Arts Scholars

Why become an Arts Scholar?

If you are someone who is passionate about learning, want to open doors to new ideas and bring fresh perspectives to your current ones, seek to make an impact on your communities, or wonder about the intersections between arts, business, and the sciences, then you’re an Arts Scholar.

You’ll become part of a tight-knit, passionate and engaged whānau of academic staff and students. You’ll get access to one-on-one academic mentoring which will enhance your skills in leadership, collaboration, communication and research. You’ll also be able to build on your existing cultural strengths, utilizing your whānau/ainga and community networks. And – because Arts Scholars brings students together – you will make friends.

The interpersonal, critical, and creative skills you’ll learn in Arts Scholars will give you an unparalleled undergraduate experience and help you stand out in a competitive job market.

About the programme

The Art Scholars module consists of three full-year, for-credit courses sitting inside the BA and its conjoint degrees. In your first year we choose a theme and use it as a lens to examine the interconnections of a range of social, economic and cultural issues that cross majors and disciplines. You’ll be personally and intellectually challenged through group discussions, rousing debates, and personal reflection.

In the second year we will focus on developing strong research skills as you delve into new areas and topics outside your majors.

In the final year of the programme, you’ll get to follow your passions and wield your academic and research skills on a project of your own design.

This will prepare you for a variety of workplaces and careers, help you challenge preconceptions, expand your horizons, and engage with a diversity of issues and people.

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KOI TE HINENGARO, KOI TE ARERO, KOI TE MAHI!
SHARP OF MIND, TONGUE, AND WORK!

“We want to create a learning environment where students get a chance to play with ideas and think outside the square. It is fantastic seeing them connect with each other and with the big issues confronting society.”

Deborah Montgomerie
Senior Lecturer,
Arts Scholars Programme
Programme structure

YEAR ONE
ARTSCHOL 100
Arts Scholars 1
‘Themed Seminar’
15 points

YEAR TWO
ARTSCHOL 200
Arts Scholars 2
‘Great Works and Work’
15 points

YEAR THREE
ARTSCHOL 300
Arts Scholars 3
‘Independent Project’
15 points

Social events and optional workshops complete the experience, supporting whanaungatanga and helping you to extend your personal and professional development.

How to apply
Places in the programme are limited, and you will be assessed on four criteria:

- Your Arts Scholars application
- An essay
- Your academic achievements
- An optional, but recommended, character reference

Successful applicants will be chosen based on a full consideration of all four aspects of the application.

You will also need to apply for admission to the Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Arts conjoint before you apply for the Arts Scholars programme.

“Being part of a programme that pushes me, gives me the freedom to create a project that I am passionate about, and to structure it in a way that resonates with me, has made me feel so driven.”

Toshiko Frederiksen
former Arts Scholars student

“Arts Scholars allows us to consider interesting and important subjects in depth, and explore alternate perspectives. Learning and curiosity are the ultimate goal. Also, the people are pretty cool.”

Java Grant
Arts Scholars student

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