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# TRANSFORM YOUR DEGREE

With Western's **Challenge Minors**

Your Guide to Western's **Challenge Minors**

**We need graduates who are equipped with the knowledge and skills to tackle the challenges of the future.**



# HOW WILL YOU **STAND OUT**

amongst thousands of other graduates with the **same degree** as you?

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# FIND YOUR CHALLENGE

If you're enrolled in a degree or program that has substantial elective space, you have an opportunity to pursue your curiosity beyond the basics of your degree. You can transform your degree by choosing to study an area you're deeply invested in. By making that choice, you will develop skills and mindsets that you can apply immediately in your degree. This is the difference you need to stand out from the hundreds of other students with the same degree as you.

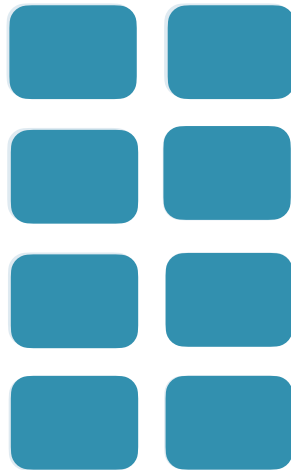




# HOW YOUR DEGREE WORKS

# AN OVERVIEW OF DEGREE STRUCTURES

## 1st YEAR



### CORE SUBJECTS

These are mandatory subjects which are part of your degree. There are usually 4 or 8 of them. Check the Handbook of Your Degree to learn more.

## 2nd YEAR



### FOCUS SUBJECTS

These allow you to add depth and expertise to your degree. For example, a Business student may choose a Major (8 subjects) in Marketing, or a Science student chooses a Major in Chemistry.

## 3rd YEAR



### FLEX SUBJECTS

Also known as "Electives"

Electives are subjects you get to choose. Some students go deeper into their discipline, others use their elective space to choose subjects from other disciplines. ***This is where you get to exercise your curiosity!***

# What is a **Challenge** Minor?

A Minor is made up of 4 subjects and they address a theme or problem.

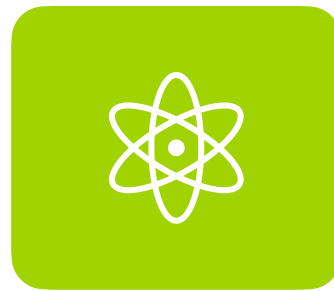
A Challenge Minor is transdisciplinary, and addresses a theme or problem from multiple disciplines and perspectives.



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**HCA**



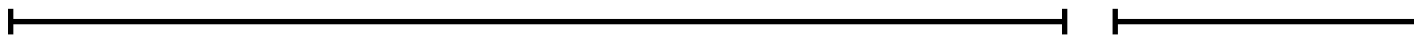
School of  
**Business**



School of  
**Science**



**Capstone**



## Unique Structure of Minors

What's unique about the Challenge Minors is that they are made up of subjects from different Schools such as HCA, Business, Science, Social Science, Law etc. Because of that, you have a chance to amplify your learning beyond the basics in your degree. With a Challenge Minor, your learning gives you reach beyond your discipline.

## Final Year Capstone Experience.

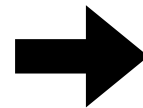
Challenge Minors culminate in a Capstone Experience - a subject that allows you to integrate what you have learned in the previous subjects and apply it in a practical project.

**Any WSU student who has elective space can enrol into these minors.**



# TRANSFORM YOUR DEGREE

## TRADITIONAL DEGREE



## A DEGREE WITH A CHALLENGE MINOR



### The Value of Challenge Minors

If you're a Humanities, Engineering, or Science student with an interest in topics (and problems) such as creativity, justice or innovation, and you have elective space, choosing a Challenge Minor allows you to explore those areas of interest. And by making that choice, remember, you're also TRANSFORMING what your degree is and the kind of graduate you will become.

# WHO DO YOU WANT TO BECOME?

(TAP ON A GRADUATE TO LEARN MORE)



Become a  
**SUSTAINABILITY  
ADVOCATE**

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Become an  
**INNOVATIVE  
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Become a  
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Become a  
**GLOBAL  
CITIZEN**

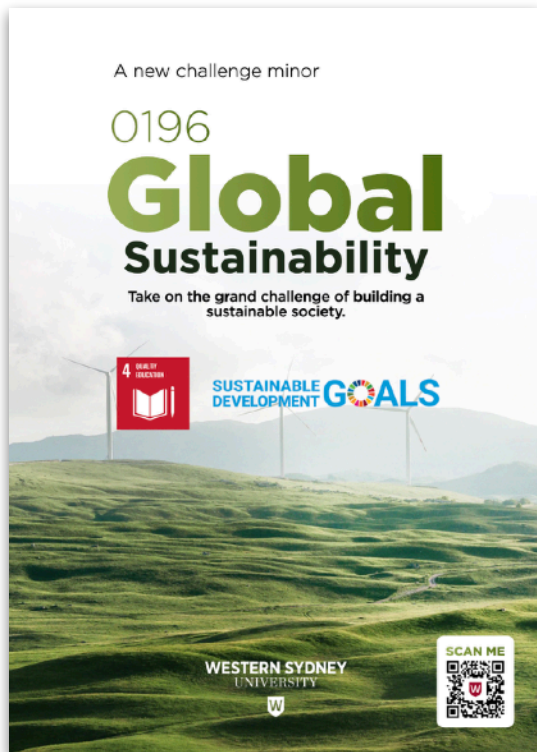
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# Become a **SUSTAINABILITY ADVOCATE**

We need Sustainability Advocates - graduates who are visionaries - leaders who are determined, passionate, and invested more than ever to push for an equitable and hopeful future.

