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**Foundation Studies**  
Prepare yourself for University

Experience. The Difference.





# Welcome.

Choosing to study at UniSA means you'll graduate with more than just a degree. You'll be ready to progress in the profession of your choice. You'll have gained an international network. And you'll have the skills to make an immediate and lasting contribution to society. We look forward to welcoming you.

**Professor Peter Høj**

Vice Chancellor and President, University of South Australia

## Five reasons to do Foundation Studies at UniSA.

### 1. It's for people with no qualifications

If you chose a different path in life and didn't finish school, you can make a new choice now and change your world. (You'll need a minimum two-year gap since leaving school except in limited cases and may need passes in some year 11 subjects for some courses)

### 2. It will thoroughly prepare you for your degree

You'll learn how to study, how to manage life events so you can keep studying, and how to succeed at university

### 3. It's for people from all walks of life

No matter what your social and cultural background or age, you'll find others like just you in your classes

### 4. You'll get the support you need

Learning Connection, our one-stop support shop is on every campus and our teaching staff are here to help you succeed

### 5. It's free

No fees for Australian students and permanent residents

# Experience. Foundation Studies

## Comments from past students:

'If it wasn't for Foundation Studies I don't think I would've done as well as I did in my first year.'

'It helped change my life in a way I that I never imagined a year before.'

'It allowed me to learn the basics needed to start my degree, and was a good way to get use to learning and the way uni works.'

'The teaching staff are really supportive and helpful.'

'It's fantastic because you're studying with people who are there for the same reason as you, with the same goals and you can support each other.'

At UniSA we believe that higher education is for everyone. If you chose to go straight into the workforce after school, but now need better qualifications, you can use the Foundation Studies program to open the doors to a degree.

Foundation Studies is an innovative and non-traditional pathway to tertiary study. A special preparatory program, it prepares you for higher learning by building on your existing skills and knowledge, teaching you the basics in your chosen field and showing you how to study.

If you:

- » have no previous university experience
- » didn't complete year 12
- » have had at least a two year break from school or
- » are from a diverse cultural and socio-economic background

Foundation Studies is for you. And there's no need to be shy about it: almost half the students enrolling in UniSA undergraduate programs do not come straight from school.

## The Strands to get a Foundation in

Choose the career path you want to follow and a Foundation Studies strand will prepare you for future study in that discipline. The strand you choose can be studied on campus or at home, either full-time for a year or part-time for up to four years. The four UniSA Disciplines you can choose to explore are:

*Business:* What you learn during your studies will provide you with the latest thinking about critical issues of business and management. We have a global focus which will enable you to embark on your chosen career with a truly international perspective. Through our links with overseas universities you will have the opportunity to study offshore and learn more about the world's business and educational communities, and the many career choices that they present.

*Education Arts and Social Sciences:* UniSA teaches and researches across a broad field of the arts, humanities and social sciences, focusing on applied research and professional education. Our schools of Communication, Education, International Studies, Architecture and Design, Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy, Art and Aboriginal Studies focus on work that contributes to the building of open, democratic, inclusive, creative and sustainable communities.

*Health Sciences:* The Division focuses on the research and education of science-based prevention, diagnosis and treatment of health problems. The course content is relevant both to students and the needs of health professionals worldwide. We form working partnerships and collaborate with business, industry, the community and government which opens up opportunities to a wide range of careers in vital areas of allied health and medical science.

*The Division of Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment:* The global economy has created high demand for skilled, innovative and experienced professionals who can use the latest technologies effectively and intelligently to create sustainable solutions for business, industry and the community. Our five academic schools, flagship research institutes and many related research concentrations are at the cutting edge of teaching and research in areas that are among the most significant to modern society.

# UniSA Foundation Studies

## Open Day information sessions

Sunday, 17 August 2008  
11.15 am, room BH2-16  
City West campus  
[www.unisa.edu.au/openday](http://www.unisa.edu.au/openday)

## Program information session

Wednesday, 29 October  
5.30 pm-7:00 pm  
Hawke Building  
Bradley Forum, Level 5  
City West campus  
[www.unisa.edu.au/infosessions](http://www.unisa.edu.au/infosessions)

