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Southern Cross University Undergraduate Course Guide 2024

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Transforming > Tomorrow



Transform your future

At Southern Cross University, we are driven by a clear purpose: to change lives through revolutionary learning and research with real impact. Our game-changing education model is focused on active, immersive learning and increased student success with an innovative calendar of six-week terms.

When you join Southern Cross, you are part of a community of inspiring educators, talented students and passionate researchers who are making a positive impact on the world. Together, we are Transforming Tomorrow.



3 main campuses
7 branch campuses



75,000+
graduates



18,000+
students



5-star Overall Experience in Business, Computing & Information Systems, Engineering, Humanities & Social Sciences



TOP 200 Young Universities
TOP 300 for Physical Sciences
TOP 400 for Psychology and Life Sciences
TOP 500 for Social Sciences and Education



World Standard or Above in
23 Key Research Areas



Top 100 for Oceanography
Top 150 for Nursing
Top 200 for Hospitality and Tourism Management



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Southern Cross University acknowledges and pays respect to the ancestors, Elders and descendants of the Lands upon which we meet and study. We are mindful that these Lands always were and always will be Aboriginal Land.

Our campuses

We are a multi-campus university on Australia's east coast with main campuses at the Gold Coast in Queensland, in the Northern Rivers and at Coffs Harbour in New South Wales.

The regions we call home all have unique characteristics as study locations – from cosmopolitan cities, thriving industries and coastal lifestyles to living laboratories of great natural beauty and ecological diversity within easy reach of the campus.

Our branch campuses are located in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, while The Hotel School – our unique partnership with Mulpha Australia – has campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and on Hayman Island. Our Coomera Creative Campus is an educational partnership with TAFE Queensland.



Legend

- Main campuses
Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour
- Branch campuses
Sydney, Melbourne, Perth (EduCo)
Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane & Hayman Island (The Hotel School)

Gold Coast campus

Our Gold Coast campus is located at Coolangatta on the lands of the Yugambah Nation, just 400 metres from North Kirra Beach, and adjacent to the Gold Coast Airport. Many vantage points offer stunning views of the Pacific Ocean.

The campus is spread across three contemporary buildings that house innovative learning spaces, health science laboratories, computer labs, student lounges, the University's Digital Enterprise Lab and an on-campus Health Clinic.

At the Gold Coast you can study:

- Accounting and Financial Services
- Arts
- Biomedical Science
- Business and Enterprise
- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Contemporary Music (Coomera)
- Digital Media (Coomera)
- Education
- Engineering
- Information Technology
- Law, Legal and Justice Studies
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Naturopathic Medicine
- Occupational Therapy
- Osteopathic Studies
- Pathway programs
- Psychological Science
- Social Work and Community Welfare
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Speech Pathology



Transport hub



On-campus Health Clinic



Digital Enterprise Lab



Beachside campus



Northern Rivers campus

Lismore is the foundation Southern Cross campus, located in the heart of the Northern Rivers on the lands of the Bundjalung Nation. Set on acres of lush rainforest that includes a koala hospital, Lismore is a hub for our creative degrees, within easy reach of both national parks and the ocean.

It is also home to state-of-the-art engineering and environmental science facilities, specialist health labs and simulated hospital wards, a Learning Centre and library complex, heated pool and gym, on-campus accommodation, the University's Enterprise Lab and a Health Clinic.

At Lismore you can study:

- Art and Design
- Arts
- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Contemporary Music
- Digital Media
- Education
- Engineering
- Indigenous Knowledge
- Naturopathic Medicine
- Nursing
- Osteopathic Studies
- Pathway programs
- Science (Earth and Environmental, Forestry, Regenerative Agriculture or science majors)
- Sport and Exercise Science.



On-campus Health Clinic



Innovation Hub



On-campus accommodation



Surrounded by nature



Coffs Harbour campus

Coffs Harbour campus is located on the lands of the Gumbaynggirr Nation at the heart of an education and innovation hub. Coffs Harbour boasts a relaxed coastal lifestyle but this growing city also hosts international sporting events and regional festivals thanks to outstanding facilities and a major regional airport.

A multi-million-dollar Health Sciences Building on campus features a biomechanics running track and high-tech simulation teaching laboratories. The campus also has a fitness centre, on-campus accommodation, sporting fields and proximity to beautiful beaches and national parks. The University's world-renowned National Marine Science Centre is located in nearby Charlesworth Bay.

At Coffs Harbour you can study:

- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Education
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Pathway programs
- Psychological Science
- Science (Marine Systems)
- Speech Pathology
- Sport and Exercise Science.



Coastal lifestyle



International sports



Health Sciences precinct



On-campus accommodation



Study online

Geography is no longer a barrier to an excellent university education. Online learning in the Southern Cross Model is a dynamic and interactive environment, where you can access multimedia course content and interact with your peers and tutors, getting feedback as you go.

As an online student you have access to all campus facilities including libraries and study spaces as well as campus activities and clubs. It's a quality Southern Cross University education with the convenience of studying where, and when, it suits you best.

Arts and Humanities

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws

Business

- Diploma of Business
- Bachelor of Business and Enterprise
- Bachelor of Business and Enterprise, Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Innovation with Honours[^]

Creative Industries

- Associate Degree of Creative Writing
- Bachelor of Digital Media

Education

- Diploma of Education
- Bachelor of Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Education

Engineering

- Diploma of Engineering
- Associate Degree of Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours)
- Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours), Bachelor of Business and Enterprise[^]

Health

- Diploma of Health (Psychological Science)
- Bachelor of Health and Human Sciences (Honours)
- Bachelor of Counselling
- Bachelor of Psychological Science
- Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Business and Enterprise

Indigenous Knowledge

- Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge

Information Technology

- Diploma of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business and Enterprise

Law

- Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)
- Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies)
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business and Enterprise
- Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies

Science and Environment

- Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture
- Diploma of Science
- Bachelor of Science

Social Work and Community Welfare

- Diploma of Health (Community Welfare)
- Bachelor of Community Welfare
- Bachelor of Social Work

Pathway programs

- Preparing for Success Program

Some units may require attendance at on-campus workshops, field trips or practical activities. Check the website for details.

[^] Pending University approval.



Learn anywhere,
anytime



Connected
student community



Access campus
facilities



Great learning
support

Student life

Going to university is not only about getting a first-class education and setting yourself up for that dream career. It's also about having fun, making lasting friendships and enjoying the social side of university life.

UniLife

Our UniLife program aims to encourage your academic success and support your wellbeing. Students can get involved in social sports clubs and societies, and University-wide events such as the University Student Awards, snow tour, learn-to-surf camps, beach and water safety programs, and other national competitions.

For details visit:

scu.edu.au/unilife





Go global with a study exchange

Study abroad for a few weeks or for a whole year as part of a global exchange with one of our partner universities. Your global exchange could also count towards your degree. Don't forget to check out the scholarships for exchange that can help with the costs of your transport or living expenses.

More details and how to apply at:

scu.edu.au/global-experience



An exchange in Singapore expanded my horizons

Associate Degree of International Hotel and Tourism Management student Holly Scanlon said travelling to Singapore showed her the different paths available to her. "Once I went to Singapore, I realised that there are a lot of opportunities and I think it gave us a chance to expand our horizons. It gave me a new perspective on what I can do with my degree."



New Colombo Plan scholarships for study in the Indo-Pacific region

Pearl Andrews and Yasmeen Daniels were awarded a prestigious New Colombo Plan scholarship in 2023, allowing them to study in the Indo-Pacific region for up to one year.

Pearl, a Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge student majoring in Law and Justice, is headed for Fiji where she will study Indigenous (and Pacific Islander) methodologies for combating climate change while Yasmeen, a Bachelor of Science (Environmental Systems and Marine Systems) student will undertake an internship in South Korea, as she would like to be able to experience a completely different ecosystem in a temperate climate. It's also a great opportunity for her to be immersed in Korean culture and learn a new language.



The Southern Cross Model

A better way to learn

Six-week Terms

Six Terms of six weeks each across the year. Complete one or two units in a Term with a two-week break in between each one.

Increased success

Since the Southern Cross Model was implemented, our students have achieved higher grades than ever before.

Immersive learning

Focus on just one or two units each Term for an immersive study experience. Learn more, quickly, in workshops and tutorials.

Greater completion

More students complete their units successfully in the Southern Cross Model. It's a better, and more enjoyable way to learn.

You're in control

The Southern Cross Model works with you in juggling all your other commitments – family, work, sport, friends. It's university for the 21st century.



Our top 5 tips to get the most out of the Southern Cross Model

Learn more:



scu.edu.au/southern-cross-model/5-top-tips

1

Be ready for a new way of learning

- Become familiar with the way the Model works
- Know what to expect from active learning

2

Plan your six weeks

- Start planning straight away before the start of your first Term
- Read the Unit Overview in the Orientation Module
- Map out your assessments on a Term Planner

3

Get ready for your first week

- Do the Unit Orientation Module
- Make notes if you have any questions

4

Ask for help when you need it

Check out all the support services available to you

For details visit:

scu.edu.au/current-students/student-support



5

Find your tribe

- Join in all the class activities
- Ask lots of questions
- Listen to what others have to say
- Connect with your student community

"It's just super-manageable and you're engaged with what your professors are talking about."

Lucia, Business student.





Tuition fees and study costs

Commonwealth Supported Places

Tuition fees for most undergraduate and some postgraduate degrees are subsidised by the Australian Government. These are called Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP). You pay a part of the tuition fees and the Government pays the rest.

You can defer the payment of your fees for a CSP degree through the HECS-HELP loan scheme. This allows you to postpone paying your fees until your income reaches a certain threshold. You then pay it back a little at a time through the tax system.

For details visit:

studyassist.gov.au



For details visit:

scu.edu.au/fees



Student Services and Amenities Fee

Also known as SSAF, the Student Services and Amenities Fee is used to provide important services and amenities to students both on and off campus. The SSAF is calculated per unit, based on the unit's credit point value. The maximum SSAF fee in 2023 was \$326. Eligible students have the option of deferring this fee through the SA-HELP loan scheme.

Other study costs

Your costs could also include computer equipment and software, stationery, field trips, uniforms or other course-specific expenses such as art materials, musical equipment or travel for practicums, internships or industry experience.

Books and supplies

Most courses will require you to buy textbooks. The cost of textbooks varies greatly from unit to unit. Students can consult booktopia.com.au to find textbooks for a given unit. Second-hand textbooks are sometimes available.

Scholarships

One easy application for a range of scholarships

Scholarships really make a difference. They make your education even more attainable by reducing the financial burden of study – enabling you to focus on your studies and put your learning first.

There are scholarships for every stage of your journey at Southern Cross University. Applying is easy. With one application you will be considered for a wide range of scholarships.

Scholarships range in value from \$600, which could help you buy textbooks, to \$60,000 over 4 years, which could help pay your living expenses and assist you to study full-time.

Scholarships are available to undergraduate and postgraduate students for:

- Academic achievement
- Financial hardship
- Indigenous Australian students
- Leadership and community involvement.

There are also Australian Government scholarships available for students who move to regional areas to attend university or to study abroad as an international exchange student.

More details and how to apply:

scu.edu.au/scholarships



For equity scholarships visit:

uac.edu.au/equity



Supporting your studies

No student is an island. No matter the extra help you need – we've got you covered.



Careers and employability service



Equity and inclusion services



Mentor programs



Academic skills help



Counselling services



Student advocacy



Indigenous student support



Wifi and tech services

"I was so overwhelmed when I got the news that I was granted \$7,500 through Southern Cross University's Student Opportunities Fund and I am beyond grateful! The scholarship will help me cover the start-up costs of my drone business and it means I can finish my studies without having to take on additional part-time jobs."

Dayna Scapin, scholarship recipient and Bachelor of Science (Regenerative Agriculture) student.



Image credit: Rhys Thomas

SCU College

If you don't meet the Bachelor degree entry requirements, SCU College offers a range of alternative pathways to university study. SCU College classes are small and extra support is available for all students.

