



UniSA

## UniSA College

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**Ashley Parsons**  
Foundation Studies

“Foundation Studies has helped me gain a better understanding of what it takes to study at university. After completing Foundation Studies I hope to gain entry into a Bachelor of Education, specialising in teaching primary and middle school students.

I would highly recommend Foundation Studies. It has equipped me with the confidence and essential skills needed to reach my potential and to be prepared for whatever challenges lay ahead.”



# Welcome



“The purpose of UniSA College is to develop the talent and skills of more South Australians to underpin the depth, capacity and energy of the workforce.

The education system does a great job of preparing the vast majority of students for study and training beyond school, but we know there are always people who, for many different reasons, do not take the traditional path and we want to ensure they don't miss their chance to enter higher education.”

## Professor Peter Høj

Vice Chancellor and President  
University of South Australia



“We see a wide range of students who desperately want to find a way into higher education; including mature-age people who have already had one career, young people who have experienced challenges in their final years at school and people who are looking to use their talents by taking a new direction in their life.

UniSA College is about making these ambitions possible and supporting people to develop the confidence and skills to reach their full potential.”

## Professor Joanne Wright

Deputy Vice Chancellor and Vice President: Academic  
University of South Australia



“Welcome to UniSA College.

Your time at the University of South Australia will begin as a student within the unique environment of the UniSA College. The college provides life-changing opportunities for people from many different backgrounds and will prepare you for success at university.

Whether you elect to study a one year UniSA College Foundation Studies program or a two year diploma program, you will experience the college's friendly and welcoming learning environment.

Our focus on developing supportive relationships between staff and students will assist you to achieve at your highest possible level.

I look forward to witnessing your success as a student and your achievement of personal goals within and beyond the University of South Australia.”

## Mr Stephen Dowdy

Head of UniSA College  
University of South Australia

# UniSA College

## Build your career on a solid foundation

UniSA College was established in 2011 to assist students to prepare for university. The college provides high quality educational opportunities for people from all walks of life through a combination of academic and community engagement programs.



## What can I study?

In 2012, UniSA College will be offering three programs:

### Foundation Studies

A free, one year program with no qualifications required for entry. This program assists students to develop the skills required for successful university-level study. Upon successful completion, students can apply for entry into a UniSA degree or to enter the second year of a UniSA College diploma program.

### Diploma of Arts

A two year program designed to provide guaranteed entry into the second year of a social sciences or communication and media degree at UniSA.

### Diploma of Science and Technology

A two year program which provides guaranteed entry into the second year of a UniSA degree in life sciences, environmental science, physical science, health and exercise science, nursing or biomedical science.

## Who is UniSA College for?

The college's programs allow entry from Australian citizens and permanent residents who are 18 years of age or over and who don't have more than a Certificate III qualification.

UniSA College programs provide more than just entry into university, they also equip students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in their chosen degree.

### Why do a diploma?

- It's an alternative entry into a university degree
- The entry scores are lower than direct entry into a UniSA degree
- Students learn the skills required for successful university study
- Seamless transition into a UniSA degree
- Guaranteed entry into the second year of a UniSA degree upon successful completion

### Why do Foundation Studies?

- It's for people from all walks of life
- It thoroughly prepares students for their degree
- It's for people with no qualifications
- It's free!
- Students get extensive support

## Why study at UniSA College?

Foundation Studies and diploma students are part of the UniSA community. UniSA College students have access to the full range of technological and social services and support available at UniSA.

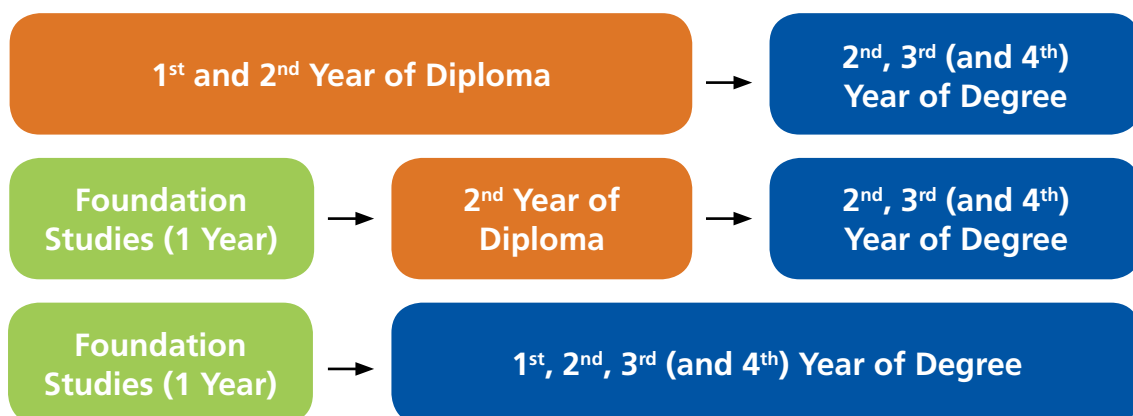
In addition, UniSA College provides:

