



**Southern
Cross
University**

Southern Cross University Undergraduate Course Guide 2025

Transforming
➤ Tomorrow

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Transform your future

When you join Southern Cross University, you'll be studying in a revolutionary academic model that's unique in Australia.

Six-week terms, immersive learning experiences, real-world scenarios; our students thrive and achieve academically in courses built for their success, both at university and beyond.

More than 90 per cent of our graduates find employment within four months of graduating, and they earn more than the national median graduate salary.*

You'll be connected to an alumni network that spans the globe and join a community of like-minded and passionate people who are building a better future for everyone.

Together, we are Transforming Tomorrow.



5-star Skills Development in
7 study areas



TOP 200 Young Universities



Top 660 universities globally

*Graduate Outcomes Survey 2022, qilt.edu.au



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We acknowledge Widjabal Country as the Country where Southern Cross University originated and grew, and from where it continues to grow. It seeded the growth of our Gumbaynggirr Campus in Coffs Harbour, our Yugambeh Campus in Coolangatta and it planted the seeds to transform the Countries we are on.

Understanding our origins will make each step into the future a more purposeful one, leading all to transform tomorrow.

Our campuses

Southern Cross is 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.

We have metro campuses in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, and The Hotel School, our unique partnership with Mulpha Australia, has campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and on Hayman Island. Our Coomera Creative Campus on the Gold Coast is an educational partnership with TAFE Queensland.



Legend

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



78,000+
graduates



18,000+
students

Gold Coast campus

Our Gold Coast campus is located at Coolangatta on Yugambah Country, 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
- Biomedical Science
- Business
- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Computing and Information Technology
- Contemporary Music (Coomera)
- Conveyancing
- Counselling
- Digital Media (Coomera)
- Education
- Engineering
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Law, Legal and Justice Studies
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Midwifery
- Naturopathic Medicine
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Osteopathic Studies
- Pathway programs
- Psychological Science
- Social Work and Community Welfare
- Speech Pathology
- Sport and Exercise Science.



Transport hub



On-campus Health Clinic



Digital Enterprise Lab



Beachside campus



Northern Rivers campus

Our foundation campus is located at Lismore in the heart of the Northern Rivers on Bundjalung Country. Set on acres of lush rainforest that includes a koala hospital, the Northern Rivers campus is a hub for our creative degrees, within easy reach of both national parks and the beautiful beaches of Ballina and Byron Bay.

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 and a Health Clinic.

At Lismore you can study:

- Art and Design
- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Counselling
- Digital Media
- Education
- Engineering
- Naturopathic Medicine
- Nursing
- Osteopathic Studies
- Pathways programs
- Science (Environment, Regenerative Agriculture, Chemistry, Biology)
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Veterinary Technology.



On-campus Health Clinic



Pool & Gym



On-campus accommodation



Surrounded by nature



Coffs Harbour campus

Our Coffs Harbour campus is located on Gumbaynggirr Country 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 is close to beautiful beaches and national parks. The University's world-renowned National Marine Science Centre is located in Charlesworth Bay on the north side of the city.

At Coffs Harbour you can study:

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

^^University approval pending. Bachelor of Physiotherapy subject to accreditation by the Australian Physiotherapy Council.



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.

Business

- Diploma of Business
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Information Technology

Computing and Information Technology

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

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

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

Humanities and Social Sciences

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

Indigenous Knowledge

- Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge

Law

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

Science and Environment

- Diploma of Science
- Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture
- 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
- Transition to Uni

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



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 both 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.

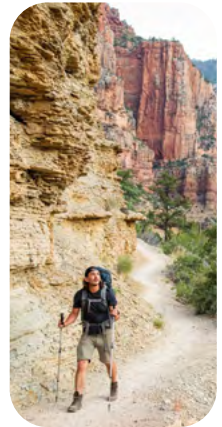
More details and how to apply at:

scu.edu.au/global-experience



Business student Laura Cantwell completed an exchange program at the University of Hertfordshire in the UK. She had such a great time that she applied for a semester exchange at Ca' Foscari University in Venice, Italy.

Our students have been everywhere on exchange from Singapore to the States. Never mind a gap year, you can see the world while you study!