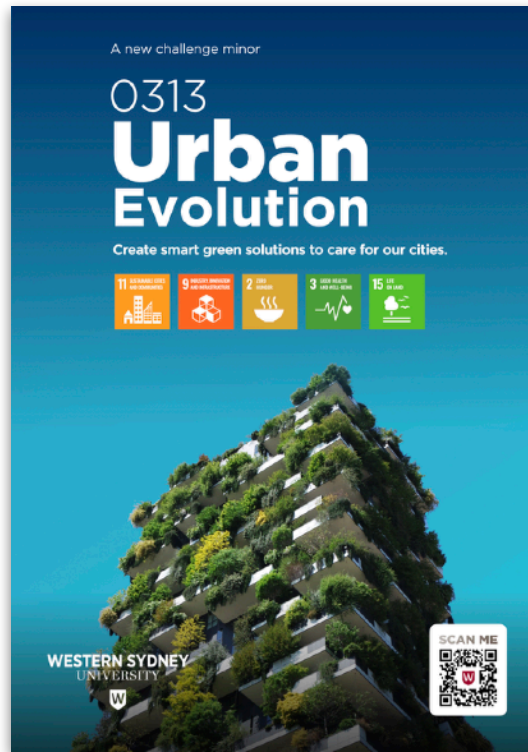
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## Global Sustainability

Learn why it is important to focus on the interrelationship between humans, and the natural and built environment from multiple paradigms.

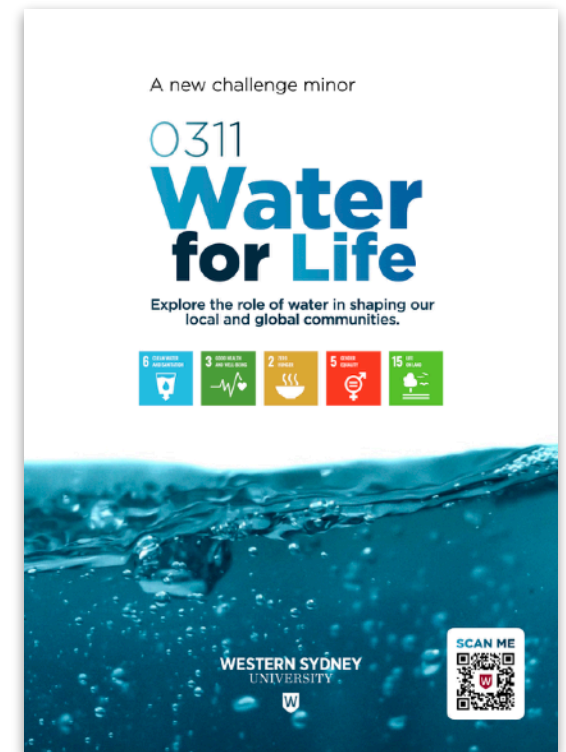
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## Urban Evolution

Expand the way you think about cities and prepare yourself to become a leader in innovative and agile transformation.

**HANDBOOK**



## Water for Life

Discover the centrality of water to human flourishing and immerse yourself in the global interdependencies of water politics.

**HANDBOOK**



# Become an **INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEUR**

We need Innovative Entrepreneurs - graduates who are adaptable, self-aware, and in possession of a diverse set of practical skills, and at the tips of their fingers, can solve problems, inspire people, and drive authentic transformation wherever they go.

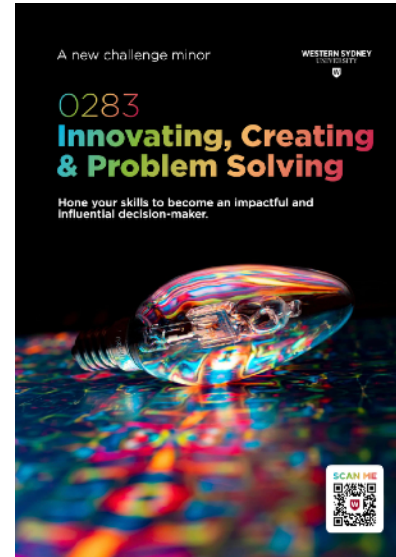
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## Personal Innovation

Cultivate your personal brand, fundamental employability skills, alongside your capacity to be adaptable in the workplace.

