



TL;DR POLICY GUIDE #3:

BROADENING UNITS

This is a summary of the main things you need to know about broadening units (and how they're changing in 2017)! Full details are available at <http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/courses/about/broadening>

What is a broadening unit?

They include language units, mathematics/statistics units, units with a focus on culture or the world around us, and units from outside your discipline.

Why do I have to do them?

Studying from a wide range of learning areas and units with a global focus will make you a more-rounded graduate and more employable!

How many do I have to do?

You must complete at least four units that are designated as broadening units, and at least one of those must be a 'Category A' unit.

CATEGORY A

Category A units have their main focus as some aspect of the globalised and culturally diverse environment, including languages.

These units include:

- LOTE (Languages Other Than English) units.
- Units taught by the School of Indigenous Studies.
- Study Abroad/Student Exchange units.
- Approved Mathematics and Statistics units.
- All other units on the Category A broadening list.

CATEGORY B

Category B units aim to extend you beyond your chosen subject area.

They can be chosen from any discipline outside the knowledge area of your degree. Broadening units can be stand-alone electives or form part of a major (as long as they meet the broadening rules). Remember, any unit you choose can count towards more than one of your degree requirements.

There's a full list of broadening units at www.handbooks.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/courses/broadeningunits



WHAT'S CHANGING?

There are two main changes that will apply to all students commencing study at UWA from 2017:

- You can count up to two Category A broadening units from units offered in your degree area; and
- Units with mathematics and/or statistical theory as their core teaching content will be classified as Category A broadening units.

If you commenced study prior to 2017, you can take advantage of the changes should you choose to do so. If you have already met your broadening requirements, or are on track to meet them under the current rules, you will not be required to make any changes unless you want to. (Hooray for options!)

STILL CONFUSED?

Contact your Faculty Adviser for course advice or help choosing broadening units.