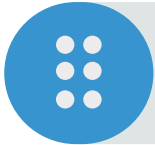


The Southern Cross Model

A better way to learn at uni

All our courses are taught in the Southern Cross Model, a unique academic calendar of six-week Terms and immersive study experiences. Say goodbye to lectures and hello to assessments that prepare you for the real world. Better grades and more chance of passing with flying colours? Yes, please!

What our students say about the Southern Cross Model



“Six-week terms are just the right length.”



“I love the flexible delivery of content. It suits my lifestyle.”



“I’m more engaged with the content.”



“I get lots of support and the tutors really want you to succeed.”



“I feel like I can focus more. I’m getting better grades.”

“Studying for me looks different every day, so the adaptability of studying online under the Southern Cross Model was ideal. The six-week terms go by quickly and you learn exactly what you need in that time.”

Hollie Robards, Teaching 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 2024 was \$351. 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

Some 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.

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

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



“Receiving the VRM Biologik Future Leaders Scholarship has not only given me confidence in my own ability and my studies, the company is also mentoring me so that I can go into the agriculture space and help others transition towards more regenerative practices.”

Greg Colton, Bachelor of Science (Regenerative Agriculture) student and scholarship recipient



SCU College

If you don't meet the Bachelor degree entry requirements, SCU College offers a range of 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 recent school leavers who have completed Year 12 with an ATAR (or equivalent). The course develops the key academic literacies and foundational scientific and mathematical 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 arts and creative industries, business, education, information technology, law, 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 College Connect, a support strategy that provides academic support and a space to connect with peers.

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.





A pathway program gave me the confidence to undertake a Bachelor degree

After working in retail for eight years, Nathan was seeking a career change but felt he didn't have the confidence to study at university.

"I enrolled in the Preparing for Success Program and learnt a lot of valuable skills. It prepared me to undertake a Bachelor degree because I learnt how to write essays, reference and manage my time," Nathan said.

After receiving a High Distinction for his first grade during the program, Nathan felt encouraged to enrol in the Bachelor of Psychological Science.

"I've absolutely loved it and I've never looked back; it's led to so many opportunities," he said.

