

A regular update on UniSA programs and events

Welcome to the second edition of UniSA Links for 2009. This edition provides you with information on program changes, upcoming events and activities as well as new sites and resources that will help you with your peak career counselling period.

This newsletter is also available online at www.unisa.edu.au/future/advisers/unisalinks.asp

Science at the Lakes 2009 pre-registration now open

Science at the Lakes is a FREE science and technology event for students in years 4-10. Available to all South Australian schools, the event is part of National Science Week and hosts a program filled with fun and challenging interactive activities, displays and demonstrations. In 2008, most of the activities on offer booked out in just 48 hours. To make sure you do not miss out, pre-register your school's interest in attending



today and you will receive advance notification of the booking date.

Pre-register today by sending an email to penny.reidy@unisa.edu.au with your school name, contact person and age of students.

Get Involved! Show case your school's "scientists" in the making

The Science at the Lakes Committee would like to

invite schools to not only come along to the event – but to also provide an activity, presentation or static display. If you have a special science project or activity you would like to showcase, why not get involved and register online at www.unisa.edu.au/scienceatthelakes/Workshops. A list of activity ideas from last year's program is also available online.

If you have any further questions about the registration process or the activities, please do not hesitate to call Penny Reidy on 8302 5341 or email penny.reidy@unisa.edu.au

In the meantime, be sure to mark Friday August 21 2009 into your school's excursion diary!

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CareerShop Corner

This month on CareerShop your students can find a heap of NEW vodcasts, profiles, events, news and competitions!

Win a Study Break and watch some live footy.

Your students have the chance to win 1 of 5 double passes to see the Adelaide Crows vs Sydney on 27 June 2009 at AAMI stadium. To go into the draw, simply visit CareerShop and tell us which Crows player is a current UniSA Property student.

- Brad Symes
- David Mackay
- Robert Shirley
- Scott Thompson

Entries close 17 June 2009 at 5pm.

Terms and Conditions available on CareerShop.



News headlines in May

- >> Download advice for your future from the ABC
- >> New SACE in 2011
- >> Greenpeace Design Awards in association with UniLife – call for entries from students.

To view any of this information, all you need is to be a member of CareerShop. It's free to join, simply register at www.unisa.edu.au/careershop or if you are an existing member simply use your login and password.

CareerShop is constantly updated so remember to regularly check back to see what's new!

Upcoming events and information sessions

- >> UniSA Career Information Sessions
- >> What's happening at the Samstag Art Gallery
- >> SALA Arts Festival



UniSA launches Subject Bonus points!

UniSA has developed subject bonus points, which will reward students for their efforts in year 12 and better prepare them for University. Students will receive a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 bonus points for achievement in many year 12 HESS General subjects and will apply to every program offered by UniSA. The subject bonus points are available to all students

and have been designed to broaden university entry while providing students with the best possible preparation for university study.

A UniSA bonus points brochure, DVD and lesson plans will be sent to your school soon. For more information visit www.unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints



Eliza-Ann Brown

Bachelor of Laws Double Degree with International Studies

The bonus points I received through USANET and Mathematical studies enabled me to study a degree that I otherwise would not have been eligible to study. I chose a Bachelor of Laws Double Degree with International Studies because I have an interest in the legal system and also in international issues. I liked how I could pursue two interests at once, whilst

opening up more pathways and opportunities for myself. The other great thing was that at UniSA I can study law in trimesters, meaning that I can study a year and a half of courses in one calendar year or I could spread my study out over the year in order to have a better study-work-life balance.



Court moots enhance Law students' advocacy skills

Mooting is common practice in the study of Law as it gives the students a chance to finetune their oral advocacy skills in a mock trial. Generally mooting is left to the final year of a Law degree, however at UniSA students begin mooting in first year.

Our integrated program introduces students to all aspects of public speaking and oral advocacy early in the degrees and builds upon this foundation through the degree. The aim of our integrated program is to develop skills from day one which will be beneficial for students in their professional lives.

UniSA student Andrew Adams described his first mooting experience as "daunting and enjoyable at the same time."

Samantha Carter, another UniSA Law student commented, "Whether we go into practice or not, we will need advocacy skills and mooting is giving us the opportunity to practice this right from the beginning."

These skills will also benefit the group of students who are chosen to represent UniSA at the upcoming national mooting competitions held by the Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA).