- Dedicated teaching spaces
- Small class sizes
- A common room with dedicated computers and a kitchen
- Additional support to help students reach their full potential!

## Where can UniSA College take you?

Studying at UniSA College is the first step to a university degree.

Students can gain entry into an undergraduate degree at UniSA through the college's Foundation Studies or diploma programs. The three pathways a student may take are shown below.



# Foundation Studies



## Program overview

UniSA Foundation Studies is a free, one year program for students with no previous qualifications. Students will learn the skills required for successful university-level study. On completion of the program, students may use their grade point average (GPA) to apply for entry into a university degree or for entry into the second year of a UniSA College diploma.

At UniSA, Foundation Studies students are part of the university community. They are taught on campus, by UniSA staff and have access to the full range of support services that UniSA provides. This allows for a smooth transition into a UniSA degree upon successful completion of the Foundation Studies program.

### Program snapshot

Program code	MFFS
ATAR	Not required
Program length	1 year
Prerequisites	None
Assumed knowledge	None
Home campus	City West
STAT entry	Not required
External study available	Yes
Part-time study available	Yes
TAFE credit available	No
Program fees	Free

### Program strands

There are eight strands of the Foundation Studies program.

SATAC codes	
447011	Applied Science and Engineering
447021	Business
447031	Education, Arts and Social Sciences
447041	Health Sciences
447051	Information Technology
477011	Regional – Mt Gambier
467011	Regional – Whyalla
427011	UniStart (students aged 18 – 20)

## What will I learn?

Foundation Studies builds the skills students need to study successfully at a tertiary level. In the first semester, all students undertake general courses to develop their tertiary learning, computing and academic literacy skills.

In the second semester, students complete introductory courses related specifically to their strand choice. For example, those in the Applied Sciences strand will complete introductory physics and chemistry courses.

Students between 18 and 20 years of age will study the UniStart stream. This stream allows students to study slightly more technologically advanced foundation courses.

## Who is it for?

There are no formal entry requirements for the Foundation Studies program, however applicants must:

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Be at least 18 years of age by February 1 in the intended year of study
- Not have completed more than a Certificate III qualification

Applications for Foundation Studies can be made through SATAC.

### How to apply

Apply via SATAC online at [satac.edu.au/uniweb](http://satac.edu.au/uniweb)

For application deadlines check the SATAC website.

## What can it lead to?

### A university degree

Throughout the Foundation Studies program students will be assessed. Every student will receive a grade point average (GPA) out of 7, calculated by their average course results.

On completion of the Foundation Studies program, students can use their GPA to apply for entry into any university degree. Applications for degrees should be made as per the normal application process.

Entry from Foundation Studies into a university degree is competitive.



### A UniSA College diploma program

Upon successful completion of Foundation Studies, students may apply for entry into the second year of a UniSA College Diploma of Arts or Diploma of Science and Technology.

Students may choose this option because they would like the college's staff to continue to support them as they transition into an undergraduate degree.



# Diploma of Arts



## Program overview

The Diploma of Arts is a two year program providing alternative entry into a social sciences or communication and media degree.

Successful completion of the diploma will provide students with a guaranteed, seamless transition into the second year of a degree at UniSA.

### Program snapshot

Program code	DDAR
ATAR	TBC
Program length	2 years
Prerequisites	None
Assumed knowledge	None
Home campus	City West & Magill
STAT entry	No
External study available	Partial
Part-time study available	Yes
TAFE credit available	No
Program fees	Commonwealth supported HECS-HELP

## Program specialisations

There are two specialisations in the Diploma of Arts:

- Social Sciences
- Communication and Media

## What will I learn?

During the first year of the diploma program, students will learn academic literacy, numeracy, communication and computing skills vital to successful tertiary-level study.