UniSA program code:	MFFS
SATAC code:	447011 (Applied Science and Engineering strand)
	447021 (Business strand)
	447031 (Education, Arts and Social Sciences strand)
	447041 (Health Sciences strand)
	447051 (Information Technology strand)
	467011 (Regional strand – Whyalla)
	477011 (Regional strand – Mount Gambier)
TER (minimum for 2007 entry):	N/A
Program length:	1 year
Home campus:	All metropolitan-based strands are run from Magill. However, students may be required to study at other campuses. Regional strands run from Whyalla or Mount Gambier
Program fees:	No fees for Australian students and permanent residents
Prerequisites:	SACE stage 1 passes, or equivalent in Mathematics and Science (Applied Science and Engineering strand)
Accepts Special Entry (STAT):	N/A
External study available:	Most courses
Part-time study available:	Yes
TAFE credit available:	Yes
Honours study available:	No
Scholarships available:	<a href="http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship">www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship</a>

## Program overview

The UniSA Foundation Studies program is a one-year program when undertaken full-time (also available part-time over a period of up to four years). It may be undertaken on or off campus (or a combination of both) and is an excellent pathway for people who wish to study at undergraduate degree level but who do not have the usual qualifications required for entry.

The program offers different study strands that are designed to prepare students for entry into undergraduate programs in the fields of Business; Health Sciences; Education, Arts and Social Sciences; and Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment.

While a break of at least two years (or breaks totalling two years or more) between the completion of school and returning to study will generally be required, in some instances, year 12 students who have experienced educational disadvantage may apply directly from school. Indigenous people are invited to apply at any time.

UniSA Foundation Studies also develops the skills needed for successful tertiary study (organisation, academic reading and writing, information literacy, information technology, communication and group skills) and introduces students to study that will be relevant to their chosen future discipline.

Students applying for any study strand may be eligible for credit for up to half the courses in the program. Contact the Program Director, Program Administrative Officer, or Strand Coordinator for more information.

## Who is it for?

The UniSA Foundation Studies program is a great option for people who:

- » have not previously studied at university
- » did not complete year 12 at school
- » have had a break between school and university
- » wish to return to study to improve their career choices
- » are from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds
- » have just left high school and who have experienced educational disadvantage.

## What will I study?

The UniSA Foundation Studies program consists of core courses taught across all study strands in Study Period 2 (Feb–Jun), and core and selected courses taught in Study Period 5 (Jul–Nov). The different study strands within the program prepare students for entry into an undergraduate program of their choice in the fields of Business; Health Sciences; Education, Arts and Social Sciences; Information Technology; and Applied Science and Engineering.

### What does it take?

Students need the motivation to succeed and the determination to tackle the challenges that tertiary study presents. They will need to be dedicated to their studies and to achieving the level required to gain entry to the undergraduate program of their choice.

While students will be well supported with all aspects of their study, they will also be expected to be independent and proactive adult learners. Students will be provided with opportunities and advice to develop skills in areas such as verbal and written communication, information literacy, numeracy, and computing to prepare them for the demands of tertiary study.

### What can it lead to?

Students who successfully complete the UniSA Foundation Studies program will be eligible to apply for entry into an undergraduate program of their choice in the fields of Business; Health Sciences; Education, Arts and Social Sciences; Information Technology; and Applied Science and Engineering.

Students will need to apply for their chosen program through SATAC.

### How do I apply?

Applicants can apply through SATAC at [www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au) by 30 September to avoid a late fee or before 5 December for equal consideration. For more information, contact SATAC on 1300 138 440.

### Program Plan Requirements

*Division of Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment: Applied Science and Engineering Strand*

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#### FIRST YEAR

#### First Half (Study Period 1, 2 or 3)

Introduction to Tertiary Learning  
 Introductory Computing  
 Introduction to Mathematics 1  
*Select one of the following:*  
 Critical Literacy  
 English Language Studies  
     for Second Language Learners of English

#### Second Half (Study Period 4, 5 or 6)

Introduction to Mathematics 1  
 Introductory Chemistry  
 Introductory Physics  
*Select one of the following:*  
 Human Health  
 Individual and Group Skills  
 Introduction to Mathematics 2  
 Introductory Programming