Although Andrew and Samantha have not yet decided where they would like their law degrees to take them, the oral advocacy skills they are gaining at UniSA will set them apart from the crowd.

For more information about a degree in Law please visit www.unisa.edu.au/law

A second chance at university

A second chance is the biggest drawback offered by the South Australian Institute of Business and Technology (SAIBT).

"I didn't do as well as I had hoped in year 12. I made the wrong subject selection and didn't realise how crucial year 12 actually was because I had done so well in school in the years before," says student Sarah Morris.

"After receiving advice from my school career counsellor I knew that SAIBT was the pathway I needed to get me back on track. Completing my Diploma of Arts will enable me to transfer directly into the second year of my chosen degree at UniSA. I know that SAIBT is giving me the skills and knowledge I will need to successfully transition to university," says Sarah, and the results speak for themselves.

Recent research conducted by UniSA's Student and Academic Services unit shows that SAIBT students continuing on to UniSA perform as well as direct entrants in the areas of Arts, Commerce and

Computer and Information Systems. SAIBT students study a UniSA curriculum, taught by UniSA staff on a UniSA campus, and have full access to UniSA's modern, well-equipped teaching and library facilities, 24-hour computer suites and sporting and recreational amenities. In addition, SAIBT offers small class sizes, individual attention from lecturers, additional academic support sessions outside of regular class times and four-hour teaching blocks. "The teaching staff at SAIBT are great and the smaller class sizes means that I receive more one to one support during and after classes," says Sarah.



Flexibility is another SAIBT drawback. With intakes in February, June and October, students can commence their study program at a time convenient for them.

SAIBT has been operating since 2001 and has assisted close to 1000 students on their pathway to university.



Career Counsellor Portal

The Career Counsellor Portal, launched at the Career Counsellor Session on 12th May, is an interactive website specifically designed to help you advise your students on their future study options. At UniSA, we understand that reading the myriad of information on programs and courses and keeping up to date with new information

about the University can be extremely time consuming. By providing you with all the essential resources, latest information, news and events in one central place, the Career Counsellor Portal makes it easier for you to counsel your students.

The portal's highly customised features mean that you are able to access

information about bonus points, news and events relevant to your school. Featuring the CareerShop program & Personal Learning Plan information, FAQs from your students and key issues from other Career Counsellors, the portal is a valuable resource for all high schools. You can find links to campus tours and booking forms, podcasts, vodcasts and interviews with

students, graduates and lecturers to get a real feel for what studying at UniSA is really like. You can also get to know our Student Liaison team and if you can't find what you're looking for, ask us a question and receive an instant reply!

By now you would have received an email providing you with your unique username and password along with instructions on

how to access the Career Counsellor Portal. If not, it's easy to join! Simply phone Amy Tran on 8302 0960 or email amy.tran@unisa.edu.au You can also visit our new Student Adviser's website at www.unisa.edu.au/future/advisers for booking forms and other information.

Design student exchange to Hong Kong



UniSA provides student exchange programs and short-term opportunities for students to gain an international perspective in their program and a career advantage by studying overseas.

Sonia Giuliani, Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication) student, completed one semester of study last year at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) as part of the International Student Exchange Program. Sonia tells us how the lifestyle on campus and the exposure to new things allowed her to be more enthusiastic and motivated to achieve more in one semester than she had in two years at home.

What inspired you to study overseas?

I wanted to step outside my comfort zone and break from the familiar routine I had established while studying at UniSA. I wanted to study in a different environment and experience on-campus living that I knew an overseas study program would provide.

What influenced your decision to select the host institution you went to?

I was offered the Cheung Kong (Endeavour Cheung Kong Student Exchange Programme) Scholarship at CUHK worth \$AUD5000. It was difficult to refuse such an offer, especially with a \$AUD1000 travel grant. CUHK did not have a design degree and I had to enrol in the Bachelor of Fine Arts

courses. However, it was apparent that I would gain a lot of worthwhile education and knowledge from these courses.

What did you study in Hong Kong?

I took courses within the Fine Arts degree that included a creative workshop, ceramics, sculpture, theory and Chinese expressive painting.

What was your living situation like?

Living on campus and studying on campus is a culture that does not exist with local students at UniSA. We attend classes in the studios and spend hours there doing our work. I spent more time in the studios than in my room. In fact, I only went to my resident hall to sleep. We could even cook in the studios.