Preparing for Success Program

The Preparing for Success Program (PSP) can be completed full-time over 12 weeks or part-time in one year, either on campus or online. PSP is fee-free and equips you with the study skills needed for success at university. Students who complete the program can proceed directly to a Southern Cross University degree with the confidence that they are well-prepared*.

Transition to Uni

Transition to Uni is a fee-free, intensive preparatory course designed for current ATAR-eligible Year 12 students or school leavers who have completed Year 12 with an ATAR (or equivalent). The course develops the key academic literacies and foundational scientific and quantitative concepts you will need at university. Passing the Transition to Uni program will guarantee you entry into a Southern Cross University undergraduate degree*.

SCU College Diplomas

The College also offers a range of Diplomas, which are guaranteed pathways to a Bachelor degree. Whether it's business, education, information technology, engineering, health, or science, SCU College has a pathway Diploma to suit you. Diplomas can be a one-year standalone qualification or provide up to one year of credit towards a Bachelor degree. Classes are small and focus on improving your academic skills and discipline knowledge. Diploma students also have access to the College Connect academic support workshops.

For more information about SCU College pathways, visit:

scu.edu.au/scu-college



* Some degrees have additional entry requirements. Please refer to the relevant course page for further information.





My pathway to a career in health

When international student from Czechia, Martina Svoboda, decided on a career change, she felt the Diploma of Health was the perfect entry point to a new field.

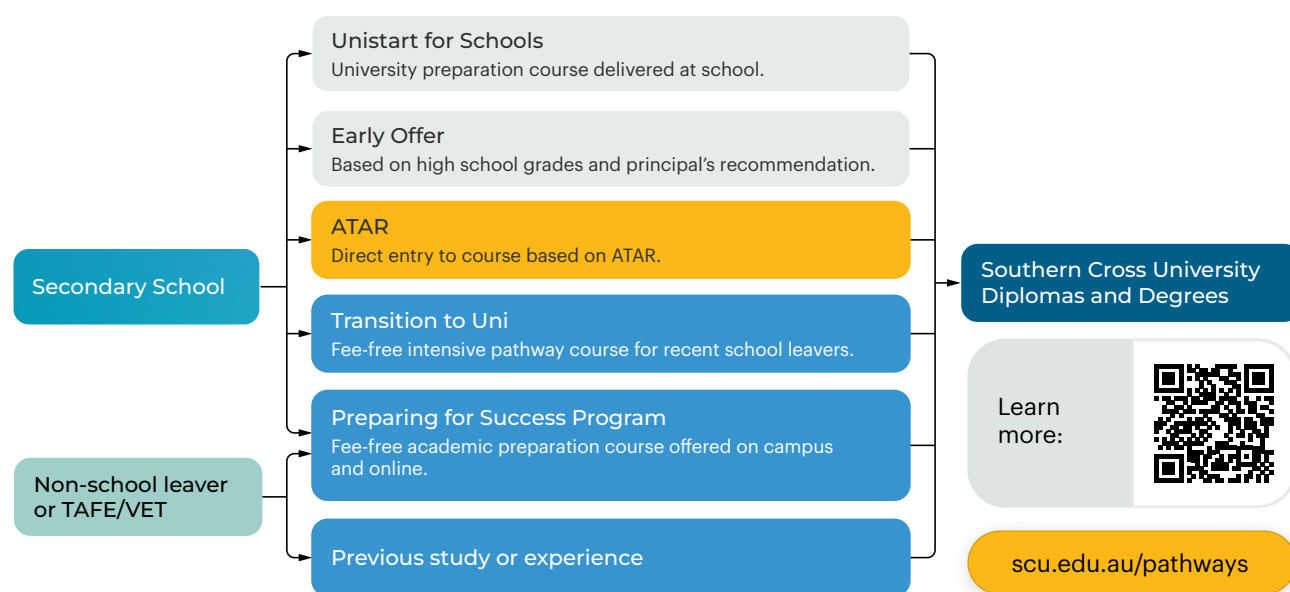
“The highlights have been learning about biology and how the human body works. The teacher makes it very interesting. Looking at chemistry from a practical point of view has also been good,” Martina said.

“I am looking forward to helping people and being hands on and learning more about the field in general. I realise it’s a challenging job but at the same time I think it’s rewarding.”

On completion of the Diploma of Health, Martina plans to study the Bachelor of Nursing with the ultimate goal of completing a medicine degree.

Pathways to university

Whether you're still at school, have just finished Year 12, never finished school or left some time ago, there are many pathways into university.



Course	ATAR [^]	Location	Duration	Starts
Preparing for Success Program (PSP)	n/a	Lismore, Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour, online	3moFT/ 1PT	March, July, October
Transition to Uni	n/a	Online	6wks FT	January
Diploma of Business	45	Gold Coast, online	1FT/2PT	March, July, October
Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)	45	Gold Coast, online	1FT/2PT	March, July
Diploma of Education	45	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour, online	1FT/2PT	March, July
Diploma of Engineering	45	Gold Coast, Lismore, online*	2PT	March, July
Diploma of Health Specialisations: Biomedical Science Community Welfare Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology Naturopathic Studies Nursing Occupational Therapy Osteopathic Studies Psychological Science	45	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour, online* (Not all specialisations available at all locations. Check webpage for details.)	1FT/2PT	March, July (July intake Gold Coast only, and part-time only for some specialisations)
Diploma of Information Technology	45	Gold Coast, online	1FT/2PT	March, July, October
Diploma of Science	45	Lismore, online*	1FT/2PT	March
Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture	45	Lismore, online*	1FT/2PT	March, July
Diploma of Hotel Management	n/a	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane	1FT/2PT	March, July, October

Six-month Undergraduate Certificates in Community Welfare, Education, Nursing and Psychological Science are also available as pathway courses. Visit: scu.edu.au/short-courses for details.

* The online study mode includes compulsory on-campus residentials. See webpage for details.



The Preparing for Success Program gave me the start I needed

For Coffs Harbour local Bronte Wall, studying a health degree was a dream she was able to pursue thanks to completing Southern Cross University's award-winning Preparing for Success Program (PSP).

The free 12-week course gave her a pathway into studying Sport and Exercise Science, and later transferring into the Bachelor of Speech Pathology.

"After I'd finished school and didn't quite get the marks I needed to study Speech Pathology, I found out that studying PSP gives you the opportunity to transfer into most degrees at Southern Cross," Bronte said.

"I found it really helpful in building the necessary skills to cope with doing a university degree – things like how to reference properly, which was such a big advantage going into first year.

"It also taught me how to build a study plan, which is about how to fit in all my priorities such as work, study, assignments, and I still use that template now.

"In PSP there is so much support from the lecturers who guide you through every unit and assignment, and help with how to navigate university life. The course is only 4 units, so it goes really fast and then you can begin the degree you want to pursue."

Now as a Speech Pathology student Bronte is embarking on student placements in clinic settings and she also works part-time as a Speech Pathology assistant.

More ways to a Bachelor degree



Associate Degree

2 years full-time study or equivalent



Bachelor

with up to 16 units of credit

Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies) with required GPA	> Bachelor of Laws
Associate Degree of Creative Writing	> Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education
Associate Degree of Engineering	> Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours)



Diploma

1 year full-time study or equivalent



Bachelor

with up to 8 units of credit

Diploma of Business	> Bachelor of Business and Enterprise
Diploma of Conveyancing	Associate Degree of law (Paralegal Studies), Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies
Diploma of Education	> Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Education
Diploma of Engineering	> Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours)
Diploma of Health (multiple specialisations)	> Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology, Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies), Bachelor of Community Welfare, Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle), Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science, Bachelor of Social Work
Diploma of Information Technology	> Bachelor of Information Technology
Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture	> Bachelor of Science (Regenerative Agriculture)
Diploma of Science	> Bachelor of Science
Diploma of Hotel Management	> Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management



Undergraduate Certificate

6 months full-time study or equivalent



Diploma

with up to 4 units of credit

Undergraduate Certificate in Community Welfare	> Diploma of Health (Community Welfare)
Undergraduate Certificate in Education	> Diploma of Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Nursing	> Diploma of Health (Nursing)
Undergraduate Certificate in Psychological Science	> Diploma of Health (Psychological Science)



Arts and Humanities

In our technology-driven lives, critical thinking and an understanding of how our human world works are more important than ever.

Our arts and humanities degrees equip you with the skills you need for a career in today's dynamic cultural industries.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/arts



Industry partnerships: build experience and networking opportunities



5-star overall experience in Humanities and Social Sciences
(Good Universities Guide 2023)



Design your own Arts degree with shared majors.

Bachelor of Arts

ATAR	60
Majors	History, Creative Writing, Cultural Studies, Digital Media, Politics and International Relations, Social Science, shared majors (page 88)
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, online
Professional placement	Optional internship
Entry pathway	Associate Degree of Creative Writing (page 72)

The Bachelor of Arts focuses on human cultures, values and beliefs that will broaden your mind with challenging ideas. This course fosters transferable skills that are highly valued across all sectors – qualities such as communication, analysis, critical thinking and problem-solving.

At Southern Cross you have the opportunity to apply those skills to the real world through community engagement as you delve into contemporary social and environmental issues. Graduates develop cultural awareness and a deep understanding of how to build their creative capacities and communication expertise.

Career opportunities

Diverse career opportunities exist in community relations, media, journalism, cultural policy, management and administration, publishing, public service, multimedia design, creative and cultural industries, politics, social justice and human rights, and secondary school teaching (with further study).



Double degrees

The Bachelor of Arts is also available as a double degree with the Bachelor of Laws (page 61) or the Bachelor of Business and Enterprise (page 23).





At home in the arts

Cecile Knight
Bachelor of Visual Arts graduate
Exhibitions Officer at HOTA

Cecile Knight is a vital piece of the Gold Coast's cultural scene, working as an Exhibitions Officer at the HOTA (Home Of The Arts). With exhibitions often planned years in advance, Cecile works closely with planners, curators, engineers, painters, and artists to execute some of the region's most prominent exhibitions.

Cecile credits her success in this role to the people she's met along the way, including her time at Southern Cross University. "I had really great lecturers and I still follow their work," she said.

"Studying helped me to understand the artists that I work with today. It was very valuable."

Cecile's time studying in the Northern Rivers left a lasting impression on her and provided a stimulating environment that helped shape her career.

"The arts and culture scene there is huge, stretching from Murwillumbah all the way down to Yamba. I really enjoyed my time there and it was a lovely place to study," she said.



Student Reporters at Byron Writers Festival

Each year students have the opportunity to gain experience covering a major event as reporters and content creators at the Byron Writers Festival. From politics to intersectionality to climate change, our student reporting team covers the progressive and dynamic discussions taking place on stage, creating stories and content for the Byron Writers Festival blog and social media. They might even get to interview a famous author for the SCU Buzz Podcast, recorded inside the Southern Cross Electric Kombi.

Student Blake Skuse covered the 2022 Festival and interviewed Stella Prize-winner and poet Evelyn Araluen for the SCU Buzz podcast. He said it was a fantastic experience. "I learnt so much from such a wide range of people. Talking to Evelyn, she was just great because she had so many different bits of inspiration," he said.

Listen to the Kombi Tapes, recorded live at Byron Writers Festival:

soundcloud.com/southerncrossuniversity/sets/byron-writers-festival-2022





Business

Business professionals of tomorrow need more than an understanding of core business disciplines – they need adaptability, curiosity and agility to respond to a changing future.

Our business degrees have a strong emphasis on entrepreneurship and innovation and applied knowledge, developing transferable skills for a range of industries.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/business



5-star Overall Learning Experience and Student Support in Business and Management (Good Universities Guide 2023)



94% graduate employment in Business and Management (Graduate Outcomes Survey 2022)



Design your own Business degree with specialisations or shared majors

Bachelor of Business and Enterprise

ATAR	70
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Gold Coast, online
Specialisations	Accounting, Financial Services
Majors	Aviation Management, Business and Data Analytics, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, International Business, Marketing, Tourism and Event Management, shared majors (page 88)
Professional placement	Optional internships
Professional recognition	CA ANZ and CPA Australia (Accounting specialisation). Treasury's Financial Adviser Standards (Financial Services specialisation).
Entry pathway	Diploma of Business (page 25)

The Bachelor of Business and Enterprise has a focus on innovation and impact in a complex and changing business world. Inspired and multidisciplinary learning experiences develop your practical skills and knowledge that are vital for the sustainability of society, business and industry.