*Division of Business: Business Strand*

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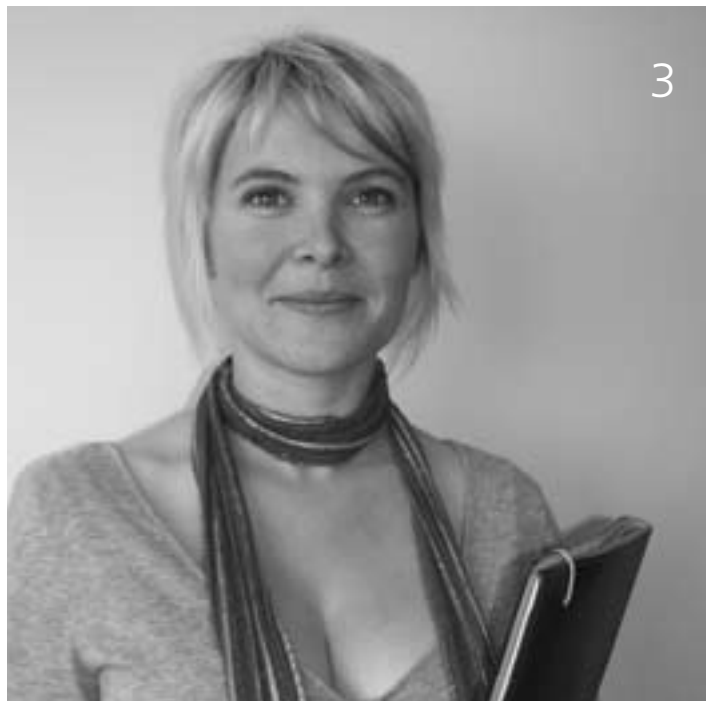
#### FIRST YEAR

#### First Half (Study Period 1, 2 or 3)

Introduction to Tertiary Learning  
 Introductory Computing  
 Society, State and the Individual  
*Select one of the following:*  
 Critical Literacy  
 English Language Studies  
     for Second Language Learners of English

#### Second Half (Study Period 4, 5 or 6)

Financial Skills  
 Individual and Group Skills  
 Information Skills  
*Select one of the following:*  
 Introduction to Mathematics 1  
 Person and Society



## Rebecca Strugnell

### Completed UniSA Foundation Studies

'At the end (of the program) I was just so happy to have put in the hard work and be accepted into social work...and I achieved all of the things I wanted to and more and I learnt a lot about what I am capable of in the process.

I found all the lecturers to be so supportive... and it was nice to get to build a relationship with them as I felt they knew each one of our strengths and weaknesses.

Doing something for yourself and seeing the results is so rewarding...and the year just goes so fast you'll be on your way to a degree in no time.'



*Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences: Education, Arts and Social Sciences Strand*

FIRST YEAR

**First Half (Study Period 1, 2 or 3)**

Introduction to Tertiary Learning  
Introductory Computing  
Society, State and the Individual  
*Select one of the following:*  
Critical Literacy  
English Language Studies for Second Language Learners of English

**Second Half (Study Period 4, 5 or 6)**

Financial Skills  
Individual and Group Skills  
Information Skills  
*Select one of the following:*  
Human Health  
Person and Society

*Division of Health Sciences: Health Sciences Strand*

FIRST YEAR

**First Half (Study Period 1, 2 or 3)**

Introduction to Tertiary Learning  
Introductory Computing  
Society, State and the Individual  
*Select one of the following:*  
Critical Literacy  
English Language Studies for Second Language Learners of English

**Second Half (Study Period 4, 5 or 6)**

Financial Skills  
Human Health  
Individual and Group Skills  
*Select one of the following:*  
Information Skills  
Introductory Chemistry  
Introductory Information Technology Mathematics  
Introduction to Mathematics 1  
Introductory Physics

*Division of Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment: Information Technology Strand*

FIRST YEAR

**First Half (Study Period 1, 2 or 3)**

Introduction to Tertiary Learning  
Introductory Computing  
Introduction to Information Technology Studies  
*Select one of the following:*  
Critical Literacy  
English Language Studies for Second Language Learners of English

**Second Half (Study Period 4, 5 or 6)**

Individual and Group Skills  
Introductory Information Technology Mathematics  
Information Skills  
Introductory Programming

*Regional strand - Mt Gambier and Whyalla*

FIRST YEAR

**First Half (Study Period 1, 2 or 3)**

Critical Literacy  
Introduction to Tertiary Learning  
Introductory Computing  
Society, State and the Individual

**Second Half (Study Period 4, 5 or 6)**

Financial Skills  
Individual and Group Skills  
Information Skills  
*Select one of the following:*  
Human Health  
Introduction to Mathematics 1

- *Students should note that some courses are available in both halves of the year*



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## Ask UniSA

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Telephone 08 8302 2376  
or freecall 1300 UNINOW  
Email [study@unisa.edu.au](mailto:study@unisa.edu.au)

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