How have you grown as an artist/designer?

I have learnt to be more self disciplined with time management. It was much easier to achieve due to on-campus living and the strong camaraderie that existed between the fine art students, who motivated each other and were dedicated to their work.

What have you learnt from this experience that you otherwise didn't know?

I have learnt so much about Asian culture. It was a good base, as it is the gate way to other parts of Asia and it has many English speakers to prevent culture shock and language barriers.

What are your career aspirations?

I would like to work as a freelance illustrator.

Any words of advice for students interested in studying Art or Design at UniSA?

Find a specialisation of Art or Design that you like and find the degree that matches your interest. For me, it was illustration, but there are also options to study visual arts, graphic design and architecture, and within those degrees there are further specialisations.

Highlights?

There are so many!

- I was invited to attend an award ceremony for my scholarship as a guest of honour with other scholarship awardees.
- Volunteering my time to teach English.
- Field trip to mainland China as part of my sculpture course where we lived on another Fine Arts campus and visited their on-campus cauldron to make bronze sculptures.
- Late nights in central Hong Kong were so much fun!

For more information about student exchange and study abroad opportunities available to students at UniSA please visit www.unisa.edu.au/exchange/default.asp

UniSA's Public Relations Internship and Placement Program Launch

The School of Communication, International Studies and Languages recently launched its new **Public Relations Internship & Placement Program** to Adelaide's industry professionals.

The first cohort of students in UniSA's new Bachelor of Public Relations program are now in their final year of study and are looking to gain experience in consultancies, businesses, government departments and non-profit organisations before they graduate at the end of 2009. The first few students have already worked in a wide variety of positions with the Tour Down Under team, the Adelaide Central School of Art, Hughes Public Relations, and the RAA.

Encouraged by the structured approach to

the internship programs, other organisations are expressing keen interest in guiding our students and helping them develop the skills they will need upon graduation. Some students work individually on communication projects from inception to completion, while others contribute to a number of projects in areas such as media relations, publications, strategy development, website content development, organisation of events and other activities.

The Bachelor of Public Relations is accredited by the Public Relations Institute of Australia (PRIA).

Further details about the Public Relations Internship & Placement Program can be found at www.unisa.edu.au/printernship

New UniSA Information Technology degrees for 2010

Information Technology degrees at UniSA's School of Computer and Information Science have been given a thorough make-over, ensuring their continued relevancy in today's vast IT landscape. These have been designed in consultation with government and industry, and accentuate the skills and attributes demanded of an IT professional.

Here are a few of the key features of the new programs:

Common First Year

All programs now have a common first year making it easy to switch to another IT program. This allows students to pursue another line of study without losing any time or money.

New Skills

The first year of each program features a new course that develops the soft skills critical to success in any profession, particularly IT. This includes developing essential communication, project management, report writing and presentations skills



and ensures our graduates are the most work-ready compared to other universities.

Project Courses

Students will complete a project with one of our industry partners or within our research labs that will equip them with valuable on-the-job skills. The School has a rich and diverse industry partner program with over 200 partners ranging from small business to large enterprises.

Specialisations

The Bachelor of Information Technology provides specialisations in Business Systems, Games and Entertainment Design, Networking and Security and Software Development.

Visit www.unisa.edu.au/itee/CIS/new.asp for more information.

Hands-on science activities

Run by UniSA staff at UniSA's City East campus.



UniSA's School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences not only offers programs in Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Science, Nutrition and Food Sciences and Laboratory Medicine, but are also running a range of on-campus workshops for groups of upper primary and lower to mid high school students. These workshops are a great way for your students to experience university, participate in hands on experiments and get involved in fun science activities.

Hands-on activities for students include:

- **Slip, Slop, Slap:** Students make their own Zinc sunscreen cream to take home with them.
- **Wash away disease:** Learn how germs linger on everything we touch and how we can individually work to eradicate germs that have a huge impact on world health.

- **DNA Extraction from any living thing:** Students are involved in the process of molecular identification of DNA found at a crime scene and how we can use it to identify the perpetrator.
- **Sensory Analysis of Foods:** Students put their taste buds to the test to identify the different sensors that affect our perception of foods.
- **Visual Diagnostics:** Students use their eyes to search for microscopic clues in blood and tissues. They discover how visualising cellular alterations helps medical scientists to diagnose diseases.
- **Food Additives – The good, the bad and the ugly:** What do your students know about the additives in your favourite food? An interactive and engaging workshop that is sure to surprise them.