In their second year, students will start taking courses from their nominated specialisation, while still receiving additional support from UniSA College.

## Who is it for?

The Diploma of Arts is designed for school leavers who do not meet the required ATAR to get directly into the social sciences or communication and media degree of their choice.

Entry requirements (one of the following):

- SACE:
  - Completed 200 credits of subjects
  - Achieved a grade of C- or better in the Personal Learning Plan, 20 credits of literacy, 10 credits of numeracy and the Research Project Stage 2
  - Achieved a grade C- or better in an additional 60 credits at Stage 2 and
  - Obtained an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)
- Completed the equivalent secondary education qualifications, as required under SACE and fulfilled any prerequisite requirements
- Completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma, obtaining a minimum score of 24 points and fulfilled any prerequisite requirements
- Completed an award from TAFE or from another registered training organisation, no higher than a Certificate III
- Qualified for special entry and fulfilled any prerequisite requirements
- Successfully completed the UniSA College Foundation Studies program

Applicants must also:

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Be at least 18 years of age by February 1 in the intended year of study
- Not have completed more than a Certificate III qualification

Applications for the Diploma of Arts can be made directly to the UniSA College.

## What can it lead to?

### Guaranteed entry into second year of a UniSA degree

Graduates of the Diploma of Arts are guaranteed entry into a degree at UniSA. Students who apply for one of the degrees listed below are also guaranteed eight courses of credit.

- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Social Science (Human Services)
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Communication (Media and Culture)
- Bachelor of Arts (Writing and Creative Communication)
- Bachelor of Media Arts

## How to apply

Apply directly to the UniSA College via UniSA Apply Online  
[unisa.edu.au/applyonline](https://unisa.edu.au/applyonline)

For application deadlines visit the UniSA College website  
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1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Diploma



2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> (and 4<sup>th</sup>)  
Year of Degree

# Diploma of Science and Technology



## Program overview

The Diploma of Science and Technology is a two year program. It provides alternative entry into a degree in life sciences, environmental science, physical science, nursing, health and exercise science or biomedical science.

Successful completion of the diploma will provide students with a guaranteed, seamless transition into the second year of a degree at UniSA.

### Program snapshot

Program code	DDST
ATAR	TBC
Program length	2 years
Prerequisites	None
Assumed knowledge	None
Home campus	City West, Mawson Lakes & City East
STAT entry	No
External study available	Partial
Part-time study available	Yes
TAFE credit available	No
Program fees	Commonwealth supported HECS-HELP

### Program specialisations

There are six specialisations in the Diploma of Science and Technology:

- Life Sciences
- Environmental Science
- Physical Science
- Nursing
- Health and Exercise Science
- Biomedical Science

## What will I learn?

During the first year of the diploma program, students learn academic literacy, numeracy and communication skills vital to successful tertiary-level study. Students also complete introductory mathematics, chemistry and physics courses. In second year, students will start taking more courses from their nominated specialisation, while still receiving additional support from UniSA College.

## Who is it for?

The Diploma of Science and Technology is for school leavers who do not meet the required ATAR to get directly into a life sciences, environmental science, physical science, nursing, health and exercise science or biomedical science degree.

Entry requirements (one of the following):

- SACE:
  - Completed 200 credits of subjects
  - Achieved a grade of C- or better in the Personal Learning Plan, 20 credits of literacy, 10 credits of numeracy and the Research Project Stage 2
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Applicants must also be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, be at least 18 years of age by February 1 in the intended year of study and not have completed more than a Certificate III qualification.

## What can it lead to?

### Guaranteed entry into second year of a UniSA degree

Graduates of the Diploma of Science and Technology are guaranteed entry into a degree at UniSA. Students who apply for one of the degrees listed below are also guaranteed eight courses of credit.

- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Environmental Science
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Laboratory Medicine
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement and Health Studies)
- Bachelor of Health Science
- Bachelor of Medical Science
- Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science
- Bachelor of Nutrition and Food Sciences

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Year of Degree

# Fees

## Foundation Studies

The Foundation Studies program is free. No fee payments need to be made.

