

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS)

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VICTORIA
UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Principles and aims

1. Reduce complexity of the degree structure
2. Allow flexibility within the degree structure
3. Encourage interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary study
4. Focus on Humanities and Social Sciences

Reducing complexity

1. The prerequisites for courses within majors are now explicitly stated in the major requirements.
2. The regulations for obtaining two majors within the degree are now consistent with the rest of the University.
3. The general regulations have been simplified enormously.
4. Courses within the Schedule are, for the most part, 20 points.

Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary study

1. Students are now able to take a significant concentration of courses from subject areas administered outside FHSS.
2. Students are now able to take a major any undergraduate subject area within the University.
3. The structure of the majors allows students to easily explore three majors and complete two majors.
4. Interdisciplinary majors have been introduced into the BA.

Focus on the Humanities and Social Sciences

1. At least two thirds of BA degree must be comprised of HSS courses.
2. BA Students must complete a HSS major.
3. Programmes within the Faculty have been encouraged to introduce a capstone course and include it in their major requirements.

Signalling further changes from 2011

If the proposed changes are approved:

1. Students can do a GDipArts in all and only subjects listed as a major in the BA.
2. GDArts students will not normally be permitted to enrol in courses at 400- or 500-level.
3. Most subjects within the BA(Hons) will require students to complete a research essay.
4. It may be possible to get a Minor in subject areas presently available as Majors.