You'll build a portfolio of professional experiences through a range of real-world interactions with employers, industry and the community. Specialise in Accounting or Financial Services, or focus your studies through a major in Aviation Management, Business and Data Analytics, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, International Business, Marketing or Tourism and Event Management.

Specialisations

Accounting

Put yourself on an accredited pathway to become a Chartered Accountant or CPA (Certified Practising Accountant). Gain the skills and knowledge needed to navigate the multi-faceted world of helping people and organisations make accounting decisions.

Financial Services

Learn to provide sound and unbiased financial advice to clients and organisations. Become accredited and career-ready for a number of diverse roles such as financial planning, superannuation and retirement planning, investment and wealth management, insurance and risk management, estate planning, tax and corporate finance.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the Bachelor of Business and Enterprise gain the professional, critical thinking and communication skills to run their own business (either domestically or abroad) or to pursue career opportunities in a broad range of sectors, including marketing, public relations, product management, accounting, financial services, government agencies and industry associations, data analytics, tourism and events, aviation and more.



Double degrees

The Bachelor of Business and Enterprise is also available as a double degree with the Bachelor of Arts (page 19), The Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours)^ (page 31), the Bachelor of Information Technology (page 55), the Bachelor of Laws (page 61) and the Bachelor of Psychological Science (page 45).

^Subject to University approval



A degree you can take anywhere

Brighley Dangerfield
Bachelor of Business and Enterprise student

The world is your oyster with a business degree, says Bachelor of Business and Enterprise student Brighley Dangerfield.

With a passion for travel, Brighley decided to study business because she felt it was a versatile degree that could be applied in any workplace. She chose the Entrepreneurship and Innovation major to develop skills relevant to her field.

“I’m always trying to find better ways to do things. My full-time job is in the tech industry which is all about innovation so it made sense that that’s what I would fall into,” Brighley said.

“For a business to move forward, they always need to be looking ahead into the future. You need to listen to your customers and the market that you’re operating in and how that market is changing.”

Brighley said studying business has taught her a range of skills, the most important of which was communication.

“The content in the degree is really relevant and up-to-date. It’s something you can take anywhere with you, whatever business or whatever field you go into. Or if it’s your own business, you’re going to learn invaluable skills.”

After graduating, Brighley plans to pursue a career in product management.

Bachelor of Innovation with Honours

Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Online

The Bachelor of Innovation with Honours is offered as a final year Honours program co-designed with industry, with a focus on developing skills in innovation and creating impact in a complex and changing world. With scenario-based and work engaged learning in design thinking, problem solving and leadership, the course aims to equip students as agents of change able to deal with real world problems and apply commercial, social and ethical knowledge. Students are enabled to develop inspired solutions that are vital for the sustainability of society, business and industry.

The course provides students with a real opportunity to build a portfolio of professional experiences by aligning with industry partners to apply their knowledge to a field of study they are passionate about.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be equipped to apply their research and creative skills across multiple industries, working as entrepreneurs or intrapreneurs to transform an existing organisation.

Diploma of Business

ATAR	45
Specialisations	Business and Enterprise, Tourism
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Gold Coast, online

The Diploma of Business gives you the opportunity to develop your academic and business skills in areas that could include digital business, finance, management, economics and marketing. You tailor your studies through the choice of a specialisation in either business and enterprise or tourism.

The course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that learners have diverse experiences and ways of learning. The College supports your study success and connects you to your peers through additional workshops to develop your academic and study skills.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be well equipped to apply their skills across a range of business areas including accounting, finance and marketing.

Graduates of the Diploma of Business are eligible for entry and up to 8 units of credit towards the Southern Cross University Bachelor of Business and Enterprise.



Education

Southern Cross graduate teachers have a lasting and profound impact on the lives of their students, from children in the early childhood years right through to students in secondary schools.

All degrees in the Faculty of Education engage with contemporary and transformative thinking in education. Initial teacher education courses include extensive and meaningful professional experience placements, ensuring that graduates are profession-ready. Accreditation of all the Faculty's courses provides career opportunities in New South Wales, Queensland and across Australia.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/study-education



Extensive and meaningful work placements prepare you to work as a teacher



Global top 5% in Education
(Times Higher Education World Universities Rankings 2023)



Dynamic research community

Bachelor of Education

ATAR	70
Specialisations	Early Childhood/Primary, Primary, Primary/Secondary, Secondary, Technology Secondary
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour, online
Professional placement	This degree includes a substantial program of professional teaching experiences.
Professional recognition	NESA, QCT in accordance with the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL). ACECQA (Early Childhood specialisation).
Entry pathway	Diploma of Education (page 29), Associate Degree of Creative Writing (page 72).

The Bachelor of Education is a gateway degree to work as a registered teacher in Australia. It also qualifies graduates to work in many countries overseas.

This cutting-edge, evidence-based course draws on the University's leadership and research in teacher education. A distinctive suite of first year units provides excellent grounding in literacy, numeracy, science, and core subject content. All students undertake studies in Indigenous education, sustainability, inclusive education, and other significant areas.

Specialisations

All students choose a single or combined specialisation from the following:

Early Childhood/Primary

For teaching in both early childhood settings and primary schools.

Primary

For teaching in primary schools from kindergarten/prep to Year 6. Includes an approved compulsory English Primary Specialisation with opportunities for an approved NESA Specialisation in Mathematics or Science.

Primary/Secondary

For teaching in both primary schools and in one subject in secondary schools. This course includes an AITSL English Primary Specialisation and an optional specialisation in Mathematics, Geography or Modern History.

Secondary

For teaching in secondary schools. Two teaching subjects are chosen from a range of secondary subjects: English, Mathematics, Geography, Modern History, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Investigating Science, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Society and Culture, Aboriginal Studies, Human Society in the Environment (HSIE).

Technology Secondary

In this specialisation you complete Design and Technology core subjects and combine these with either Industrial Technology or Food and Fibre plus a second teaching area from a range of subjects.

Career opportunities

Depending on the specialisation chosen, graduates may work in early childhood settings, primary or secondary schools, developing as leaders and/or specialists within educational settings. Combined specialisations in early childhood/primary and primary/secondary allow for teaching across a wide range of age groups.



An educational leader

Dulari Gonawala

Graduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood)

Teacher mentor, GoodStart Early Learning Berwick

When Dulari Gonawala arrived in Australia with her husband and young family nine years ago, she had no idea she'd go on to win a national award as an early childhood education leader.

Dulari had previously worked as a high school teacher in Sri Lanka. Not wanting to waste her valuable teacher training, she began studying part-time through Southern Cross University while working full-time in childcare.

"I realised I could progress my career and income level significantly, so I did a lot of research and found Southern Cross University where I could study completely online," Dulari said.

"It was a challenge with two kids under two and working full-time, but my lecturers at Southern Cross were incredibly supportive, and my husband as well."

In the classroom Dulari implemented inquiry-based STEM projects, built strong connections setting up a Bush Tucker Garden, and supported the publishing of the centre's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

She recently won a prestigious National Excellence in Teaching Award (NEiTA) for her role as Educational Leader at GoodStart Early Learning in Berwick and has since been promoted to Teacher Mentor, supporting up-and-coming early childhood educators.

"Winning a national award is a big deal especially when English is my second language, and now being in a role focused on supporting and coaching the rest of the team is a dream come true."

Bachelor of Early Childhood Education

ATAR	60
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, online
Professional placement	85 days of professional experience learning in early childhood education settings, including 10 days in a primary school setting.
Professional recognition	ACECQA
Entry pathway	Students with a Diploma of Early Childhood Education receive 8 units advanced standing. Other pathways include the Diploma of Education (see below).

This is a cutting-edge course that draws on the University's leading research in early childhood education and care. Core units cover early childhood principles and practices, child development theory and application, how to best support children's learning and pedagogical approaches for early childhood education.

Students will investigate contemporary issues in early childhood education, leadership and management, the arts, and health and wellbeing in the early childhood environment.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be trained Early Childhood teachers with a three-year qualification. Good career prospects exist in early childhood centres, preschools and other early childhood services. The course is accredited by ACECQA, the Australian accrediting authority for early childhood teacher programs. Check requirements in your state or territory for recognition as an early childhood teacher as it varies across jurisdictions.

Diploma of Education

ATAR	45
Specialisations	Primary, Secondary, Technology
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour, online

The Diploma of Education is a one-year entry level course that provides students with the opportunity to prepare to study for a professional career pathway in education. The course develops students' knowledge, skills, and capabilities for further education and can also serve as a pathway to direct employment in various paraprofessional contexts.

Diploma of Education graduates are eligible for entry and up to 8 units of credit towards the Bachelor of Education and the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be eligible for employment in various paraprofessional contexts, such as teacher support roles and library assistants.



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Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours)

ATAR	70
Specialisations	Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, online*
Professional placement	60-day industry experience unit
Professional recognition	EA
Entry pathway	Associate Degree of Engineering (page 33), Diploma of Engineering (page 34)

*The online study mode includes compulsory on-campus residentials. See webpage for details.

The Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours) is designed to meet the requirements for accreditation at the level of Professional Engineer by Engineers Australia. Foundational core units build knowledge of the basic sciences, and the processes and philosophy that underpin the engineering profession.

You will then choose a specialisation of either civil or mechanical engineering and build discipline knowledge and technical skills with a strong emphasis on project-based learning.

The final year of the course contains a mixture of advanced core units and advanced discipline-specific units that are designed to build skills in independent investigation, critical thinking, creative problem solving, and ethical and professional behaviour.

Specialisations

Civil Engineering

Students develop skills and knowledge across the breadth of disciplines encompassed by civil engineering, including construction, project management, hydraulic engineering, water and wastewater engineering, structural, geotechnical engineering and transport engineering.

Mechanical Engineering

Students develop skills and knowledge in three main areas that cover all aspects of mechanical engineering. These include mechanical design and manufacturing systems, thermo-fluid mechanics and energy systems, and mechatronics and control systems.

Career opportunities

Graduates from the Civil Engineering specialisation will be able to work in a range of settings, including traffic and transport, humanitarian organisations, engineering design, government authorities, water supply and management agencies, construction companies, natural resource management organisations, consulting engineering companies, mining companies and irrigation authorities.

Graduates from the Mechanical Engineering specialisation have broad employment prospects in local and global industries. They can work in heavy machinery, power generation, mining, manufacturing, production planning, automotive, aerospace, medical, robotics, building industries and consumer product design.



Double degrees

The Bachelor of Engineering Systems Honours is also available as a double degree[^] with the Bachelor of Business and Enterprise (page 23).

[^]Subject to University approval



My job is out of this world

Mitch Lavelle

Mechanical Engineer, Gilmour Space Technologies

Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) graduate

Mitch Lavelle is taking his mechanical engineering degree into the next great industrial frontier – space – where prospects and potential truly are out of this world.

Part of the first Bachelor of Engineering cohort at Southern Cross University, Mitch is now a mechanical engineer at Gilmour Space Technologies, leading provider of Australian-made launch vehicles and satellite platforms.

The Gold Coast company is on track to launch its Eris rockets and G-class satellite platforms into Low Earth Orbits this year.

“I am the Responsible Engineer for the entire second stage of our project, with oversight and hands-on roles across design, liaison, parts, manufacturing and testing,” said Mitch.

“I’m part of an amazing team aiming to achieve something new and important for the Australian aerospace industry. As an engineer, I count my lucky stars – so to speak.”

Mitch looks back fondly on his time at Southern Cross University.

“The course material was high standard, but the biggest advantage was such ready access to the lecturers.

“Being in a smaller cohort allows you to make stronger connections. A more individual and intimate approach sharpened my skill set, my initiative, and gave me a strong work ethic that I am applying now at Gilmour Space.”



