Students and researchers in the ANU School of Demography examine some of the most important issues facing the world today, including fertility, family formation and change; mortality, ageing and health; and both national and international migration.

Why study demography?
Demography is about how populations change across space and time. Demographers study not only the size and composition of populations, but also what factors lead to a changing population. Many countries face pressing population problems, and demographers seek to understand the dynamics behind these issues, and help solve them.

Future cohorts of population analysts will not only improve the capacity for policy and market research, but also provide better trained specialists for the health and social care professions, market research, government departments, and international agencies.

Graduates from our study programs will take their skills and knowledge into businesses and organisations desperate for their inputs and energies in an ever more competitive workplace and changing world.

Demography at ANU
The ANU School of Demography is a world-class demographic research centre. Many of our researchers are involved in international projects in the areas of fertility and family studies; mortality, ageing and health; and migration and spatial demography. We offer coursework and study programs to undergraduate, Masters and higher degree by research (PhD) students, all of whom have direct access to our research experts. We offer small group teaching and many courses include an opportunity to apply your learning to real-world issues.

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Mission Statement
The School of Demography was created by the Australian National University to acknowledge its historical achievements, current academic profile and strategic aim to be the leading demographic centre for research and training in the Asia and Pacific region.
Our mission is to:
> Conduct demographic research of the highest quality
> Train world-class demographers at the undergraduate, Master and PhD levels
> Inform policy and the broader public in relation to major demographic issues facing Australia and its region
> Lead the discipline of Demography in Australia and its region

Study Options
You may choose to study and research demography at the undergraduate or postgraduate level. We offer a Minor in Demography, postgraduate specialisations, and a Higher Degree by Research (PhD) program.

Our undergraduate and postgraduate coursework currently includes:
> Global Population Challenges
> Understanding Population Change
> Population Analysis
> Migration in the Modern World
> Principles of Population Analysis
> Population and Society: Theory and Empirical Perspectives
> International Migration
> Gender and Population
> Spatial Population Data Analysis
> Population, Climate Change and Sustainable Development
> Population Issues in Asia and their Implications for World Development
> Population Projections and Dynamics
> Life Course Analytics

Demography Major
With a major in Demography students develop a demographic perspective and toolkit, a fundamental way of understanding and evaluating how populations are linked and change throughout time and space. A demography degrees provides students with an analytical skillset and understanding of how population issues interact with different dimensions of society and the wider environment.

Demography Minor
The minor in Demography provides a unique specialisation for social sciences and other programs at ANU. The minor facilitates interdisciplinary learning which is critical for understanding complex problems. It provides an avenue for further collaboration and exchange of knowledge between academic disciplines at ANU, including, for example, sociology, political science and international relations, history, indigenous studies, anthropology, economics, geography and environmental sciences.

Postgraduate Coursework
Coursework in demography is an essential component of postgraduate programs including, but not limited to, the Master of Demography, Master of Public Health, and Master of Globalisation. Students with a particular interest in policy studies may consider coursework under the Population Change Specialisation in the Master of Public Policy or the Demographic Analysis theme in the Master of Social Research.

Higher Degree by Research
Students who wish to undertake a graduate research program at ANU can do so through either a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Master of Philosophy (MPhil). The major component of both research programs is a substantial written work, known as a thesis, which investigates a particular subject or issue. A research student works independently under the direction of a primary academic supervisor (known as the Chair of Panel) who forms part of a supervisory panel of academic staff. PhD degrees normally take between three and four years full-time, or up to six years part-time.

“I was drawn to ANU by its reputation and rankings in the global education market, and the unique qualifications in demography it offers.”
Qing Guan
Higher Degree by Research (PhD Candidate)

Qing came to Australia from China seven years ago and studied as a Masters student in demography.
While completing her Masters thesis, Qing found the intense research on a single question inspired her to pursue it further.
Now a PhD student, Qing is exploring a topic close to her heart, the demographics and experiences of Chinese migrants to Australia.