



Who is eligible to study the course?

All active members of the ADF, including Reservists in the Navy, Army and Air Force, are eligible to study this course.

Students from other universities are eligible to enrol

You can become a cross-institutional student in this course. If you are enrolled in a program at one educational institution (the home institution) and are permitted by that institution to enrol in courses at another recognised educational institution (the host institution), then this course may be counted towards an award of the home institution.

How do I enrol?

Eligible students can enrol in *Service Learning in the Australian Defence Force* (EDUC 1070) as an elective.

Students of the University of South Australian can apply for the course through Enrol Online, UniSA's online enrolment system. Students from other universities will need to complete UniSA's form for cross institutional study as part of the application and admission process (see: www.unisa.edu.au/studysas/forms/default.asp).

The prerequisite for the course is that you are active with the ADF. Please provide the Course Coordinator with evidence of this prior to commencing the course (e.g. your Personal Management Key) and ADF contact details for verification.

Please note that certain professional programs may be unable to offer this course due to registration and/or professional restrictions. Please check with your Program Director prior to enrolment in this course.



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For Further information

For more information about *Service Learning in the Australian Defence Force* (EDUC 1070), please visit:

www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/courses/course.asp?Course=101770

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Service Learning in the Australian Defence Force

What is Service Learning?

Service Learning is a form of experiential learning, which is a core concept adopted by the University of South Australia to increase student engagement. It involves practice-based learning experiences which allow students to use their developing professional knowledge in practical settings that are directed to the support of other people.

Service Learning is valuable for fostering those aspects of UniSA's Graduate Qualities that are more about personal attributes and value positions than simply work-related capabilities. It prepares students for lifelong learning, whilst recognising the orientation to citizenship in graduate qualities, such as:

- Ethical Action and Social Responsibility; or
- International Perspectives.



Service Learning in the Australian Defence Force (EDUC 1070)

Service Learning in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) is offered as an elective for students to incorporate into their study program.

The course has been developed in partnership with Defence Reserves Support South Australia to acknowledge the service learning opportunity provided by participating in the ADF. This included the grouping of ADF activities into four broad contexts:

1. Service Values.
2. Professional Development.
3. Defence Deployment/Support.
4. Community Engagement.

Service Values covers activities such as recruit training or equity & diversity training. These activities develop values of the ADF as well as specific values for each service area. All ADF personnel have the opportunity to reflect on ADF values against the values of their chosen profession.

Other opportunities to develop graduate qualities vary across Service Areas. Professional Development activities, such as simulated learning situations and exercises, can be tailored to specific situations (e.g. naval exercises, emergencies).

The activities individuals choose to participate in, also impacts upon the opportunities to develop graduate qualities. For instance, Reservists deployed in the Solomon Islands can reflect on the development of multiple graduate qualities, including gaining international perspectives valued in a global society and workplace.

Community engagement such as representing the ADF in community events or ceremonial services such as Anzac Day, also offer the potential to reflect upon being part of the wider community to become "twice the citizen".

What are the benefits of studying this course?

Service Learning in the Australian Defence Force allows ADF personnel to use their experiences in the ADF towards their university studies. Benefits include:

- Developing personal attributes rather than skills and knowledge alone (e.g. empathy, values, awareness, self-esteem and confidence, social-responsibility and a sense of caring for others).
- The freedom to choose how long the course takes to complete (e.g. within one study period or up to 12 months).
- Online delivery providing the flexibility to plan learning around ADF commitments and other activities with access to an ePortfolio.

Students will:

- Identify the graduate qualities they wish to develop in this course.
- Identify activities in the ADF that reinforce and strengthen their learning.
- Reflect about their experiences and the development of graduate qualities.
- Gain credit for their learning outcomes within the service learning experience, rather than being rewarded for the number of hours alone.

UniSA supports students in the Australian Defence Force

The development of this course is just one way that UniSA supports members of the ADF. The University has a number of policies and procedures to support ADF students in a flexible learning environment.

Details of these are available at

<http://www.unisa.edu.au/future/industry/adf.asp>

