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Foundation Studies

Prepare yourself for University



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At UniSA we believe that higher education is for everyone. If you have always wanted to study at university but thought that you wouldn't qualify, Foundation Studies could be your entry to a university degree. If you chose to go straight into the workforce after school but now need better qualifications, you can use UniSA's Foundation Studies to open the doors to a university program.

Foundation Studies is an innovative 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.

5 reasons to do UniSA's Foundation Studies

1. It's for people from all walks of life

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

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 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.

4. It's free

No fees for Australian citizens and permanent residents

5. You'll get the support you need

The Learning and Teaching Unit is UniSA's one-stop support shop on every campus and our teaching staff are here to help you succeed



"I've heard great things about UniSA from my friends but when I found out about the Foundation Studies program I was sold, it's the best learning environment. Everyone is there for the same reasons; to do well and get into something that interests them. The students all wanted to see each other do well too. I saw Foundation Studies as my second chance and I put in a great deal of effort to succeed."

KRISTIE PHILLIPS
Graduate, Bachelor of Medical Radiation
UniSA Foundation Studies

So how does it work?

Choose a strand

UniSA's Foundation Studies is an excellent pathway for people who wish to study at undergraduate level but do not have the usual qualifications for entry. But it is more than just a pathway to university. The program is also intended to help people develop the skills they need to be successful undergraduate students.

Foundation Studies is a single program but it consists of different strands that are designed to prepare students for entry into undergraduate programs in each of UniSA's Divisions:

- » Business
- » Education, Arts and Social Sciences
- » Health Sciences
- » Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment.

Choose the career path that you want to follow and then choose a strand that matches your goal.

You can also choose to study on campus or at home (or a combination of both), either full-time for a year or part-time for up to four years. Students may also be eligible for credit for up to half of the courses in their strand on the basis of prior study or equivalent life experience.

What will I study?

Foundation Studies consists of core program-wide courses that are taught across all strands in Study Period 2 (February-June) and a combination of strand-specific core and selected (elective) courses taught in Study Period 5 (July-November).

The program-wide core courses develop the skills needed for successful tertiary study, such as how to organise and manage university study, academic reading and writing, critical thinking, information literacy, information technology, communication and group skills. The other courses focus on topics that relate to the fields of study or disciplines that are relevant to each strand. These help prepare you for entry into the undergraduate program of your choice.

What does it take?

Like most things in life that are worthwhile, you will need motivation to succeed and determination to tackle the challenges of tertiary study – not only from the academic side of things but also in finding a balance between life and study. You will need to be dedicated to your study and achieve the required level to gain entry to the undergraduate program of your choice.

You will be well supported with all aspects of your study at UniSA but you will need to develop skills to become an independent and proactive learner – we will help you with that too. You will have many opportunities and advice to learn how to learn and to develop your skills in verbal and written communication, information literacy, and computing to prepare you for tertiary studies.

What can it lead to?

You successfully complete Foundation Studies by passing eight courses relevant to your strand and you are then eligible to apply for entry into any UniSA undergraduate program of your choice.



UniSA Foundation Studies strands

<p>Health Sciences strand Division of Health Sciences SATAC code: 447041</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 Foundation Mathematics 1 Introductory Physics</p>	<p>Business strand Division of Business SATAC code: 447021</p> <p>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</p> <p>Second Half Study Period 4, 5 or 6 Financial Skills Individual and Group Skills Information Skills Select one of the following: Foundation Mathematics 1 Person and Society</p>	<p>Education, Arts and Social Sciences strand Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences SATAC code: 447031</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Applied Science and Engineering strand Division of Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment SATAC code: 447011</p> <p>First Half Study Period 1, 2 or 3 Introduction to Tertiary Learning Introductory Computing Foundation Mathematics 1 Select one of the following: Critical Literacy English Language Studies for Second Language Learners of English</p> <p>Second Half Study Period 4, 5 or 6 Introductory Chemistry Introductory Physics Select two of the following: Human Health Individual and Group Skills Foundation Mathematics 2 Introductory Programming</p>	<p>Information Technology strand Division of Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment SATAC code: 447051</p> <p>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</p> <p>Second Half Study Period 4, 5 or 6 Individual and Group Skills Introductory Information Technology Mathematics Information Skills Introductory Programming</p>	<p>Regional strand Mt Gambier and Whyalla SATAC code: 467011 <small>Whyalla</small> SATAC code: 477011 <small>Mt Gambier</small></p> <p>First Half Study Period 1, 2 or 3 Critical Literacy Introduction to Tertiary Learning Introductory Computing Society, State and the Individual</p> <p>Second Half Study Period 4, 5 or 6 Financial Skills Individual and Group Skills Information Skills Select one of the following: Human Health Foundation Mathematics 1</p>
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Note: some courses are available in both halves of the year

For more information visit:
www.unisa.edu.au/future/foundation

Coming to UniSA?

Here's some helpful advice

Learning at UniSA

Generally, your study schedule will be divided into contact hours (the time you spend in lectures, tutorials and practicums) and independent study hours (the time you devote to study, research, revision and assignments). Contact hours will vary, depending on what you choose to study. Independent study hours will vary according to the individual but, as with other commitments, the more you put in, the more you'll get back.

