

GRADUATE PROFILE FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS

A graduate of the **Bachelor of Arts** will be able to:

1. Demonstrate deep knowledge and understanding of the major concepts and theoretical perspectives in their chosen discipline (*Knowledge/Understanding*)
2. Appreciate a broad, interdisciplinary perspective of the Humanities and Social Sciences (*Knowledge/Understanding*)
3. Use oral, written and digital literacies to communicate effectively with others, to build and maintain relationships and to participate in diverse professional and social contexts (*Communication*)
4. Be curious and creative in using critical thinking skills and strategies that facilitate problem-solving, innovation, and reflection (*Application/Skills*) (*Inquiry, Research, Creativity*)
5. Self-manage and self-direct as an autonomous learner, yet be able to collaborate effectively with others in group and teamwork (*Personal and Intellectual Autonomy,*)
6. Demonstrate an understanding of Aotearoa/NZ culture and society from the perspective of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, biculturalism, interculturalism, and multiculturalism. (*Ethical and Professional Dispositions*)
7. Apply knowledge and skill in professional and other social settings, demonstrating ethical behaviours and sensitivity to the community of practice (*Ethical and Professional Dispositions*) (*Application/Skills*)
8. Care enough about the socio-cultural, economic and environmental challenges evidenced locally, nationally and globally, to question, inquire and act for social justice outcomes (*Ethical and Professional Dispositions*) (*Inquiry, Research and Creativity*).

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Graduate Profile for the BA NZSL and Deaf Studies

As well as displaying the overall capabilities of the **Bachelor of Arts**, a graduate of the **Deaf Studies** major will have the following attributes and skills:

- a. The ability to communicate in New Zealand Sign Language
- b. The ability to work with the Deaf community as allies
- c. Intercultural awareness, including the ability to interact effectively with people of different cultural backgrounds
- d. The ability to incorporate theory into practice
- a. A high degree of professionalism and reflective practice

In addition, graduates of the **NZSL-English Interpreting major** will have the following attributes:

- e. Be bilingual in English and NZSL, with an excellent command of the two languages, including linguistic knowledge and application
- f. A thorough understanding of the theory of the interpreting process and the ability to put this into practice
- g. A comprehensive understanding of the Sign Language Interpreters Association of New Zealand (SLIANZ) Code of Ethics, and the ability to apply ethical-decision making skills in a variety of contexts
- h. The ability to interpret competently between NZSL and English in a range of different contexts and for a variety of consumers
- b. A high level of professional communication skills and collegiality
- i. A commitment to stay informed on the profession and innovations in technology, and to adapt as needed