Associate Degree of Engineering

ATAR	55
Specialisations	Civil Construction, Intelligent Machines
Duration	2 years full-time/4 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, online*
Professional placement	30-day professional placement
Professional recognition	EA
Pathway	Diploma of Engineering (page 34)

*The online study mode includes compulsory on-campus residentials. See webpage for details.

The Associate Degree of Engineering is designed to meet the requirements for accreditation at the level of Engineering Associate by Engineers Australia. The course is structured around 16 key competencies identified by Engineers Australia as being essential to the graduating engineer, which are broadly grouped into knowledge and skills, application, personal and professional skills.

The course is suited to school leavers or those with a trade qualification who are looking to enter the civil construction or manufacturing and production industries in a supervisory, project management or technical role, or progress their careers in these industries to the next level.

Specialisations

Civil Construction

Students develop practical skills and knowledge across the breadth of disciplines encompassed by civil engineering, including construction, project management, water and wastewater engineering, structural engineering and transport engineering.

Intelligent Machines

Students develop skills and knowledge in three main areas that cover all aspects of mechanical engineering. These include mechanical design and manufacturing systems, thermo-fluid mechanics and energy systems, and mechatronics and control systems.

Career opportunities

Graduates from the Civil Construction specialisation will be able to work at the level of engineering associate in a range of roles in the civil construction industry related to the design, construction and maintenance of infrastructure, including as site superintendents, site supervisors, and site engineers.

Graduates from the Intelligent Machines specialisation will be able to work at the level of engineering associate in a range of roles in manufacturing and production industries related to building, installing and commissioning, operating, maintaining and repairing control systems, smart machines, and robotic systems.



I scored a dream job before I even graduated

“The facilities were great and the course laid the base for my career. I actually scored a dream job before I graduated and that’s where I’m working now.”

*Jake Bentley, Civil Engineer at PlanIt Consulting
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering graduate*

Diploma of Engineering

ATAR	45
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, online*

*includes compulsory on-campus residentials

This course develops fundamental academic and engineering skills for a broad range of engineering systems and the capacity to create simple engineering designs for paraprofessional roles in engineering professions. Successful completion of the Diploma of Engineering will enable entry and up to eight units of credit towards the Southern Cross Associate Degree of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours).

The Diploma of Engineering is offered through SCU College, which provides students with a highly supported learning environment.

Career opportunities

Graduates will have opportunities to work at a paraprofessional level in engineering professions.



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- Some degrees have inherent and additional requirements like vaccinations or police checks that you need to fulfil to graduate and be eligible for professional registration. Some accrediting bodies have English language standards you need to meet before you can register in your profession. Please check the course webpage for details about the course you are interested in. Some of these requirements need time to complete and can incur additional costs.
- If you are starting your studies in July, you will be studying part-time for the first six months.



Bachelor of Biomedical Science

ATAR	70
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast
Professional placement	90 hours
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Biomedical Science) (page 49)

The Bachelor of Biomedical Science provides you with a scientific understanding of the structure and function of the human body and the interrelationships between health and disease. Together with foundational sciences, you will explore the intricacies of human health and examine the pathological basis of disease processes by studying human pathophysiology, molecular genetics, immunology and pharmacology.

This course has a strong mathematical component and is taught in laboratories equipped with cutting-edge analytical equipment. It provides a solid base in biomedical science, from anatomy, immunology, neuroscience and microbiology to haematology and more. A substantial professional placement builds invaluable on-the-job experience.

Career opportunities

Graduates find positions in biomedical, health, university and government research; hospital, veterinary and pathology laboratories and scientific sales; quality assurance, health departments and pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries.

Graduates may also pursue postgraduate degrees such as pharmacy and physiotherapy, or choose to pursue medicine or other careers.

Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology

ATAR	70
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	500 hours
Professional recognition	ESSA, AusActive, ASCA
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology) (page 49)

The Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology is a four-year degree that develops expert knowledge about how exercise can improve health and well-being and manage chronic disease. It prepares you for an exciting career as an accredited exercise physiologist (AEP), the fastest-growing group of allied health professionals in Australia. The course will build your knowledge and expertise to assess, prescribe and deliver exercise programs to assist clients better manage their health.

Career opportunities

Clinical exercise physiologists are skilled in assessing, prescribing and delivering exercise programs to assist clients better manage their health and range of chronic disease conditions, such as diabetes, cancer, cardiac, respiratory, musculoskeletal, neurological disease and mental health conditions. Medicare and many private health insurers recognise and cover services supplied by accredited exercise physiologists.



Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies)

ATAR	65
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore
Professional placement	320 hours
Professional recognition	OBA
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Osteopathic Studies) (page 49)

The Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies) has a strong clinical focus and provides you with a comprehensive grounding in biomedical science and health. During the course, you will gain the knowledge and skills required to continue postgraduate study in osteopathic medicine, which is required for registration as an osteopath. Core units include the study of advanced levels of anatomy and physiology, particularly the structure and function of the muscular and nervous systems.

Career opportunities

Osteopaths work in private practice. To become a registered osteopath, you need to successfully complete both the Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies) and Southern Cross University's Master of Osteopathic Medicine. Total full-time duration of both courses is 4.5 years.



Osteopathy

Osteopathy is a hands-on manual therapy that restores movement and function through a combination of massage, joint movement, stretches, gentle joint manipulation and exercise. In Australia, osteopaths are government registered allied health practitioners who complete university training in anatomy, physiology, pathology, general healthcare diagnosis, and osteopathic techniques. Osteopaths can provide all-round osteopathic care, as well as concentrating on specific areas of practice, such as exercise-based rehabilitation, pain management, paediatric and sports medicine.

Southern Cross University is the only university in NSW and QLD to offer studies in osteopathy.

Bachelor of Counselling

ATAR	65
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour, online*
Professional placement	Compulsory 200 hours
Professional recognition	The University is seeking accreditation from the Australian Counselling Association and the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia

*Includes on-campus residentials

Demand for mental health professionals is at an all-time high. If you enjoy working with people and creating positive change, counselling offers both a meaningful career and excellent employment prospects.

The Bachelor of Counselling provides a foundation in psychology, assessment and interventions, counselling theory and practice and building relationships. Students will build skills in counselling practice with extensive placement experiences. The University is home to an active community of researchers and thought leaders in social work and policy, psychology and community welfare.

Career opportunities

Graduates may work in the public and private health sector as a counsellor. This might include schools, hospitals or community health services as well as in private practice.



Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science

ATAR	70
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	140 hours of clinical placement
Professional recognition	APAC, ESSA
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology) (page 49)

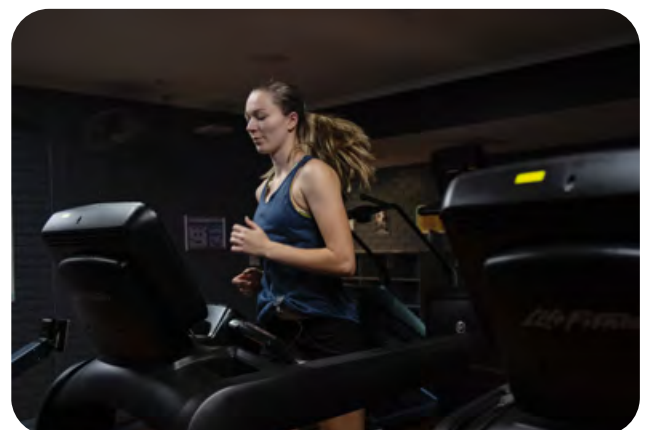
The Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science provides understanding of the structure and function of the human body as it relates to movement, the interrelationships between health and disease, and the psychological basis of human behaviour.

Core units in exercise science include anatomy, biomechanics, physiology, strength and conditioning, and motor control. In psychological science, core units include assessment, methodology and principles of behaviour.

Career opportunities

Graduates may also choose to pursue further training to gain registration as a psychologist or as an accredited exercise physiologist.

Other opportunities exist in careers that have therapeutic connections to sport and exercise, such as physical activity promotion and rehabilitation.



Biomechanics tracks, sim-dolls and teaching labs: Southern Cross facilities are the picture of health

Our campuses house state-of-the-art exercise science facilities, simulation hospital wards and daily living laboratories where students learn on tools and equipment they will use in their professions.





Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle)

ATAR	65
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore
Professional placement	Work-integrated placement and work/community placement
Professional recognition	CMA
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Naturopathic Studies) (page 49)

The Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle) is a foundation degree for students who wish to pursue a career in health, naturopathic medicine or lifestyle medicine.

The degree develops an understanding of health science, social science, lifestyle medicine, clinical science, scientific enquiry and naturopathic medicine. Students will also develop a theoretical and practical understanding of health promotion through undertaking an integrated health placement, industry placement or professional engagement with Aboriginal communities.

Career opportunities

This course provides a direct pathway into the Master of Naturopathic Medicine, which enables graduates to practise as a Clinical Naturopath. Clinical Naturopaths work in private practice, in aged care, palliative care or in an integrative health clinic. Graduates will also be well-prepared for diverse roles working within healthcare teams (as an allied health assistant, health/lifestyle coach or care coordinator), community teams (as a health promotion officer, community development officer or project officer), industry (as a product developer) or independently (as a health/lifestyle consultant, or health communicator/writer).



Bachelor of Midwifery

ATAR	80 Coffs Harbour; 90 Gold Coast
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	1,000 hours
Professional recognition	ANMAC

The Bachelor of Midwifery is specifically designed to prepare you for entry to professional midwifery practice. You will develop the skills and knowledge to provide evidence-based care in accordance with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Midwife standards for practice.

Study areas include anatomy and physiology, midwifery theory and practice, primary healthcare, perinatal mental health, care during preconception, pregnancy, labour and birth, and early parenting. Graduates will be equipped to work in multi-disciplinary teams in partnership with women to contribute to healthier outcomes for women and their babies.

Career opportunities

Registered midwives are employed in various settings (midwifery group practice, in public and private hospitals and community, maternity, and neonatal healthcare settings in urban, rural and remote areas). There are numerous opportunities for career progression as clinical midwifery consultants, midwifery educators, midwifery unit managers, community midwives, researchers, and as independent midwives (with further training).

Bachelor of Nursing

ATAR	70
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	840 hours
Professional recognition	NMBA, ANMC
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Nursing) (page 49)

Southern Cross provides the highest quality learning for the future health workforce. The Bachelor of Nursing is available as both a three-year degree and also as a two-year course for Enrolled Nurses.

Our nursing curriculum emphasises social accountability, local and Indigenous knowledge, interprofessional education, global health, quality and safety, leadership, and evidence-based practice. Students learn within a framework that integrates the humanities and physical sciences, public health, e-health technologies, and organisational sciences into nursing practice. We are strongly committed to rural and remote, aged care, mental health and Indigenous health.

Career opportunities

Graduate opportunities for Registered Nurses exist in a range of health sectors from clinical settings through to education and research. Registered Nurses may pursue clinical specialities across the continuum of acute, primary and community healthcare settings, become nurse practitioners, senior defence force personnel or business owners.

Bachelor of Nursing - Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse pathway

Duration	2 years part-time/4 years full-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	640 hours
Professional accreditation	NMBA, ANMC

The Bachelor of Nursing Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse Pathway is specifically designed for enrolled nurses to become registered nurses in just two years.

Specialist conversion units lead into units that build knowledge in professional nursing, biological sciences and social sciences, building on your professional experience and previous study. You'll have the opportunity to specialise in specific clinical areas of interest based on availability and supervisory facilities and learn in state-of-the-art facilities with interactive models and simulation laboratories.

This course is available to enrolled nurses who have completed an ANMAC-approved Diploma in Nursing.

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

ATAR	70
Major	Indigenous Health (optional)
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, October
Location	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	1,000 hours
Professional recognition	OTC
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Occupational Therapy) (page 49)

An occupational therapist's work is diverse. They assist people of all ages and abilities to do what they need and want to do at home, work, school and in the community by transforming and adapting environments, activities or equipment where necessary to enhance participation in everyday tasks.