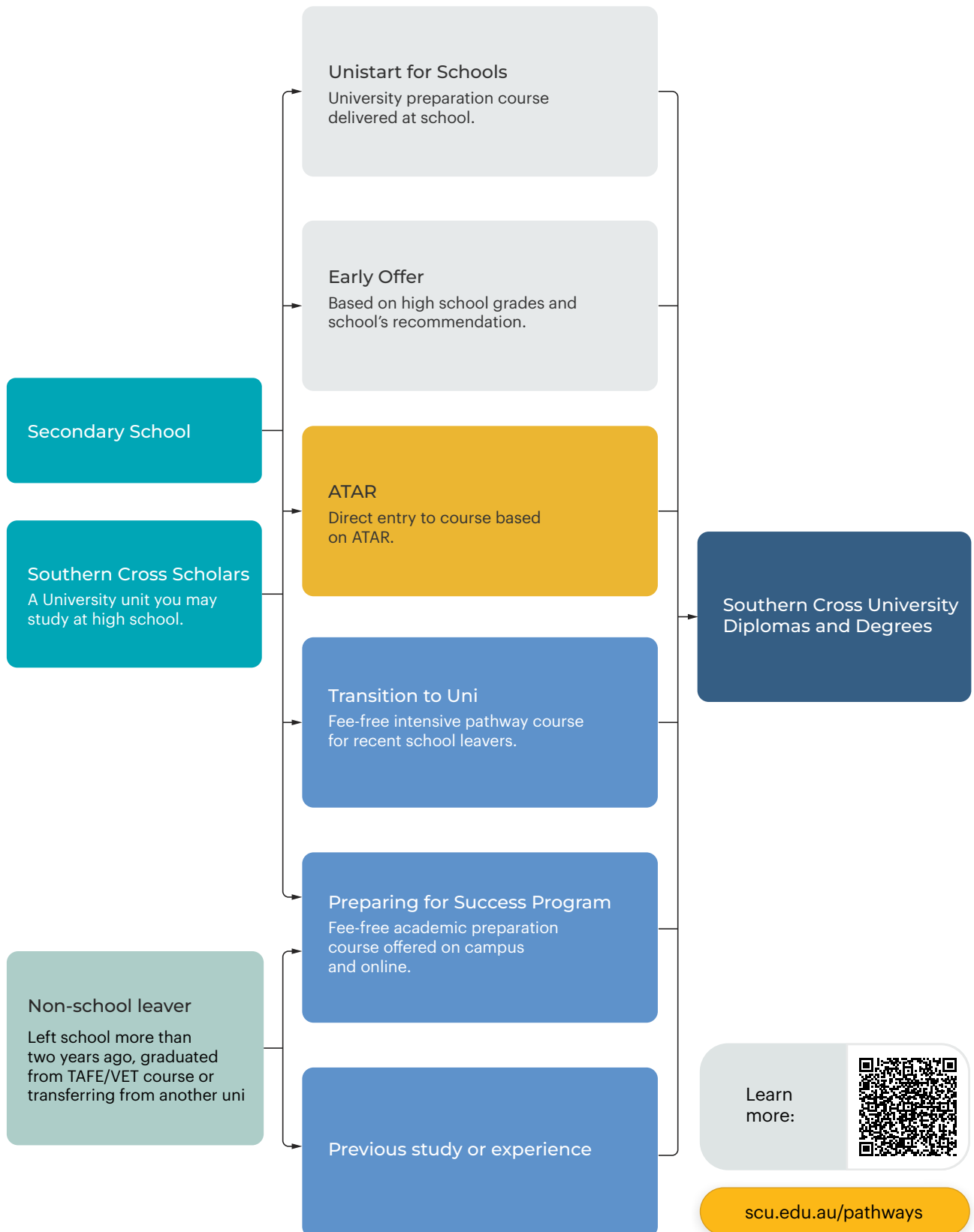
Nathan is now undertaking his Bachelor of Psychology with Honours and is bolstering his knowledge in psychology through a volunteer position at Lifeline.

"It's a very important job and has been great character building for me, where I'm learning tools in talking to people in general and being able to listen better, as well as becoming self-aware in being able to keep my emotions and biases in check – I've learnt a lot of great life skills from that.

"I love the calls where you feel like you've made a real difference. They really bring a whole new sense of satisfaction and meaning to life."

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.



Pathway courses

Course	ATAR [^]	Location	Duration	Starts
Preparing for Success Program (PSP)	n/a	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour, Online	3moFT/ 1PT	March, July, October
Transition to Uni	n/a	Online	6wks FT	January
Diploma of Arts Specialisations: Arts; Digital Media; Art and Design; Contemporary Music	45	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Online (Not all specialisations available at all locations. Check webpage for details.)	1FT/2PT	March, July
Diploma of Business Specialisations: Business; Tourism	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 Specialisations: Early Childhood; Primary; Secondary; Secondary Technology	45	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Online*	1FT/2PT	March, July
Diploma of Engineering	45	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, 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, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour, Online* (Not all specialisations available at all locations. Check webpage for details.)	1FT/2PT	March, July (July intake is 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 Legal Studies	45	Northern Rivers, Online	1FT/2PT	March
Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture	45	Northern Rivers, Online*	1FT/2PT	March, July
Diploma of Science	45	Northern Rivers, Online*	1FT/2PT	March
Diploma of Hotel Management	n/a	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane	1FT/2PT	March, July, October
Associate Degree in Creative Writing	55	Online	2FT/4PT	March
Associate Degree in Engineering	55	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Online	2FT/4PT	March, July
Associate Degree of International Tourism and Hotel Management	n/a	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Hayman Island	2FT/4PT	March, July, October
Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies)	55	Gold Coast, Online	2FT/4PT	March, July, October

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

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 of 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)
Associate Degree of International Tourism and Hotel Management	> Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management



Diploma

1 year full-time study or equivalent



Bachelor

with up to 8 units of credit

Diploma of Arts	> Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Digital Media, Bachelor of Art and Design, Bachelor of Contemporary Music
Diploma of Business	> Bachelor of Business
Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)	> Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies), Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, Bachelor of Laws (with required GPA)
Diploma of Education	> Bachelor of Education
Diploma of Engineering	> Associate Degree 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 Legal Studies	> Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies)
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



