course is designed to prepare students for a diverse range of careers in the music industry.



See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C82



“Perceptions of not being able to make a living from music are understandable. But many successful professional musicians sustain portfolio careers that involve a range of activities, like performing, creating, teaching and business management.”



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Course CUA60525

Advanced Diploma of Music

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 1 year

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

This nationally recognised qualification represents a pathway for further study from the 'music artist' study option of the Diploma of Music. The course is centred on creating original music, songwriting, performance preparation, and collaboration. 'Music Artists' work on individual and group creative projects alongside studio recording and music production techniques.

Study Options

- Music Artist

Career Opportunities

This course is ideally suited for the original musician, singer, or songwriter aiming to sustain a career in the music industry as a performer, composer, entertainer, or music producer.



→ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C77



Does teaching music strike a chord for you?

Secondary teachers are in high demand across Western Australia. This could be your time to shine, especially if you're passionate about music education and are keen to work with high school students.

This nationally accredited degree allows those passionate about music to become school teachers with a major in Music Education and a minor in Instrumental Music Education. The course is offered in partnership between the School of Education and WAAPA. Students may pursue their passion in either Classical, Jazz, or Contemporary Performance, Composition and Sonic Arts, or Music Studies.



→ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/Y68



'Songs in The Key of WAAPA 2025'

Photographer: Stephen Heath

Bachelor of Music

Indicative ATAR: 70

Minimum Duration: 4 years

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time, Part-time

Overview

This degree provides students with the skills to succeed in the music industry.

Students can pursue highly specialist training in areas both inside and outside of their chosen major. With a focus on practical skills in classical, contemporary, jazz, composition and music technology, the course is taught by world class practitioners whose expertise spans the breadth of the music world today.

Majors you can study:

- Classical Performance
- Composition and Sonic Arts
- Contemporary Performance
- Jazz Performance

Performance Experience

The Bachelor of Music degree offers students a wealth of real-world performance opportunities, in large ensembles like symphony orchestras and big bands, as well as smaller bands or chamber ensembles. With access to state-of-the-art facilities and an array of practical classes, students develop specialist skills while also accessing a broad spectrum of musical training. The course affords unique opportunities for students to undertake cross-disciplinary artistic collaboration, cultivate creative leadership, and develop a unique artistic voice.

Career Opportunities

This course will provide you with lifelong transferable skills, meaning you'll be capable of pursuing employment in a wide range of professional industries. Think performer, musician, classical artist, jazz artist, contemporary artist, pop artist, music artist, composer, music educator, audio engineer, producer, programmer, arts administrator or researcher. You'll have employment opportunities throughout Australia and across the globe.



See more course information –
ecu.edu.au/courses/W76



“My time at ECU has been life-changing, both personally and musically. The collaborative environment at ECU has given me the opportunity to explore different styles, helping me develop a deeper understanding of Jazz and contemporary music.”

Miella Mondlane
Bachelor of Music graduate

Warana Music Prize (2024)
Photographer: Stephen Heath



'Merrily We Roll Along' (2025)
 Photographer: Stephen Heath

Music Theatre studies

Course CUA50220

Diploma of Musical Theatre

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 1 year

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

This nationally-recognised qualification reflects the role of performers working or aspiring to work in musical theatre and cabaret productions.

Students will develop skills in acting, singing and dancing, and the important integration of all three, through highly practical classes and production projects.

Career Opportunities

By studying at WAAPA, students gain practical performance experience in a range of the performing arts, preparing you to work professionally in a wide range of theatre activity. You might also want to consider and audition for further study, such as a Bachelor of Arts (Music Theatre).



➔ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C76



Bachelor of Arts (Music Theatre)

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 3 years

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

Provides technical training in singing, music skills, specific dance forms, improvisation, and acting, including acting for the camera.

The course also provides the opportunity for student performers to acquire specialist skills such as the creation and production of self-devised material, arts management and musical skills such as accompanying.

Career Opportunities

This course prepares graduates to enter the performing arts industry as elite practitioners with skills and knowledge in music theatre. Transferrable skills provide graduates the potential to pursue work as administrators, producers, directors, choreographers, writers, as well as performers in other media including film and television, radio, broadcasting, commercials and promotional work. Practical applications of skills and knowledge in simulated workplace environments throughout the course ensure that graduates are ready for work.