In the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, you'll undertake studies in occupational therapy theory and practice, therapy assessments and interventions, occupational transitions across the lifespan, environmental modification, equipment prescription, task adaptation, facilitation, inclusion, participation and engagement, health promotion, social sciences, and biological sciences. You will also have the option to major in Indigenous Health.

Career opportunities

Career opportunities as an occupational therapist exist in hospitals, community health, mental health services, schools, work rehabilitation and occupational health and safety in various industries, private practice, early intervention, aged care and a variety of health, education and disability services, including the provision of occupational therapy services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

We developed a game about games on our OT placement

Occupational therapy student Kora and her partner Sam were on placement at the Living School when they observed that children were having issues in choosing an activity, so they developed a game spinner to help the students decide on a game to play.

"After observing their play, we started to notice that they really love games and are very competitive. But they have issues deciding what to play and what groups to play in," said Kora.

"We wanted to give them a game for games. They come up to it, spin it, it lands on a game and that's their choice decided for them.

"The students formed groups of people that they didn't normally play with which was something we really wanted to see."



Bachelor of Psychological Science

ATAR	70
Major	Shared majors available. See page 88.
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour, online
Professional recognition	APAC
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Psychological Science) (page 49)

The Bachelor of Psychological Science provides the first three years of full-time (or part-time equivalent) study and training to prepare you for employment in a range of careers that benefit from knowledge of human psychological factors.

The degree focuses on providing a thorough understanding of the theoretical bases of psychological science, as well as the importance of research and evidence. The course covers analytical skills in solving human, organisational and community-wide problems, core topics such as social psychology, cross-cultural psychology, abnormal psychology, and biological psychology, competency in the design of research and interpretation of research findings and a comprehensive understanding of statistical methods. You can study this course completely online, or with a mix of on-campus and online units.

Career opportunities

This is a pathway to a variety of careers as well as to postgraduate studies in psychology for eligible students.

Psychologists are employed in health, social and disability services, youth services, corrective services, the armed services, research agencies such as the CSIRO and in education. Private industry is also a large employer of psychologists who receive further specialised training for work in management, human resources and corporate consultancy services.

To be eligible for registration as a psychologist, students complete:

Bachelor of Psychological Science + Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours + Master of Professional Psychology = total 5 years academic preparation + 1-year internship



Double degrees

The Bachelor of Psychological Science is also available as a double degree with the Bachelor of Laws (page 61) or the Bachelor of Business and Enterprise (page 23).



Studying Psychological Science to help others

Lily Kiriya completed her Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours in 2022 and she is already pursuing her next endeavour – the Master of Professional Psychology through Southern Cross.

“I’ve always wanted to help people find their inner strength and work towards their goals,” she said.

“Southern Cross is just such a vibrant university. Everyone is so caring and it’s really interactive.”

For Lily, helping others is part of who she is – whether that’s volunteering as a Lifeline crisis supporter or tutoring her friends’ kids.

Lily’s Honours thesis, ‘Investigating the acceptability of visible tattoos on doctors and nurses’ found that there was no difference in the acceptance of doctors or nurses (male or female) with or without tattoos. “It’s very exciting research – the kind where a non-significant result is a good thing,” Lily said.



Bachelor of Speech Pathology

ATAR	75
Major	Indigenous Health (optional)
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, October
Location	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	1,000 hours
Professional recognition	SPA

The Bachelor of Speech Pathology prepares you for entry into professional speech pathology practice. Speech pathologists assess and treat adults and children exhibiting acquired or congenital disorders of speech, fluency, voice, language and swallowing.

The course includes introductory units such as Introduction to the Speech Pathology Profession and Communication Across the Lifespan, as well as science-based units in anatomy, physiology and neurology for speech pathology. Embedded throughout the course are principles of evidence-based practice, cultural competency and multimodal communication.

Career opportunities

Speech pathologists are employed in private practice, education settings, in government agencies or in the health and wellbeing industry. Speech pathologists work independently and also with other health and education specialists in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary teams.



Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science

ATAR	65
Majors	Business and Management; Strength, Conditioning and Coaching; Physical Education
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	140 hours
Professional recognition	ESSA, AusActive, ASCA
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology) (page 49)

The Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science is a three-year degree that provides graduates with expert knowledge and skills in exercise science. You will be exposed to the role of exercise in health, fitness, well-being, and sporting performance.

Additionally, this degree has a strong emphasis in developing an understanding of strength, conditioning, and coaching principles preparing you for an exciting career in sport and exercise science.

Career opportunities

As an exercise scientist, graduates can expect to gain employment in sports coaching, strength training and conditioning, sport development, performance testing, health promotion, and sports or recreation facility and program management.

This degree is also a pathway to the Master of Teaching that can prepare students as PDHPE teachers in secondary schools.





Diploma of Health

ATAR	45
Specialisations	Biomedical Science, Community Welfare, Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology, Naturopathic Studies, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Osteopathic Studies, Psychological Science.
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour, online*

*Not all specialisations are offered at all locations. Online study may require attendance at on-campus residentials. See webpage for details.

The Diploma of Health is a pathway program into a range of Southern Cross University Bachelor degrees, equipping you with foundational knowledge and skills across a range of health disciplines. You tailor your Diploma by choosing a specialisation from a diverse range of disciplines.

This course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that students have diverse experiences and ways of learning. The College supports your study success and connects you to your peers through additional workshops to develop academic and study skills.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the Diploma of Health can seek professional work in a range of health professions including as healthcare assistants.

Successful completion of the Diploma of Health provides eligibility for entry and up to 8 units of credit towards a linked Southern Cross Bachelor degree in biomedical science, community welfare, occupational therapy, sport and exercise science, clinical exercise physiology, health science (health and lifestyle), nursing, osteopathic studies or psychological science. Please note degrees may have additional entry criteria such as English language or inherent requirements. Check the course webpage for details.





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Indigenous Knowledge in policy and self-governance

Pearl Andrews

Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge (Law and Justice) student

Pearl didn't learn much about First Nations Peoples at school. As a non-Indigenous woman, for her it became crucial to access that knowledge held within the cultures and practised in Australia for millennia.

"I have absolutely loved this Bachelor. It has made studying so fun and an experience full of passion and excitement. I've had a lot of confrontation, which has been really important, and undergone a transformation both individually and academically."

If Pearl had to choose just one highlight of the degree, she would with no doubt allude to the close collaboration with Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples and the local Bundjalung Elders.

"Among the available majors, I've picked Law and Justice because I'd like to be equipped with knowledge of the Western legal frameworks to deconstruct its colonial foundations and look to embed Indigenous knowledge within the law."

Despite her young age, Pearl is already flying high, and with the help of a 2023 prestigious New Colombo Plan scholarship – which she has recently received – her career can only reach new heights.

"I'll be heading off to Fiji where I'll be focusing on Pacific Islanders' world views and looking at how local communities are effectively combating climate change through embedding localised knowledge into policy and self-governance."

Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge

ATAR	60
Majors	Indigenous Knowledge, shared major (see page 88)
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Lismore, online
Professional placement	An optional professional placement is available depending on the major you choose

The Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge generates greater understanding of Indigenous world views, by exploring histories, knowledge systems, determinants of health and wellbeing and ways of living, in a culturally diverse and supportive environment.

You will build theoretical and practical capability in areas including cultural protocols and Indigenous ways of knowing and being. You learn to engage with communities and work towards better environmental, social and economic outcomes.

Career opportunities

Career opportunities exist in project management or administration with Indigenous, government or community-based organisations, especially those with a focus on Indigenous issues. Typical career sectors include: health services, paralegal work, social welfare, environmental management, education or business.

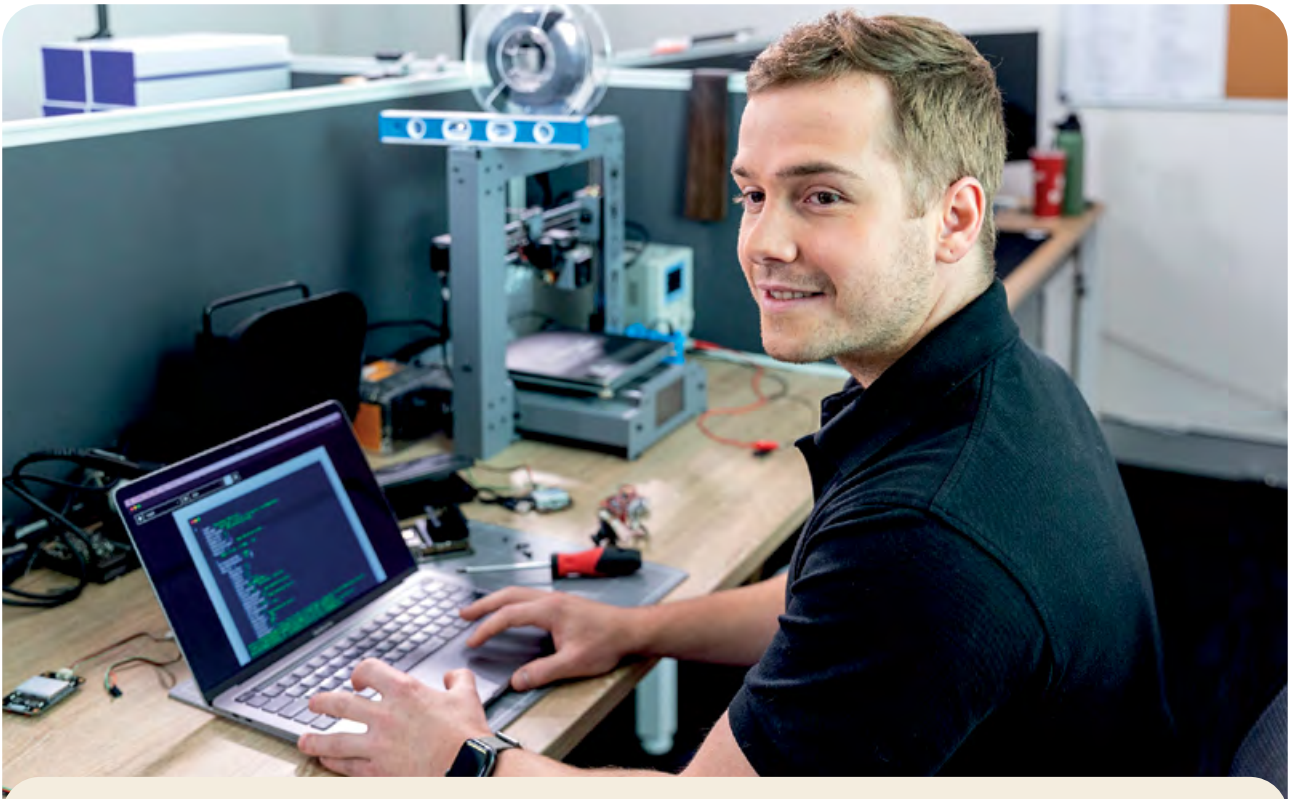
Eligible graduates can apply for the Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge with Honours as a pathway to the Doctor of Indigenous Philosophies and to other postgraduate programs offered by Southern Cross University.



Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples

Situated on the University's Lismore campus in the heart of the Bundjalung Nation on the North Coast of NSW, Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples is also represented at the Coffs Harbour and Gold Coast campuses, on the territories of the Gumbaynggirr People and Nganduwal Minjungbal/ Yugambah People of the northern end of Bundjalung Country respectively. The name Gnibi was gifted to the University by Widjabul Elders of the Bundjalung Nation and is the Bundjalung word for 'black swan'. It is also the name the Bundjalung people gave to the star system, or constellation, that early European explorers called the 'Southern Cross'.

Gnibi College is committed to delivering culturally safe, dynamic and innovative courses, providing professional career pathways, and engaging in scholarship and research relevant to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Information Technology

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Bachelor of Information Technology

ATAR	70
Majors	Big Data Technologies, Digital Interaction and the User Experience, Networks and Cybersecurity, Software Development
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Gold Coast, Coomera, online
Professional placement	Optional internships
Professional recognition	ACS
Entry pathway	Diploma of Information Technology (page 58)

The Bachelor of Information Technology offers students the opportunity to explore a wide variety of technical and business-related IT units. Core studies include web development, programming, systems analysis and design, cyber security, database development, networking and communications theory.