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 applied knowledge, developing transferable skills for a range of industries.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/business



5-stars for full-time employment
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

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 90)
Professional placement	Optional internships
Professional recognition	CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (Accounting specialisation). Treasury's Financial Adviser Standards (Financial Services specialisation).
Entry pathway	Diploma of Business (page 20)

The Bachelor of Business 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 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 is also available as a double degree with the Bachelor of Arts (page 56), the Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours) (page 32), the Bachelor of Information Technology (page 22), the Bachelor of Laws (page 64) and the Bachelor of Psychological Science (page 49).

Please check the Southern Cross University web site for details about the structure and study options in a double degree.



A degree you can take anywhere

Brighley Dangerfield
Business 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.

Diploma of Business

ATAR	45
Specialisations	Business, 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 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.





Computing and IT

A career in IT is a journey into innovation. Be at the cutting edge of tomorrow's technology where you can be a catalyst for change and a creator of solutions.

Whether you see yourself as an Artificial Intelligence maestro, a coding wizard, a cybersecurity superhero, or a data artist, our information technology courses mark the exciting starting point of a future filled with limitless possibilities.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/information-technology



No.1 in Australia for postgraduate full-time employment in Computing and Information Systems (Good Universities Guide 2024)



Australian Computer Society accreditation for Bachelor of Information Technology



Work on real-world projects in the Digital Enterprise Lab

Bachelor of Information Technology

ATAR	70
Majors	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	Australian Computer Society
Entry pathway	Diploma of Information Technology (page 25)

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.



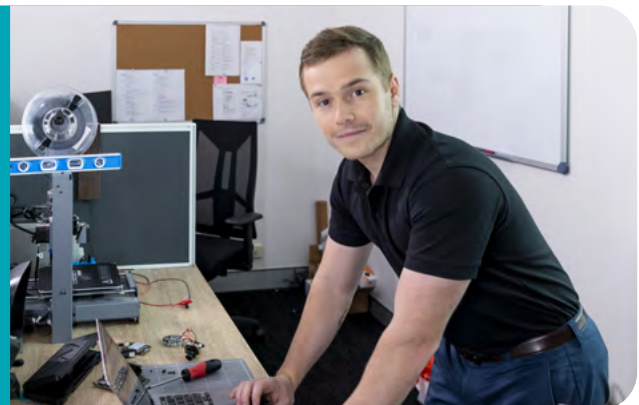
Double degrees

The Bachelor of Information Technology is also available as a double degree with the Bachelor of Business (page 18).

Please check the Southern Cross University web site for details about the structure and study options in a double degree.

"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.





Getting creative at the keyboard

Mrisha Upadhyay
Information Technology student

It is strokes of a keyboard rather than strokes of a paintbrush that enable Mrisha Upadhyay's creativity to flow.

Studying Computing and Information Technology at Southern Cross University's Gold Coast campus, Mrisha is flexing her creative muscles developing videogames through the User Experience specialisation.

"I feel like there is so much room for creativity in information technology. You can make it very fun," Mrisha said.

"Developing games and even just developing a simple button is the coolest part about my degree."

Mrisha said she was drawn to information technology as a booming industry with many perks such as working from home.

"I just enjoy every bit of it. I realised that I really enjoyed working on the design part of it, the interactive part, talking with the clients and making the design more interactive according to their preference."

Through her degree, Mrisha has honed her craft through specialist software such as Unity and using augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) technology. She is now undertaking an internship to gain real-world experience before she graduates.

"I'm working as an assistant webmaster intern in a Brisbane-based company. It's work from home and under 15 hours a week so it is quite flexible. I'm working with a lot of senior developers so it's good to get your feet on the field," Mrisha said.

Upon graduation, Mrisha is excited to jump into the industry. "I feel like I have enough knowledge now to dive into the workforce. I want to work as a user experience or user interface designer."



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.





IT students put digital currency to the test in Reserve Bank trial

In an Australian-first, Southern Cross University, in collaboration with ANZ, conducted a pilot using central bank digital currency (CBDC) known as eAUD.