➔ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/G44



Production, Design and Creative Management Courses

When you watch a performance, it's easy to think that all the creativity is happening on stage. But it takes a lot of creative thinking and skill behind the scenes to make the show come together. In these courses, you'll really use your imagination to bring lots of performances to life.

Arts Management studies

Bachelor of Arts (Arts & Cultural Management)

Indicative ATAR: 70

Minimum Duration: 3 years

Location: City, Online

Study Mode: Full-time, Part-time

Overview

Prepares students to creatively produce, manage and lead arts and cultural projects and events, and enter many branches of the arts and creative industries.

Students are prepared to enter organisational contexts such as performing arts companies, arts venues, galleries, festivals, cultural institutions and creative industries including screen media. Students develop professional knowledge and skills in arts and cultural leadership, marketing, finance and legal compliance, and at every stage of the course apply what they learn to industry practicums. The course has a strong focus on developing transferable skills whilst also fostering ethical, collaborative and innovative dispositions to help graduates advocate for the values of arts and culture in a rapidly changing world.

Career Opportunities

The course provides lifelong transferable skills, equipping graduates for employment in a wide range of professional arts and cultural industries, nationally and internationally.



WAAPA's Arts & Cultural Management training has a strong track record of successful employment outcomes for its graduates. You can find them in senior management and marketing positions at prestigious arts and entertainment organisations throughout the world.



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See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/T74



Course CUA40425

Certificate IV in Live Production and Technical Services

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 0.5 years

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

This qualification reflects the role of you working in a range of technical production jobs in creative arts industry environments.

You apply solutions to a defined range of unpredictable problems, and analyse and evaluate information from a variety of sources. You may provide leadership and guidance to others and have limited responsibility for the output of others.

Study Options:

- Sound

Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities exist in the film, television, theatre, festival, performing arts and allied entertainment industries.

Course CUA50425

Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 1 year

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

This nationally-recognised qualification is a one year vocational education and training Production and Design program at WAAPA.

This course may appeal to those who have an interest in design, lighting, props, scenery, stage management, sound and similar aspects of production.

The course is structured to provide skills and experience consistent with the growing needs of the entertainment industry. Students work as directed on productions mounted by WAAPA and begin by assisting, until sufficiently skilled, to perform designated tasks. In this program, students will be expected to provide service at a professional level of competence.

Study Options:

- Construction and Design
- Costume
- Technical Production

Note: There is the opportunity for progression into the CUA60225 Advanced Diploma to specialise in specific areas of production and design practice.

Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities exist in staging, broadcasting, scenery and set construction, wardrobe, entertainment administration, lighting and sound, Sound System Technician, Audio Technician, Monitor Engineer and FOH Engineer, performing arts, arts administration, entertainment customer service, entertainment technical operations and live production work environments.



→ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C83



→ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C80



Course CUA60225

Advanced Diploma of Live Production and Management Services

Indicative ATAR: Not applicable

Minimum Duration: 1 year

Location: City

Study Mode: Full-time

Overview

This nationally-recognised qualification is a one year vocational education and training Production and Design program at WAAPA.

This course may appeal to those who have an interest in design, lighting, props, scenery, stage management, sound and similar aspects of production.

The course is structured to provide skills and experience consistent with the growing needs of the entertainment industry. Students work as directed on productions mounted by WAAPA and will be in training to learn how to provide service at a professional level of competence.

Study Options:

- Costume
- Lighting
- Props and Scenery
- Set and Costume Design
- Sound
- Stage Management

Note: After successful completion of the Advanced Diploma, eligible students can articulate into the second year of the Bachelor of Performing Arts degree (Y97), where they will expand their portfolio by undertaking head of department roles in the design and delivery of WAAPA's public performance seasons.

Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities such as a Stage Manager, Workshop Supervisor, Production Manager, Props Master, Technical Services Manager, Venue Manager (Theatre and Cinema), Box Office Manager, Operations Manager, Set Designer, Prop Designer, Costume Designer, Lighting Designer, Sound System Technician, Audio Technician, Monitor Engineer, Sound Designer and FOH Engineer, Scenic Artist, Art Director, Set Dresser, Set Decorator, SFX make-up artist, Stylist, and Director.