The course also covers contemporary issues confronting the IT industry including employer obligations, employee rights, impacts on society, privacy and security, use of 'big data', and future directions of the industry. Choosing a major enables you to focus on your area of interest.

Career opportunities

Graduates can look forward to good employment prospects as a software developer, user-experience designer and developer, web or app developer, systems analyst, data analyst or network analyst.



Double degrees

The Bachelor of Information Technology is also available as a double degree[^] with the Bachelor of Business and Enterprise (page 23)

[^]Subject to University approval





A career on track

Arlo Robinson

Bachelor of Information Technology graduate

Aurizon IT specialist

Arlo Robinson's IT career is on track after joining Australia's largest rail freight operator – Aurizon – which transports more than 250 million tonnes of commodities each year.

Based in Brisbane, Arlo joined Aurizon in February 2023 after graduating with a Bachelor of Information Technology (Big Data) at Southern Cross University. He is revelling in opportunities around data engineering, data reporting and analytics, and data science.

After a successful career in banking and finance, Arlo was keen to explore new opportunities. He came to Southern Cross University in 2020.

"The degree really refined my areas of interest. I saw how it could offer a fantastic way to pivot and be flexible, and to be confident in making those kinds of decisions."

An important part of Arlo's experience was mentoring and he encourages students to take advantage of this service.

"I participated in the Bright Futures Mentoring Program and the UniMentor Program. It was such great support, from basic study tips and where to find resources, to engaging with staff for guidance along the way."



Diploma of Information Technology

ATAR	45
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Gold Coast, Online

Looking for a career in the dynamic world of IT? The Diploma of Information Technology is an excellent place to start. Combining foundation IT units with academic skills units, this course has a focus on developing technical skills and knowledge with a clear pathway to a Bachelor degree.

Successful completion of the Diploma of Information Technology will enable entry and up to eight units of credit towards the Southern Cross Bachelor of Information Technology.

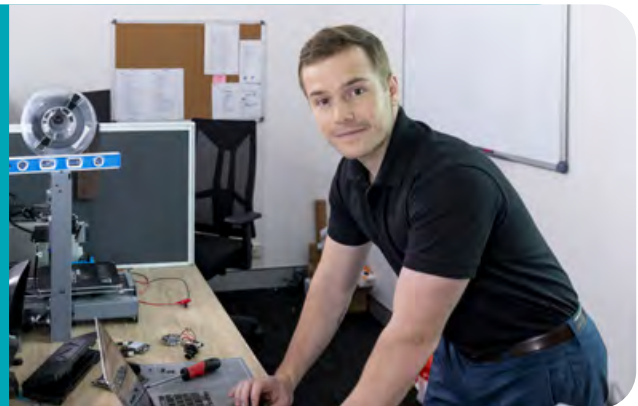
The Diploma of Information Technology is offered through SCU College, which provides students with a highly supported learning environment.

Career opportunities

The Diploma of Information Technology is a pathway course that equips students with foundational knowledge and skills in information technology. This course will give you a foundation in Information and Communication Technologies with an opportunity to take on further study to move towards a career as a programmer, user-experience designer and developer, web developer, systems administrator or technical support professional.

"I wanted a break from the rural life and to get involved with technology. I studied software development at Southern Cross University and it provided a lot of useful tools to get started in a job like this."

Riley, Bachelor of Information Technology graduate and Technology Support Officer at AI care technology company HomeGuardian.





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My law degree was the foundation for my career

Sarah Ashley
Clayton Utz, Brisbane
Bachelor of Laws graduate

With a graduate position at Clayton Utz in Brisbane, Sarah Ashley is learning from top lawyers in the field, attending court, researching and working on cases.

“When I decided to study law, it was because I knew I would enjoy the challenge. I’m interested in helping people and understanding the systems and structures of corporations. I’m working with several lawyers at the firm who are incredibly successful and very generous in mentoring me,” she said.

“I learned so much at Southern Cross, it was the foundation I needed for my workplace where I’m learning, developing and growing as not only a lawyer but a person as well.”

Sarah currently works in the Environment and Sustainable Development team following her stint in Workplace Relations, Employment and Safety. During her studies at Southern Cross, Sarah completed a highly sought-after clerkship at the firm and volunteered at a community legal centre on the Gold Coast alongside qualified lawyers.

“I chose Southern Cross because I wanted somewhere where the lecturers knew me by name and provided one-on-one assistance. The course was definitely challenging but I learned so much and the staff were always so willing to help.”

Bachelor of Laws

ATAR	80
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October (online only)
Location	Gold Coast, online*
Professional placement	Optional placement unit
Professional recognition	Legal Professional Admission Board (LPAB)
Entry pathway	Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) (page 63)

*Includes compulsory on-campus workshop

The Bachelor of Laws will equip you with the intellectual, critical and practical skills needed in the professional practice of law. The course meets the academic requirements to practise law in Australia.

The course includes unique core units such as jurisprudence and environmental law that reflect our focus on justice, sustainability and critique. Elective units cover areas as diverse as human rights, race and the law, animal law, climate law and policy, psychology and the law and ecological jurisprudence. An elective in mediation meets national requirements, setting you on the way to becoming a nationally accredited mediator.

You may also undertake work placements and law mooting as part of your studies.

Career opportunities

This course will equip graduates with the skills to start a legal career and practise as a lawyer, and for a wide range of careers in corporate management, in the community sector or the private sector.

During their careers, graduates may choose to specialise in fields such as family law, wills and estate planning, criminal law, corporate law, property and conveyancing law, town planning and environmental law, employment and industrial relations law, commercial law, compensation law, entertainment law and sporting law.



Double degrees

The Bachelor of Laws is also available as a double degree with the Bachelor of Arts (page 19), Bachelor of Business and Enterprise (page 23) or the Bachelor of Psychological Science (page 45).



Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies

ATAR	60
Major	Conveyancing (optional)
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October (online only)
Location	Gold Coast, online*
Professional placement	Optional placement unit
Professional recognition	NSW Fair Trading (conveyancing major)
Entry pathway	Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies)

*Some elective units include a compulsory on-campus workshop

The Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies brings together studies in law and politics. It is an excellent degree for those wanting to work in policy development, paralegal positions, conveyancing, and in the justice sector. It provides a thorough practical grounding in legal knowledge and a strong understanding of Australian politics and society. If you have already been working professionally in the fields of law and justice, this course will extend your knowledge, skills and expertise.

Career opportunities

The Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, when studied with the Conveyancing major, is a recognised educational qualification for a licensed conveyancer in NSW.

Students wanting to become lawyers may receive advanced standing for eligible units in the Bachelor of Laws, during or on completion of the Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies.

Other career outcomes include law-related work in legal firms, government policy making, corporate firms, government legal departments, law enforcement agencies, legal aid offices, court administration, public prosecutions, and in the corporate sector in banking, insurance and conveyancing.





Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies)

ATAR	55
Major	Conveyancing (optional)
Duration	2 years full-time/4 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October (online only)
Location	Gold Coast, online*
Professional placement	Optional placement unit
Professional recognition	NSW Fair Trading (conveyancing major)

*Some elective units include a compulsory on-campus workshop

The Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) provides an academic qualification as a paralegal or conveyancer and an entry pathway to the Bachelor of Laws.

You will gain foundational knowledge about the Australian legal system and its processes, develop skills in legal research and writing, and attain a working understanding of key legal principles. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain a formal qualification and start working in a wide range of industries as a paraprofessional.

Career opportunities

Paralegals work with solicitors and barristers, in government legal departments, law enforcement agencies, legal aid offices, court administration, public prosecutions, in the community sector and in the corporate sector in finance, banking, insurance and conveyancing.

Students who achieve the required grade point average during or on completion of this degree may apply for admission into the undergraduate entry Bachelor of Laws.

Graduates may also choose to transfer into the Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies and graduate with a Bachelor degree after just one additional year of study.

Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)

ATAR	45
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, online*
Placement	Optional 10-day professional placement

The Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice) is a fantastic opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills needed for a career as a paralegal or conveyancer. It also offers a solid foundation in legal principles and the academic skills needed to pursue further legal studies.

Students gain foundational knowledge about conveyancing law and practice in the Australian legal system and develop skills in legal research and writing, and an understanding of key legal principles.

Career opportunities

Graduates are ideally suited for work in conveyancing and law firms which employ licenced conveyancers.

Graduates can also use the Diploma as an entry pathway to other degrees, such as the Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) or the Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies.





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Do a study exchange to an international arts hub

Bachelor of Art and Design

ATAR	60
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Lismore
Professional placement	Optional internship

The Bachelor of Art and Design develops your artistic range and skills base, while also building an understanding of art theory. You will enjoy rich and diverse studio experiences, developing and exploring your capabilities and potential as an artist, while immersed in an atmosphere that nurtures and inspires creativity. You'll complete core studio studies in painting, printmaking, mixed-media, 3D studies, art theory, curating, studio drawing and design. In second and third year, you'll select from a range of creative and media units or units from across the University to complement your areas of interest.

Career opportunities

Graduates typically become practising artists and fine art researchers within the context of contemporary practice. Students exhibit in the Graduate Exhibition and can undertake research projects.





Chancellor's Art Prize winner draws on the Spirit of Country

Jennifer Rowe

Bachelor of Art and Design graduate

Bachelor of Art and Design graduate Jennifer Rowe won the Chancellor's Art Prize for her artworks, Ocean Treasures and Black Duck Song.

"My artworks are about contemporary issues being addressed, highlighted and communicated through the use of natural or found materials which have no or very small impact on the environment," Jennifer said.

Jennifer's artworks will be exhibited as part of Southern Cross University's Art Collection.

Black Duck Song uses driftwood, feathers, acrylic paint, ochre and jet to portray Indigenous songlines that run along the east coast of Australia. In the Bundjalung nation, where Southern Cross University's Lismore campus is located, the song references Gnibi the black swan, namesake of the University's Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples.

Bachelor of Contemporary Music

ATAR	60
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Lismore, Coomera
Professional experience	Optional internship
Entry to this course requires an interview/audition.	

The Bachelor of Contemporary Music prepares you for a portfolio career in music — the multi-faceted career pathway that is now most common for contemporary musicians. Tailor your degree towards your area of interest, whether it's production, performance, songwriting or other professional areas of the music industry.

You will learn using state-of-the-art facilities in either Lismore or Coomera, taught by lecturers who are practising musicians with strong industry links.

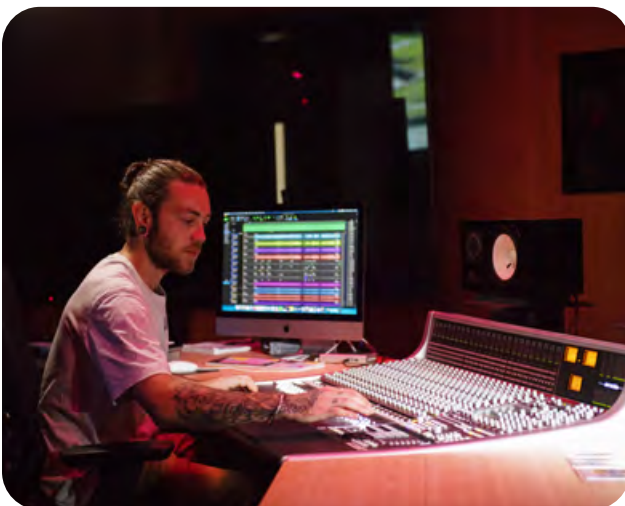
Career opportunities

This course prepares students for a career as a performer, songwriter, producer, sound engineer, music educator, session musician, musical director, music event promoter, band and venue manager.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Contemporary Music who complete the required units can study the Master of Teaching and teach secondary school music.