The eight-week pilot tested CBDC when students paid for goods and services offline at on-campus vendors. It explored how a CBDC could address situations where online connectivity is absent, such as during major outages and in communities that lack the means to connect online.

Ten Southern Cross students were given NFC-enabled smart cards, each pre-loaded with eAUD to spend at selected vendors at the University's Gold Coast and Northern Rivers campuses.

Ayodhya Wathuge, a student in the Faculty of Business, Law and Arts, said she was thrilled to be testing aspects of this innovative payment technology.

“It was very easy to use eAUD to buy goods and services. As seamless as paying using my bank card or mobile phone but with the certainty that if and when the internet is down then transactions are still possible,” Ayodhya said.



Education

Southern Cross University graduate teachers have a lasting and profound impact on their students, from early childhood to secondary school and throughout their lives.

All of our courses engage the most contemporary and transformative thinking in education. To ensure you are profession-ready, your study includes extensive and meaningful placements in school and early childhood centres. Our programs are dual-state accredited for primary and secondary programs meaning expanded career opportunities for you in both NSW and QLD, while the early childhood teacher programs are nationally accredited by ACECQA.

For more info, and to apply visit

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



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Bachelor of Education

ATAR	70
Specialisations	Early Childhood/Primary, Primary, Primary/Secondary, Secondary, Secondary Technology
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour, Online
Professional placement	This degree includes a substantial program of professional teaching experiences.
Professional recognition	NSW Education Standards Authority; approved by Queensland College of Teachers for Primary and Secondary initial teacher education in accordance with the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL); Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority for Early Childhood.
Entry pathway	Diploma of Education (page 30), Associate Degree of Creative Writing (page 75).

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 and Technology.

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

For teaching in secondary schools, Design and Technology core subjects are combined with either Industrial Technology or Food and Textiles Technology. Students also have the capacity to develop skills in an additional teaching area.

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.



A scholarship helped me focus on my studies

Rachelle Stevens
Bachelor of Education

Rachelle Stevens' studies in the Bachelor of Education (Primary) are being supported by an International Women's Day scholarship. Rachelle, based in Coffs Harbour, is one of the three 2024 recipients. Each scholarship is worth \$5,000.

"I am immensely honoured and grateful to be a recipient of the 2024 International Women's Day scholarship. With my final unpaid practicum approaching, this scholarship eases the financial burden and allows me to focus on my placement. Throughout the year, this scholarship will enable me to focus on my studies and work towards finishing my degree - I am specialising in Science and Technology. I am the first in my family to attend University, and their joy and pride when we connect via Facetime is something I will remember forever," said Rachelle.

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	Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority
Entry pathway	Students with a Diploma of Early Childhood Education receive 96 credit points (equivalent to 8 units) advanced standing.

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, Indigenous education, 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. It is important to 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 Secondary
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, 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.

Career opportunities

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

* some online units may require on-campus residentials



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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, Northern Rivers, online*
Professional placement	60-day industry experience unit
Professional recognition	Engineers Australia
Entry pathway	Associate Degree of Engineering (page 34), Diploma of Engineering (page 35)

*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 advanced discipline-specific research and design units that 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 (page 18).

Please check the Southern Cross University web site for details about the structure and study options in a double degree.



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.

“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, Northern Rivers, online*
Professional placement	30-day professional placement
Professional recognition	Engineers Australia
Pathway	Diploma of Engineering (page 35)

*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. All students choose a specialisation to tailor their studies.

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, 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 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, Northern Rivers, 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.



The Southern Cross University Electric Kombi

Have you seen the Southern Cross Electric Kombi around town? We took a petrol-guzzling vintage Kombi and transformed it into an electric vehicle. Engineering students had the opportunity to observe firsthand the conversion and to help out in the workshop on campus.

The Faculty of Science and Engineering at Southern Cross University is a leader in the field of environmental engineering and sustainable energy. Our researchers are always looking for better energy solutions, from mobile solar power to better transport technology and there are many opportunities for students to be involved.