See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C81



P&D students in Roundhouse Theatre (2024)
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Worldwide WAAPA Stars

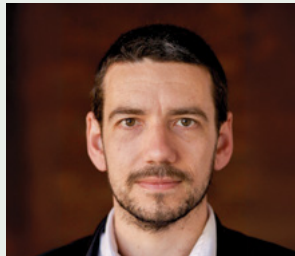
Many WAAPA alumni have found global fame in their chosen disciplines. In fact, there are too many to list here. Every year, our new graduates begin the same journey these people have taken, prepared for some hard work, but also aiming for the stars.



Jason Arrow
Music Theatre Performer



Shalone Brune-Franklin
Actor



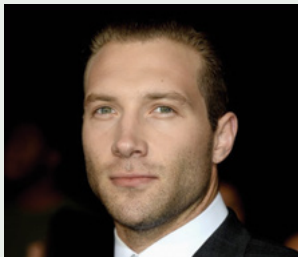
Benjamin Cisterne
Lighting Designer



Samantha Clarke
Soprano



Sam Corlett
Actor



Jai Courtney
Actor



Christopher Dragon
Conductor



Hugh Jackman
Actor, Singer, Producer



Anna Laverty
Sound Engineer



Lisa McCune
Actor, Singer, TV
Personality



Meg Mac
Singer, Songwriter,
Musician



Tim Minchin
Musician, Composer, Actor



Dacre Montgomery
Actor



Frances O'Connor
Actor, Director



Linda May Han Oh
Jazz Bassist, Composer



Eddie Perfect
Performer, Composer,
Writer

How to apply

Applications for WAAPA courses are open from May to September the year prior to course commencement.

All courses require you to complete an interview and/or audition, or submit a folio of work, as part of the application process.

Admission to programs at WAAPA also requires you to meet ECU's standard university admission requirements.

Application fees

There is also a non-refundable application fee for many of the courses.

For latest information on application fees, visit: waapa.ecu.edu.au/courses-and-admissions/fees-and-scholarships

Interviews, auditions and folios

For more specific information about interviews, auditions and folios, visit: www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/course-entry/interviews-folios-and-auditions

If you'd rather talk to us about applying for courses, we'd love to hear from you. Call 134 328 or drop into your nearest ECU campus.

To start your application, go here: ecu.edu.au/future-students/applying

Note that applications for WAAPA courses (excluding the Bachelor of Music) are not accepted through ECU's Experience Based Entry Scheme.

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Honours and Postgraduate Studies

Following on from an undergraduate or Bachelor's qualification, there are many options for further study – enabling students to reach the highest levels of professional, artistic, and conceptual leadership. WAAPA is a leading centre for advanced studies in the performing arts and offers Honours degrees as well as Postgraduate (Masters and Doctorate) qualifications. WAAPA's postgraduate (higher degree by research) offerings have a particular emphasis on practice-led/artistic research, enabling candidates to continue to develop and innovate within their area of artistic practice. Current options for further study at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts include:

Honours

Bachelor of Creative & Performing Arts Honours - a one year course while also receiving further research training at fourth year Honours level.

Bachelor of Music (Honours) K35 is an alternate fourth year to the Bachelor of Music, or can be taken as a one-year course following on from another three year music degree.

Postgraduate

Master of Arts (Performing Arts)
– a two-year postgraduate degree.

Doctor of Philosophy – the culminating degree.

Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated)
– a four-year postgraduate degree.



Head Over Heels' (2024).
Photographer: Stephen Heath

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The Edith Cowan story holds a special place not just at ECU, but in Australian history.

She influenced the course of education in Australia, paving the way for many people to access education they could previously only dream of.

It's why we didn't just take Edith's name. We embraced everything she stood for.

Before she became the first woman elected to an Australian Parliament, everyone told her it would be a tough nut to crack. So she celebrated by giving her fellow members a gumnut brooch, known today as the 'tough nut'.

We love this story so much, we've included the gum leaf as part of our logo. It is our pledge to carry on her beliefs and continue to transform the way we learn.

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Greening ECU

Edith Cowan University is committed to reducing the environmental impact associated with its operations by conducting its activities in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. This includes implementing strategies and technologies that minimise waste of resources and demonstrate environmentally sensitive development, innovation and continuous improvement.



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