## Diplomas

The diploma programs are Commonwealth supported under the HECS-HELP scheme.

### How does HECS-HELP work?

Australian citizens and holders of permanent humanitarian visas can defer payment of their diploma fees, until they are earning a specified salary. If students choose to defer payment for the full amount of their student contribution, they will not be required to pay any fees upfront.

### How do I apply for HECS-HELP?

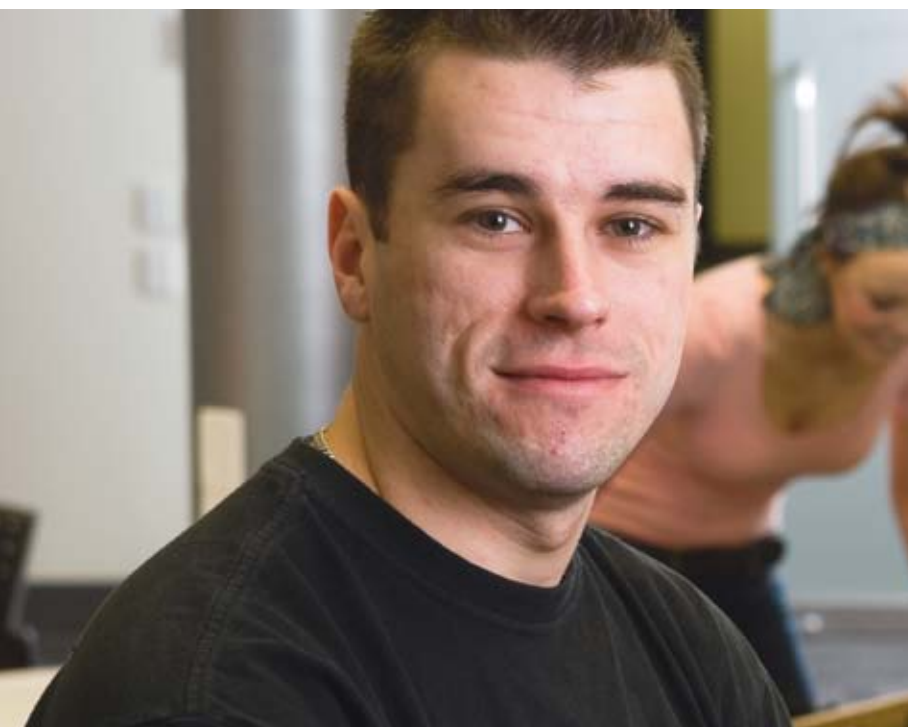
Applications for HECS-HELP are made as part of the enrolment process once a student is accepted into the program.

### How much will my program cost?

The program cost is determined based on the student contribution amounts determined by the Australian government and is calculated based on the courses undertaken as part of the program.

### When do I have to pay it back?

Repayments must be made when the student reaches the minimum income threshold. Currently, the minimum threshold is at approximately \$47,196 per annum. Repayment is 4% of the student's taxable income for the minimum threshold and up to 8% of the student's taxable income for salaries above \$87,650. Voluntary repayments can also be made.



### Colin Price Foundation Studies

"After working in a factory for 5 years, I realised that a career change was in order. I wanted a more challenging and better paying position and I decided getting a degree was the right road to get there. Unfortunately during high school, I didn't comprehend where my education could take me and my grades reflected that.

Foundation Studies was just the step I needed to transition smoothly into student life as an adult and gain the prerequisite knowledge required for an engineering degree."

# Scholarships and grants

UniSA offers a range of scholarships and grants for new and current students.

Scholarships are often awarded for:

- Academic achievement
- Economically disadvantaged students
- Rural students
- Indigenous students

For the latest information about scholarships, please visit [unisa.edu.au/scholarships](http://unisa.edu.au/scholarships)

## How to apply

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#### Donna Douvartzidis Foundation Studies

"I chose to proceed with Foundation Studies instead of walking straight into a degree. I had not studied in 20 years and felt that the foundation course would provide me with the information and skills required to produce a well written academic paper. Since starting the program, I have gained confidence in myself and my academic abilities by achieving high marks.

Foundation Studies is gold that is being offered to us for free... who would not want to grab it with both hands?!"





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