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Things to note about studying health:

- 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 web page 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 53)

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, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	500 hours
Professional recognition	Exercise and Sport Science Australia, AusActive, Australian Strength and Conditioning Association
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology) (page 53)

The Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology is a four-year degree that develops expert knowledge about how exercise can improve health and wellbeing 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 a 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.

Opening new doors

Clinical Exercise Physiology student Vincent says an injury motivated him to switch careers into the health field.

“It was good for me because the main goal of exercise physiology is to help people and having gone through an experience like that myself, I have a lot of empathy for people that are struggling.

“I’ve been to a variety of different places for work experience placements, including allied health clinics, over 50s gyms and the on-campus health clinic. It’s been really good because there’s been such a vast array of opportunities for me and I get to see the whole spectrum of what I’m capable of doing.”



Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies)

ATAR	65
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers
Professional placement	320 hours
Professional recognition	Osteopathy Board of Australia
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Osteopathic Studies) (page 53)

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, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour, online*
Professional placement	Compulsory 200 hours
Professional recognition	Australian Counselling Association

*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, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	140 hours of clinical placement
Professional recognition	Australian Psychology Accreditation Council; Exercise & Sport Science Australia
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology) (page 53)

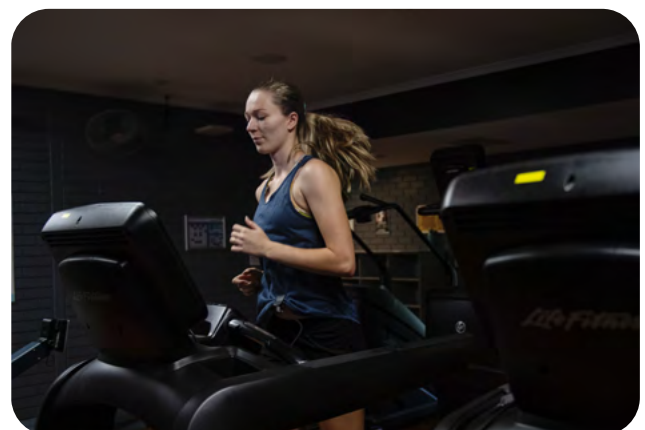
The Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science provides understanding of the structure and function of the human body as it relates to movement, the interrelationships between health and disease, and the psychological basis of human behaviour.

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, Northern Rivers
Professional placement	Work-integrated placement and work/community placement
Professional recognition	Complementary Medicine Association; Massage & Myotherapy Australia.
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Naturopathic Studies) (page 53)

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 Medical Laboratory Science

ATAR	65
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast
Professional placement	This course includes professional experience learning
Professional recognition	The University is seeking accreditation from the Australian Institute of Medical and Clinical Scientists (AIMS) in 2024.
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Biomedical Science) (page 53)

The Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science provides foundational knowledge in the medical diagnoses and management of disease. Students will gain hands-on learning in practical laboratories, using modern technologies to analyse and diagnose medical conditions.

Delve into foundational medical science such as anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, biogeochemistry and genetics before progressing to advanced studies in haematology, infectious disease, histopathology and genetic pathology.

Students gain practical skills and knowledge to prepare them for practice in pathology and clinical laboratories. Graduates will be able to perform clinical testing, analysis and report accurate and helpful results to physicians for their patients, supported by critical and clinical reasoning.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be well-prepared to work as Medical Laboratory Scientists in pathology and forensic laboratories. Graduates will also be qualified for scientist and quality assurance positions in biomedical, hospital, veterinary, university and government research laboratories and offices.



Bachelor of Midwifery

ATAR	80
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	1,000 hours
Professional recognition	Australian Nursing & Midwifery Accreditation Council

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).





Empowering women through their pregnancies

It is a rewarding feeling to empower women throughout the stages of pregnancy and birth, according to Bachelor of Midwifery graduate Georgina Haver.

Georgina decided to study the Bachelor of Midwifery at Southern Cross University after being inspired by midwives during her own birthing experiences. “I thought they had a really important job. Midwives can be so impactful in how a woman experiences that vulnerable time in her life,” Georgina said.

During her studies, Georgina developed strong bonds with her lecturers and tutors: “They were not only really knowledgeable and inspiring but they also work in clinical practice,” she said.