Develop your skills in our professional recording studios with the opportunity to perform at events throughout the year. Lismore and Coomera are at the heart of a vibrant arts and music scene – you could even find yourself doing a professional placement at a major music festival like Splendour in the Grass.





From uni jams to playing at festivals

Alex Pereira met Colliflowers frontman Gary Collocott in primary school, sharing nothing more than the same school house colour and a Facebook acquaintance. When Gary put a call out on Facebook years later to start a musical project, Alex, then a Southern Cross Contemporary Music student, took the bait.

“We got chatting again and I told him I had some mates from Southern Cross Uni that would be great for this sort of project,” said Alex.

The Indie Rock band Colliflowers was born. With three of the four members Southern Cross music graduates, the Colliflowers made their debut at the Byron Beach Hotel and have been playing your go-to dancefloor songs across the east coast ever since.

Bassist Alex said Southern Cross provided him with opportunities to network and build connections in the music industry. “Just dive deep into it, talk to everyone because you never know what opportunities will come up from that little bit of networking,” he said.

“Our guitarist, Nelson, was just a guy I met when I started uni, and now we’re playing at festivals!”



@thecolliflowersband

Bachelor of Digital Media

ATAR	60
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Lismore, Coomera, online
Professional placement	100-hour internship

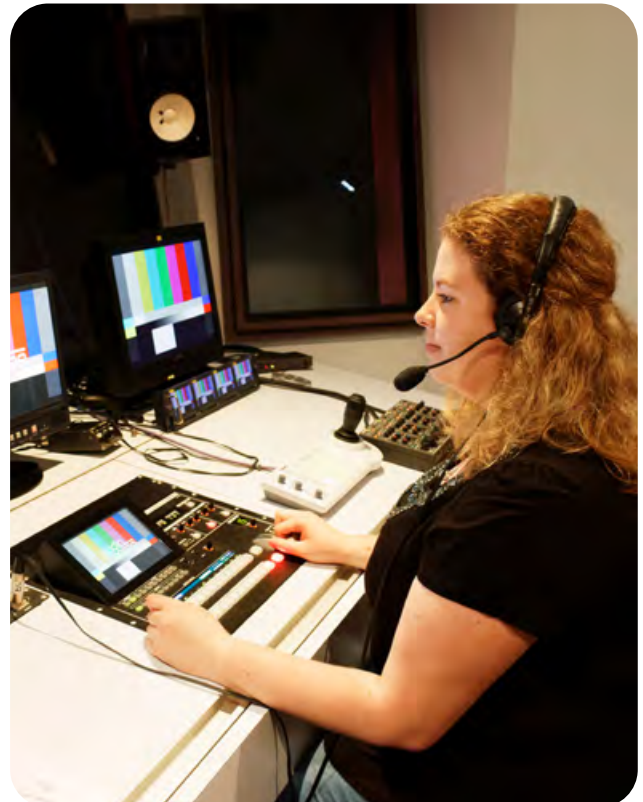
Content is key and as creators of content, digital media specialists are in strong demand for communication and marketing roles across Australia.

This course prepares you to tell the stories that matter, while you develop the creative and production skills you need to forge a career in today's fast-paced media environments.

You'll develop skills in writing, production, visual and research skills, and gain access to work experience opportunities and networks of industry professionals across the media and communications spectrum.

Career opportunities

Digital media specialists are in strong demand in media and creative industries with career opportunities in film and TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, online media and graphic design, marketing, advertising and public relations.





Mentorship provides real-life experience

Bachelor of Digital Media student
Felicity Pengilly, Screenworks mentee.

As part of a mentorship with Screenworks, Felicity had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience, shooting a television commercial (TVC) for Australian weight-loss company 'Lite N Easy.'

"While on set, it was my job as a runner to tend to whatever the crew needed. Things like running errands, collecting catering, assisting wardrobe, transporting talent, helping the art department set up rooms for filming and general housekeeping," she said.

"I loved every minute of my experience. I was never bored, and I met the most amazing people on set who were accommodating, welcoming, and knowledgeable," she said.

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Associate Degree of Creative Writing

ATAR	55
Duration	2 years full-time/4 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Online
Professional placement	Optional internship

The Associate Degree of Creative Writing offers a rich mix of creative writing and literary studies across a range of genres in fiction and nonfiction, including life writing, poetry, editing and publishing and writing for young adults. This program is taught by published writers from the Northern Rivers arts community and beyond. It provides opportunities for hands-on experience with the Byron Writers Festival, the Kyogle Writers Festival and other literary events. It can also be a pathway into an Education or Arts degree.

Career opportunities

As a graduate, you could launch a career as a novelist or scriptwriter; a food, nature, arts or travel specialist; feature journalist; critic and reviewer; essayist; poet; editor and publisher; or as a writer in government, corporate marketing and public relations, among other options.

Graduates of the Associate Degree of Creative Writing may also choose to continue to study for a further year and complete their Bachelor of Arts.

Study creative arts as a shared major

You can also study Art and Design, Creative Writing or Digital Media as a shared major in an undergraduate arts, business, Indigenous knowledge, psychological science or science degree. See page 88.





Science and Environment

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Making waves

Rhiannon Mitchell

Founder, Saltwater Sistas

Bachelor of Science (Marine Systems) student

Mununjali woman and Marine Science student Rhiannon Mitchell wants to change the future for Indigenous girls and women. That's why she founded Saltwater Sistas, a mentoring program that creates a safe, culturally appropriate place to learn about culture, wellbeing, and ocean conservation.

Based in Coffs Harbour on Gumbaynggirr Country, Saltwater Sistas conduct group beach clean-ups, mentoring, DIY workshops, Elder conversations, or any activity where nature and culture is at the forefront.

"I grew up in nature as an Aboriginal person, and I was always really connected to the land," said Rhiannon. "We grew up swimming in the rivers, climbing trees, playing in the bush, and coming to the beach on the weekends. Then I started Saltwater Sistas because I thought so many Aboriginal children haven't seen the ocean the way that I've been able to see it and be inspired by it. Studying marine science has given my program a whole other dimension."



Distinguished Professor Peter Harrison (standing, 4th from left) and his team, including Southern Cross students and alumni, at the Whitsundays working on a coral spawning project to revitalise sections of the Great Barrier Reef.

Bachelor of Science

ATAR	70
Specialisations	Earth and Environmental Systems, Marine Systems, Forestry Systems or Regenerative Agriculture. Double specialisation available in Earth and Environmental Systems and Marine Systems.
Majors	Applied Chemistry, Applied Mathematics and Physics, Biology, shared majors (see page 88).
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Lismore, National Marine Science Centre Coffs Harbour, online*
Professional placement	Optional internship
Professional recognition	IFA (Forestry Systems)
Entry pathway	Diploma of Science

*Some specialisations are only available at one or more campuses. The online study mode includes compulsory on-campus residentials. See webpage for details.

The Bachelor of Science is characterised by a high level of practical and field experience in all years, making the most of our easy access to a variety of subtropical terrestrial, coastal and marine ecosystems. Focus on an area of professional practice by choosing a specialisation or tailor your degree by choosing a single or double major.

In addition to the specialisation or major you choose, you will study core units that provide a strong foundation in science, including field and laboratory experimentation and analytical techniques, as well as socio-ecological systems, management and critical thinking. Core skills and knowledge are reinforced and expanded across the three-year program.

Specialisations

Specialisations are a group of units which develop specialist skills and knowledge. All specialisations provide capstone units that reinforce your chosen field via research and applied practice. You can choose one of the following:

Earth and Environmental Systems

This specialisation develops your skills in and understanding of environmental science and management. Units cover ecology, ecosystem regeneration, biogeochemistry, modelling and resource management (including water, catchments and waste/resources in the circular economy).

Forestry Systems

This specialisation covers the vital role forests play in natural and managed systems. You will study native forest silviculture, fire ecology and management, planted trees and forests, wood science and utilisation, forest operations and technology.

Marine Systems

This specialisation builds on introductory earth systems knowledge with units at our National Marine Science Centre, on the shores of the Solitary Islands Marine Park. These Marine units cover oceanography, marine ecology, fish and aquaculture, reefs, fisheries and marine parks management.

Regenerative Agriculture

This specialisation investigates human ecology, soil processes, regenerative strategies and soil management, as well as the planning of rural landscapes, developing specialist knowledge and taking a holistic approach to food production and farm management. A key aspect of this specialisation is practical on-farm residential schools. You can also choose seven units from any other specialisation.

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Bachelor of Science (cont.)

Majors

If you do not choose a specialisation, you will study a single or double major, choosing from Applied Chemistry, Applied Mathematics and Physics or Biology. You can also combine one of these majors with a shared major from disciplines across the University (see page 88 for details).

Career opportunities

Career opportunities include natural resource management; consulting as an industry adviser or practitioner; research technician; quality control/quality assurance officer; data analyst or science communicator.

Graduates may also pursue secondary science teaching with further study.

Diploma of Science

ATAR	45
Specialisations	Earth and Environmental Systems, Marine Systems, Forestry Systems.
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Lismore, online*

*The online study mode includes compulsory on-campus residentials. See webpage for details.

The Diploma of Science will prepare you with a grounding in scientific knowledge and skills and a taste of the many opportunities science provides. You will learn the language and nature of science and mathematics and be able to follow your interests in specific areas of science.

You'll choose a specialisation to tailor your studies and successful completion of the Diploma will guarantee you entry and up to eight units of credit towards linked specialisations in the Southern Cross Bachelor of Science.

The Diploma of Science is offered through SCU College, which provides students with a highly supported learning environment and extra academic support.

Career opportunities

The Diploma is a pathway to the Bachelor Science with up to eight units of credit, depending on units taken. Graduates of the Diploma of Science may also find work in para-professional roles, including positions as field assistants, laboratory assistants and environmental monitoring officers.



Branching out into a sustainable industry

Leisa Overs

Nursery Manager at HQPlantations

Bachelor of Applied Science (Forestry) graduate

Much like a seedling flourishing into a towering tree, forestry science graduate Leisa Overs' career continues to grow. Leisa was recently appointed Nursery Manager at HQPlantations, the largest plantation forest grower in Queensland.

As Nursery Manager, Leisa oversees the propagation of up to 10 million seedlings per year for a plantation establishment in Queensland.

"Plantation forestry is a renewable, sustainable industry that is really making a difference to climate change and supports local communities and regional economies," Leisa said.

"Every tree we harvest gets replanted for the cycle of carbon absorption to begin again, while the wood products after harvest continue to store carbon for the duration of their lifespan."

During her forest science studies at Southern Cross Leisa gained the tools and knowledge needed to start her career. "The lab and practical components of the degree as well as the field trips were particularly enjoyable."

Working in the forestry industry offers continual growth and Leisa enjoys being part of a sustainable industry. "I'm always learning new things, thinking about innovative ways to improve what we do, conducting trials and developing new techniques to help improve safety and efficiency in the nursery."

Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture

ATAR	45
Specialisation	Soil Management (optional)
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Lismore, online*

*The online study mode includes compulsory on-campus residentials. See webpage for details.

The Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture combines foundation regenerative agriculture units and academic skills units with an option to specialise in soil management. The course is ideal for those already working in the industry who wish to upgrade their skills for work as a soil lab technician or for those with an interest in pursuing further study at the Bachelor level.

The Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture is offered through SCU College, which provides students with a highly supported learning environment.

Career opportunities

The Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture is a pathway into the Bachelor of Science (Regenerative Agriculture) with up to eight units of credit.

Graduates may also find work as soil lab technicians.



Southern Cross students take part in the Sakura Science program in Japan

“Our time in Japan was an unforgettable experience with incredibly rich culture and real-world learning, coming together through the lens of science and technology and allowing us the chance to live a little in the future and become more involved with bilateral emerging research and innovation.”

Luke Austin, Bachelor of Science student.