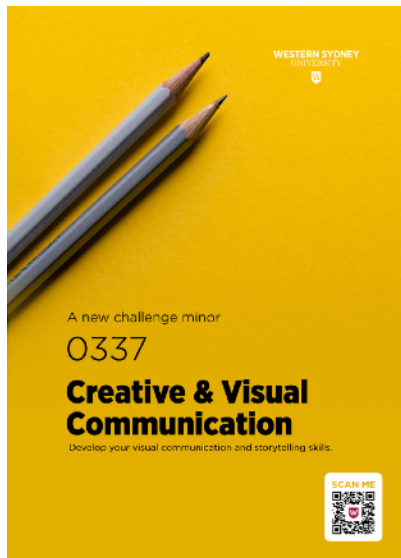
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## Innovating, Creating & Problem Solving

Apply your entrepreneurial capabilities to creative problem solving in a variety of contexts.

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## Creative & Visual Communication

Want to learn to tell better stories and communicate visually? Experiment with a variety of creative tools and techniques to better interpret, evaluate, use, and create visual media for different purposes.

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## Ideate. Strategise. Innovate.

Ever thought of monetising your side hustle? Expand your creative entrepreneurial practice so that it applies to multiple emerging contexts.

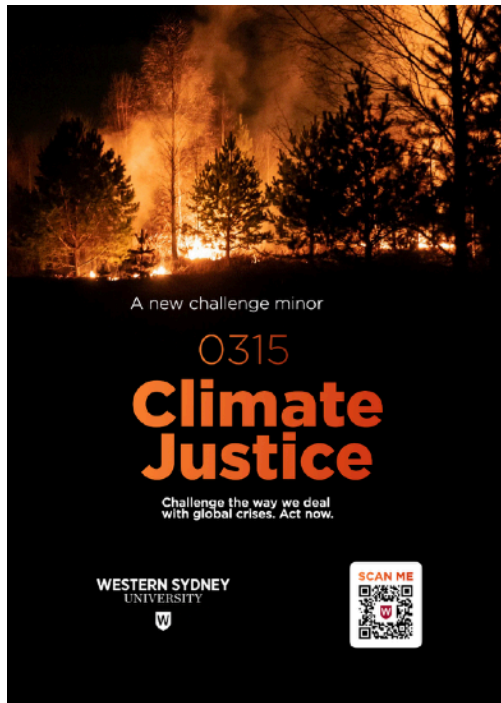
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Become a  
**FUTURE  
THINKER**

We need Future Thinkers — graduates who can help us wrestle with improving unjust and unfair systems, and who have the commitment and tools to turn us towards a world that is collective, inclusive and equitable.

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## Climate Justice

Challenge the 'business-as-usual thinking' about our climate and learn why and how to think and act in a multi-species way about the present and future.

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## Innovating for Humans

Investigate the boundary blurring between the physical, digital, and biological worlds to tackle the promise of a future that makes claims about a healthier, more equitable, and more productive life.

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## Equitable Technologies

Ask and answer hard questions about how our digital systems and devices can serve a more just and equitable society.

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## Eco-Socially Conscious Design and Manufacturing

Wrestle with solutions to the environmental and humanitarian problems created by industrial and manufacturing activity.

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## Humanising Data

Explore behind the curtain to probe at the ways machines generate data to insert themselves into our humanity, and what, if anything, we ought to do about it.

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Become a

# GLOBAL CITIZEN

We need Global Citizens - graduates who possess the ability to understand, navigate and engage with a complex, globalising world.

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## Migration & Global Change

Engage with the dynamics of migration to uncover, manage, and mitigate the emerging challenges for your adventures as a global citizen.

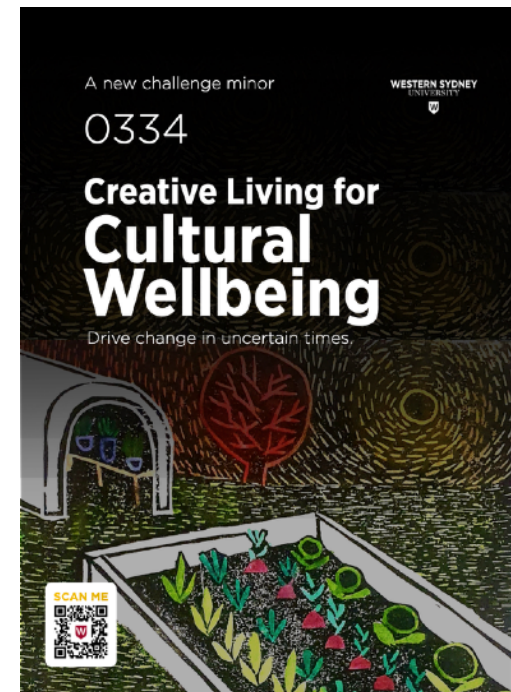
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## Global Workplaces

Learn about what it takes to succeed in an increasingly globalised, disrupted, and diverse world of work with a focus on ethics, management, and international trade.

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## Creative Living for Cultural Wellbeing

Drive change through curating artistic cultural practices for a liveable and democratic global world, and specifically, for cultural well-being.

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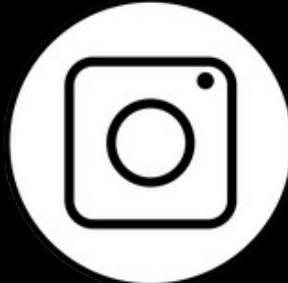
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