Getting through university

If you need financial assistance while at uni there are a number of options available:

- » Austudy is an income tested allowance for those over the age of 25 studying an approved program;
- » ABSTUDY provides support to Indigenous students to help with study and living expenses;
- » Youth Allowance is an income tested allowance for those under the age of 25 studying an approved program.

Visit www.centreforlink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/individuals/st_index.htm for more information or contact 132 317 (ABSTUDY enquiries) or 132 490 (Austudy, Youth Allowance enquiries).

How to apply for Foundation Studies

Apply online to SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre) by the beginning of December and if you only apply for UniSA Foundation Studies you will pay a processing fee but not a late fee. If you plan to apply for other programs as well as Foundation Studies, processing and late fees will apply.

Apply online www.satac.edu.au/uniweb or call (08) 8224 4000.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are welcome to apply for Foundation Studies at UniSA. Apply to SATAC (see details above) or contact Indigenous Student Services (ISS) on (08) 8302 9194 or visit www.unisa.edu.au/isu

Applicants with a disability

If you have a disability, you will be considered for UniSA's Foundation Studies through the usual application procedures. For more information contact one of UniSA's Disability Advisers on (08) 8302 4736 or teletypewriter on (08) 8302 4842.



"I didn't have the prerequisites I needed to get into Engineering so I did Foundation Studies to get them. At school you are told what to do and what to learn, I loved the freedom of university study; being able to organise myself, to work hard when I wanted to and study in my own time. UniSA's teachers were great too. There was one in particular who really knew his stuff and could explain things really well. Because he took an interest and made an effort to help, you didn't want to let him down."

BILLY HORN
Student, Bachelor of Engineering
UniSA Foundation Studies



"I worked in recruitment and at some point realised that I had no credibility outside of what a referee from my working life would give me. That's when I decided I was off to university but after a bit of research I became quite fearful. I couldn't even navigate the various websites, let alone think about sitting an entrance test. Then I came across UniSA PAL (Program for Adult Learners) at Hamilton College which provided me with a pathway to university. I have been exposed to so much since I started studying Law at UniSA, the future is looking bright."

CATHY BEATON
Student, Bachelor of Laws
UniSA Foundation Studies (UniSA PAL)



"I was so happy to have completed Foundation Studies and be accepted into the Bachelor of Social Work. 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."

REBECCA STRUGNELL
Student, Bachelor of Social Work
UniSA Foundation Studies (Whyalla campus)

"I used to think that I wasn't academically minded. I bombed at school and went travelling. A stint working in a whitegoods factory convinced me that I was not going to do that for the rest of my life. UniSA Foundation Studies gave me a second chance to continue my education, it also helped me to find the direction and commitment I needed to complete my uni degree."

SAM HASTWELL
Graduate, Bachelor of
Communication and Media
UniSA Foundation Studies

Tips for succeeding at UniSA

- » Work out a realistic study plan to keep yourself aware of assignment deadlines and exam periods and adjust it according to your progress;
- » Set up a comfortable, quiet study space at home where you won't be distracted by noise or other people;
- » Make time for catch-ups with friends and family for moral support and a healthy break from study;
- » Establish support networks at uni. Clarify queries with your tutors and lecturers. Develop friendships with classmates;
- » Stay healthy. Take time out to exercise, eat well and get plenty of sleep;
- » Talk to a UniSA Librarian about research methods, borrowing policies and establish a study pathway that will best suit you.

For more information visit
www.unisa.edu.au/tu/students

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Sign up to CareerShop, your personalised careers network that helps you make informed choices about your university and career paths. It has been designed specifically for those returning to study just like you. CareerShop gives you:

- » Access to podcasts and videos relevant to your career area of interest.
- » Invitations to career and university events. Meet people studying and working in the career of your choice.
- » Student, graduate and lecturer profiles and blogs. Get the inside scoop from people who have a career in your area of interest.
- » links to industry websites and news. Check out the latest trends in industry.

To register, simply log on to www.unisa.edu.au/careershop, fill in your details and start exploring. And you'll receive regular CareerShop updates by email each time we upload new information.

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Program length:	1 year, on or off campus, full or part time.
Eligible:	Open to Australian citizens and permanent residents who are 18 years or over by 1 February 2010 and who do not have any other qualifications for entry.
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 citizens and permanent residents.
Prerequisites:	Applied Science and Engineering strand – SACE stage 1 (Year 11) passes, or equivalent in Mathematics and Science. (Note: those admitted to other strands who wish to enrol in Foundation Mathematics 1 or 2 will also need SACE stage 1 or equivalent in Mathematics.)
External study available:	Most courses.
Part-time study available:	Yes
TAFE credit available:	Yes



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Further Information

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Email study@unisa.edu.au

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Get answers 24/7 at unisa.edu.au/future

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Foundation Studies information session

Wednesday, 25 November

5.30pm-7:00pm

Hawke Building

Bradley Forum, Level 5

City West campus

Register at www.unisa.edu.au/future/foundation