Georgina’s learning journey is continuing through an honours scholarship supported by Southern Cross University and the Northern NSW Local Health District, which allows her to work part-time as a midwife at Lismore Base Hospital while studying the Bachelor of Health and Human Sciences (Honours) at Southern Cross University.

Georgina said it is a beautiful thing to be able to provide care for women.

“It’s the moment when you feel like you’ve been able to give a woman a bit of knowledge, understanding or reassurance, and you can see she’s gained more clarity or strength. That’s when I feel like I’m making a difference.”

Bachelor of Nursing

ATAR	70
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	840 hours
Professional recognition	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Nursing) (page 53)

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, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	640 hours
Professional accreditation	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

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	Occupational Therapy Council
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, people and activities to enhance participation in everyday tasks.

In the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, you'll undertake studies in occupational therapy theory and practice, occupational transitions across the lifespan, environmental modification, equipment prescription, task adaptation, 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 Physiotherapy^{^^}

ATAR	85
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	Approximately 1,000 hours
Professional recognition	The University is seeking accreditation from the Australian Physiotherapy Council in 2024

^{^^} University approval pending. Bachelor of Physiotherapy subject to accreditation by the Australian Physiotherapy Council.

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy develops physiotherapists who have the knowledge and skills required to operate effectively and ethically as primary contact practitioners.

You will study functional human anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, neuroscience, pain sciences, therapeutic exercise, psychology, pharmacology and develop an understanding of acute, chronic, acquired, and developmental diseases and injury across the lifespan.

Throughout your degree you will learn and implement strategies and programs to prevent and manage illness and injury and optimise wellbeing, function and performance, using a person-centred and evidence-based approach.

Graduates will be progressive, adaptive, innovative, and able to incorporate up-to-date evidence and effective technologies, working autonomously and within a team in diverse health care settings, with people of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds.

Career opportunities

Physiotherapists work with people from all backgrounds and all ages, from children to the elderly in settings that could include hospitals, private practice, rehabilitation, sporting teams with athletes, aged care and in collaborative health care teams.



Bachelor of Psychological Science

ATAR	70
Major	Shared majors available. See page 90.
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour, online
Professional recognition	Australian Psychology Accreditation Council
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Psychological Science) (page 53)

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 64) or the Bachelor of Business (page 18).

Please check the Southern Cross University web site for details about the structure and study options in a double degree.



Studying Psychological Science to help others

Lily Kiriya completed a Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours before going on to pursue the Master of Professional Psychology, both at 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	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	Speech Pathology Australia

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, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour
Professional placement	140 hours
Professional recognition	Exercise and Sport Science Australia, AusActive, Australian Strength and Conditioning Association
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology) (page 53)

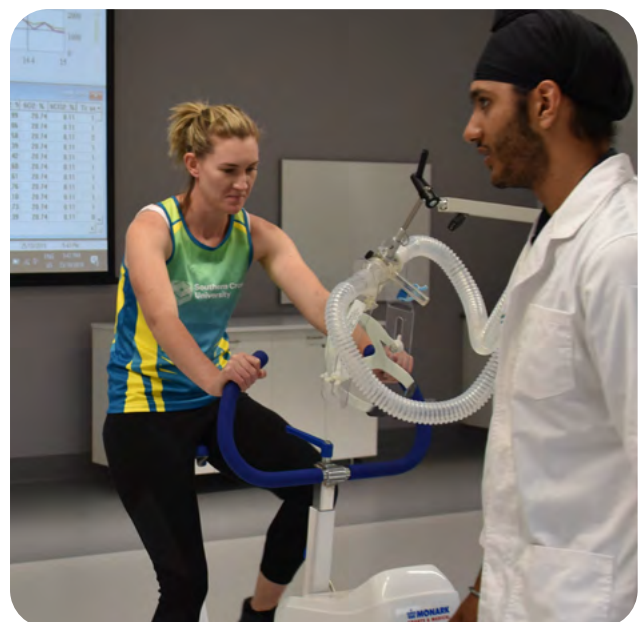
The Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science is a three-year degree that provides graduates with expert knowledge and skills in exercise science. You will be exposed to the role of exercise in health, fitness, well-being, and sporting performance.