These sessions run for approximately one hour and can cater up to 30 students at a time. If you have larger groups, please feel free to contact us on 8302 2326 or email pmb.enquiries@unisa.edu.au

Workshops for science teachers:

The following sessions are designed to provide science teachers with tools to run fun science activities with their students.

- DNA for Science Teachers
- Basic PCR Workshop
- Sensory Analysis of Foods
- Food Additives – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
- Pharmacy
- Microbiology

For further information about these workshops please email pmb.enquiries@unisa.edu.au or phone 8302 2326.

You don't have to organise an excursion to UniSA – We are happy to come to you!

UniSA lecturers from the School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences are available to visit your school to talk about our degree programs and the careers they can lead to. If you would like to arrange a visit, email pmb.enquiries@unisa.edu.au or phone 8302 2326.

If you would like a presentation covering the full range of UniSA programs, please email studentliaison@unisa.edu.au or phone 8302 0788.

Careers in sport and recreation

Getting hands on experience is an important part of being at university. Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management student, Steven Rypp, knows how being involved with the community can lead to job opportunities. Rypp lives and breathes sport. He is a SANFL Umpire and Surf Lifesaver, who hopes to one day work in the AFL. About to commence a work placement at the Australian Sports Commission, Rypp says he is looking forward to working with the Commission on its After School Active Program.



hours each as part of their degree. Rypp is a third year student completing his final placement. He says that many students have been employed after finishing their practicum.

"Students often find employment afterwards. In fact, the last student who completed the After School Active Program got a part-time job with the Australian Sports Commission."

Lecturer and Industry Placement Coordinator, Gavin Colville, says that the practicum shows students where their degree may lead them.

"It is important in helping students to get jobs. It gives them a taste of what they can achieve after the degree. They look forward to it. They know that if they keep doing the hard work, there is light at the end of the tunnel."

After finishing the Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management this year, Rypp hopes to work towards his two dreams: to become an AFL umpire and study for a PhD. He says that anyone hoping to pursue a career in sport should be willing to take work experience opportunities.

"In sport and recreation, you really need to volunteer your time to build networks and get a job. There is so much to do. The degree is good but you need to show initiative and get out there."

For further information about the Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management, please visit www.unisa.edu.au/management/Programs/UG/recmgn/LBRL.asp

"I'm really looking forward to the placement," says Rypp. "It will give me an opportunity to do some sports coaching, which I'm really interested in. I'll also be doing some administration work in the office, which is an important skill to develop for working in a business."

Starting out as a swimmer in his hometown of Perth, Rypp progressed to Surf Lifesaving when his family moved to South Australia. Later on he joined the SANFL as an umpire, working his way up the ranks from school games to reserves.

"I started out with independent school umpiring, before working at under 17's, under 19's and SANFL reserves' games," he says. "The SANFL has a great social atmosphere and there is a good camaraderie between umpires. I would foresee doing this for many years to come."

Having been involved in sport for most of his life, studying it was a natural progression.

"I don't regret choosing the degree at all. The sport and recreation program covers a lot of areas which I have really enjoyed. We have studied administration, marketing, outdoor recreation, leisure provision, planning and design, facility management and more."

All sport and recreation students must complete two work placements of 120

Contacts and Bookings

Please contact one of our Student Liaison Officers for more information. Please allow for a minimum of two weeks notice when making bookings.

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Ask UniSA – get answers 24/7. Visit www.unisa.edu.au for more info.

Careers in Psychology

This is an opportunity for students who are interested in a career in psychology to meet professionals in the field and find out about the wide variety of career options available to psychology graduates.

Our special guest speakers will include professionals from areas such as clinical psychology, organisational psychology, research psychology, conservation psychology and we'll talk about career options in other fields such as community service.

Encourage your students to come along and hear about employment trends, how to broaden their career options with double degrees, and how to combine psychology studies with practical jobs skills in counselling.

The Careers in Psychology Evening will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday 27th May at the Magill campus. To register for the Psychology event please visit www.unisa.edu.au/infosessions/eas.asp or phone 8302 4323 for more information.