National Marine Science Centre

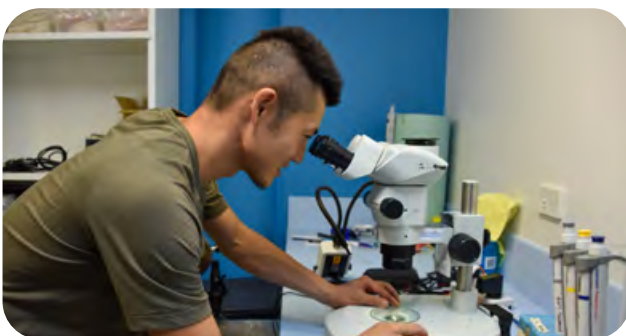
The National Marine Science Centre (NMSC) is part of Southern Cross University's Faculty of Science and Engineering.

Located at Charlesworth Bay in Coffs Harbour, the NMSC sits on the edge of the beautiful Solitary Islands Marine Park. The Solitary Islands have a unique range of tropical and temperate habitats, making a perfect environment for marine research and education programs. In fact, the NMSC is one of the world's best-located facilities for studying coastal and marine habitats and their inhabitants.

Students benefit from state-of-the-art teaching facilities, climate-controlled laboratories, and aquaculture facilities including a commercial hatchery, a public aquarium and a world-class flowthrough sea water system. Teaching and research at the NMSC equip a new generation of marine scientists with the knowledge and skills to address marine sustainability issues and develop our understanding of marine and coastal life.

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Bachelor of Community Welfare

ATAR	60
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, online*
Professional placement	400 hours
Professional recognition	ACWA
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Community Welfare) (page 49)

*Includes compulsory attendance at an on-campus residentials in one unit

The Bachelor of Community Welfare provides you with the theoretical and practical foundations for work in the human services sector. You will gain skills in case management, community development, counselling, social research, policy work, advocacy, trauma-informed practice and grief and loss counselling. Particular emphasis is placed on social justice and human rights as the basis for community welfare practice.

Core units focus on counselling, case management, mental health, human services, research, youth work, disability and community development. Elective units also provide opportunity for you to pursue other areas of interest.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this course will have opportunities to use their transferable skills in human services careers that might include government and non-government positions in fields such as child protection, disability services, housing services, youth work, aged care, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, community engagement, mental health services, and domestic violence services.

The Bachelor of Community Welfare articulates with a range of VET awards. It can also provide a pathway to our Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying), which is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).



Bachelor of Social Work

ATAR	60
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, online*
Professional experience	1,000 hours
Professional recognition	AASW
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Community Welfare) (page 49)

*Includes compulsory attendance at on-campus residentials in four units

The Bachelor of Social Work is an entry level, professionally accredited qualification to practise as a social worker. Particular emphasis is placed on social justice and human rights as the basis for social work practice. Core units focus on counselling, case management, mental health, human services, research, child protection, disability and community development. An elective stream provides the opportunity to explore different disciplines while an embedded Honours program enables those interested in research to pursue postgraduate studies.

This course prepares graduates for employment as a social worker in a range of health and community services settings with the ability to work with people of all backgrounds and needs.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this course will be prepared to practise as social workers in government and non-government positions in fields such as health, child protection, disability services, housing services, youth work, aged care, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, community development, mental health services, and domestic violence services.

Danyel Herbert

Bachelor of Social Work student

"I did my first placement in St George, Queensland. I chose the rural placement option as I knew it would push me out of my comfort zone and the learning experiences would be more diverse. I've met so many different and interesting people from all walks of life and I get to see and learn first-hand the barriers that the vulnerable people in this community face in accessing human service providers. I've been given the opportunity for a hands-on learning experience where I can apply the skills and knowledge I've gained over the past two years in a practical setting to understand how it all connects.

I was offered support by the Health Placement Team from the very beginning of the planning process which made everything so much easier, especially when you're so far from home."





A mix of direct practice and critical reflection

Noémie Rigaud with therapy dog Tango
Mental health social worker
Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying) graduate

“What I liked about Southern Cross Uni is they were open-minded about the fact that I had a lot of relevant industry and study experience. I liked the location, the flexibility of studying online and meeting face-to-face for residentials. The learning content had a great mix between direct practice and critical reflection which was really valuable.”



You might also be interested in our new Bachelor of Counselling. See details for this course on page 39.



Tourism and Hotel Management

Whether you're studying our shared major in Tourism Management as part of an undergraduate degree or studying a course at The Hotel School in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne or even on Hayman Island, you'll be taught by one of Australia's premier tourism universities.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/tourism



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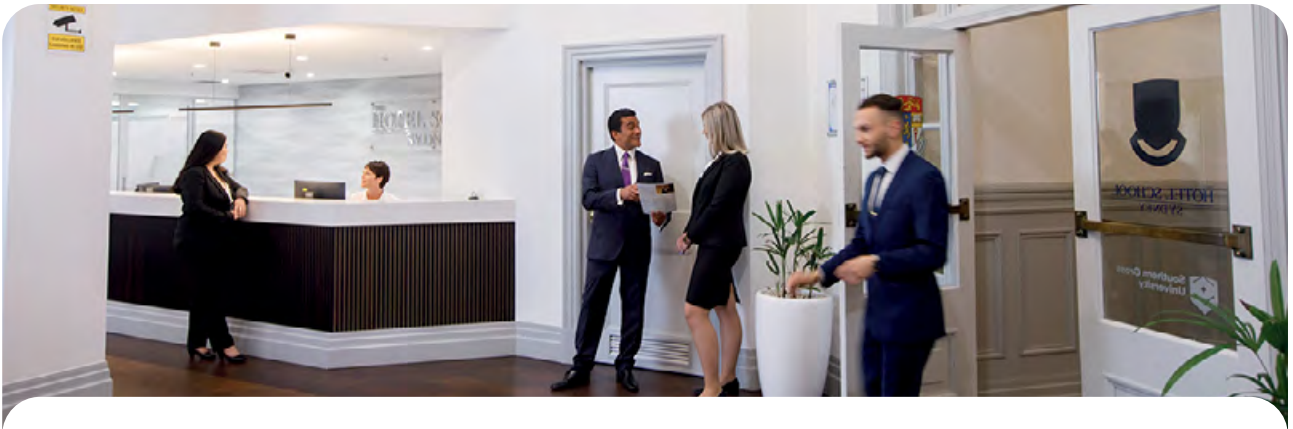
5 stars for Median Graduate
Income for Tourism, Hospitality,
Sport & Leisure

(Good Universities Guide 2023)

Bachelor of Business and Enterprise

With a major in Tourism and Event Management. Full course details see page 23.

ATAR	70
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Gold Coast, online
Professional placement	You may choose one or two double-weighted internship units. Internships can be undertaken in a relevant industry sector in Australia or abroad.
Entry pathway	Diploma of Business (page 25)



The Hotel School

The Hotel School is a unique partnership between Southern Cross University and Mulpha Australia – a global hotel investment group with a portfolio of properties around the world.

With campuses in the centres of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane and on Hayman Island – a spectacular island in the Whitsundays on the Great Barrier Reef – The Hotel School is perfectly located not only for study but also for internships in leading tourism and hospitality businesses.

The Hotel School offers undergraduate and postgraduate studies in tourism and hotel management, with extended Work Integrated Learning and placements.

Practical training in hotels and tourism structures with mentorship from experienced management professionals forms a fundamental part of our courses. This means you will be well-prepared for the demands of this dynamic sector once you graduate, with professional networks already in place – a key factor for career success.

As a Southern Cross University student at The Hotel School, you will not only join a globally ranked university, you'll be part of a brand that is synonymous with excellence in hotel and hospitality management around the world.

Learn more:

hotelschool.scu.edu.au





I have the ultimate people person job

Alan Chu

Hotel Culturist, Capella, Sydney

When the pandemic interrupted Alan's career in government relations in 2020, he decided instead to take the plunge and follow his passion: people.

"I love working with people, hearing their stories, engaging with guests and creating magical experiences for them. And I thought 'if I'm going to work in a hotel I want to fully immerse myself and study Hotel Management,'" Alan said.

Alan studied at The Hotel School Sydney, immersing himself in work experience and learning from industry professionals.

His role as Hotel Culturist requires a vast and intricate knowledge of Sydney and its surrounds, including the best bars and restaurants, theatre, culture, history and details of more than a thousand works of art within the new hotel.

This recent luxury opening is set in a beautiful historic sandstone building in Circular Quay.

"It's been a different educational path and a big leap to make the career change, but I'm really glad I made the choice. At The Hotel School I was taught by people who were not only extremely passionate about the industry, but who are also willing to help students develop to their best potential."

Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management

Admission by interview. Includes compulsory internship.

Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane
Professional placement	A significant professional hospitality placement is a key feature of the course. This may be completed in Australia or overseas.
Entry pathways	Associate Degree in International Tourism and Hotel Management or the Diploma of Hotel Management.

Associate Degree in International Tourism and Hotel Management

Admission by interview. Includes paid internship of 880 hours.

Duration	2 years full-time/4 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane
Professional placement	Students have access to 880 hours of paid internships
Entry pathway	The Diploma of Hotel Management.

Diploma of Hotel Management

Admission by interview.

Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane



Design your own degree with a shared major

Want to study Arts, but also passionate about helping solve global environmental challenges? Or perhaps you're interested in psychology but also in digital media? Depending on which course you are enrolled in, you may be able to combine more of your interests by choosing a shared major from a wide range of disciplines across the University. A shared major is the equivalent of eight units or one year of full-time study.

You can study a shared major with the following degrees:

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Business and Enterprise

Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge

Bachelor of Psychological Science

Bachelor of Science

Learn more about shared majors:

scu.edu.au/design-your-degree



You can choose from these shared majors:

Art and Design

Aviation Management

Biomedical Science

Business and Data Analytics

Creative Writing

Cultural Studies

Digital Media

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Environmental Solutions

History

Indigenous Knowledge

International Business

Law and Justice

Marketing

Politics and International Relations

Psychology

Regenerative Agriculture

Social Science

Tourism Management



How to apply

If you are an undergraduate (your first degree)

Step 1. Choose a course

Step 2. Check the course requirements on scu.edu.au

Step 3. Talk to a student adviser if you need more information on 1800 626 481

Step 4. Apply!

To apply as a school leaver with an ATAR, go to

For NSW school leavers

uac.edu.au



For QLD school leavers

qtac.edu.au



To apply as a non-school leaver or for online study, apply directly to the University.

For non school leavers

scu.edu.au/howtoapply



If you are a postgraduate apply for postgraduate coursework degrees directly to the University.

For postgraduate coursework

scu.edu.au/howtoapply



All applications for Higher Degrees by Research (HDR) are made via the Southern Cross University Graduate School.

Southern Cross offers Masters by Thesis, Professional Doctorates and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) awards.

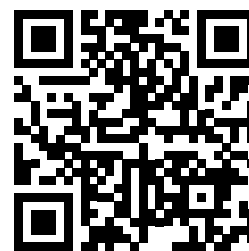
For Higher Degrees by Research (HDR)

scu.edu.au/graduateschool



Take the stress out of Year 12 with an Early Offer

The Early Offer program allows you to secure your place in a Southern Cross University degree before your Year 12 results are even released. It's designed to remove some of the pressure from Year 12 and give you a pathway directly into university study that is not based solely on your Year 12 results.



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^Subject to University approval

Key to professional bodies:

AASW Australian Association of Social Workers

ACECQA Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority

ACS Australian Computer Society

ACWA Australian Community Workers Association

AITSL Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership

ANMAC Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council

APAC Australian Psychology Accreditation Council

ASCA Australian Strength and Conditioning Association

CA ANZ Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

CMA Complementary Medicine Australia

EA Engineers Australia

ESSA Exercise and Sport Science Australia

FA Fitness Australia

IFA Institute of Foresters of Australia

LPAB Legal Profession Admission Board

NESA NSW Education Standards Authority

NMBA Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

OBA Osteopathy Board of Australia

OTC Occupational Therapy Council

QCT Queensland College of Teachers

SPA Speech Pathology Australia

Note: Some courses may be at a pending phase in their accreditation cycle. See website for specific details.

ATAR is indicative only and based on 2023 intake. Please note some courses have other admission requirements such as an interview or portfolio. Check website for details.

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