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, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour, online*

*Not all specialisations are offered at all locations. Online study may require attendance at on-campus residential. 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.

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

After completing the Diploma of Health, Martina is now undertaking the Bachelor of Nursing.







Humanities and Social Sciences

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

Our humanities and social science courses 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



Expand your opportunities with a double degree



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 90)
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, online
Professional placement	Optional internship
Entry pathway	Associate Degree of Creative Writing (page 75), Diploma of Arts (58)

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 63) or the Bachelor of Business (page 18).

Please check the Southern Cross University web site for details about the structure and study options in a double degree.





Create your own world

Kristie Harris

Bachelor of Arts + Associate Degree of Creative Writing

Children and Young Adult author

Community Engagement Data Officer, Institute for Urban Indigenous Health

Your only limits are your imagination when you study a Bachelor of Arts. Graduate and Wiradjuri woman Kristie Harris is creating her own worlds of fantasy and wonder through her recently published children's book and upcoming young adult novel.

Kristie's children's book, *Andi's Mermaid Tale*, was published by Austin Macauley Publishers in 2023. Her upcoming fantasy novel, *A Queen's Glory*, was shortlisted for the 2023 Daisy Utemorrhah Award.

"I had never considered writing children's books but after studying a unit on writing for young people, I was opened up to a whole new world of writing," Kristie said. "I've got three kids and so it was great to be able to write a story for them."

Studying creative writing not only helped Kristie develop creative writing skills but also essay writing which she now uses in her role as Community Engagement Data Officer at the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health.

"I create the surveys and disseminate the feedback back to the community regarding our findings on research. It's been really helpful being able to learn how to structure that properly," Kristie said.

"My studies have changed my whole career trajectory. I was driving trucks and now I'm writing surveys and research papers and working on my career as an author."

Diploma of Arts

ATAR	45
Specialisations	Arts, Digital Media, Art and Design, Contemporary Music
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, online*

* Not all specialisations available at all locations. Check webpage for details.

Ready to kickstart a career in the creative industries? The Diploma of Arts empowers you to pursue your passion while equipping you with the skills for success at University. You will choose a specialisation in Arts, Digital Media, Art and Design or Contemporary Music.

The Diploma of Arts is a pathway course into a range of Bachelor degrees in humanities, digital media, visual art and contemporary music.

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 will be eligible for paraprofessional roles in the related areas of digital media, art and design, contemporary music or humanities.

The Diploma of Arts is also a pathway course into the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Digital Media, Bachelor of Art and Design or Bachelor of Contemporary Music.





Indigenous Knowledge

Discover how learning and knowledge is shared in the world's oldest living cultures, exploring Indigenous histories, knowledge systems, health and wellbeing, and ways of living.

With a teaching and learning process founded on principles of cultural integrity, inclusion and social justice through education, graduates are prepared for a range of careers where a deeper understanding of issues affecting Indigenous peoples is essential.

Delivered through the Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples, our Indigenous knowledge courses have strong links to both local and international communities.

Graduates are well-prepared for careers in a range of professional sectors including health, community services, tourism, business, justice or policy and research.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/indigenous-knowledge



Culturally safe: dynamic and innovative course for all people



Strong links with local Elders and communities as well as international relationships



Design your own Indigenous Knowledge degree with shared majors



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 course. 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.

Thanks to a prestigious New Colombo Plan scholarship, Pearl recently travelled to Fiji to further her studies.

"I've absolutely loved my studies abroad in Fiji," said Pearl. "The unique challenges and circumstances facing the Pacific have been very valuable to learn about for my degree. I'm an Australian who lives so close to the Pacific Islands yet previously knew next to nothing about them."

"I have connected with many international and local students, which has been so fun. I didn't expect to meet so many people from around the world, and this has been a highlight for me. The University of the South Pacific (USP) is a melting pot of Pacific cultures and a hub for important conversations and regional meetings. I thoroughly enjoyed USP and the beauty of the Laucala campus," said Pearl.

Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge

ATAR	60
Majors	Indigenous Knowledge, shared major (see page 90)
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	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/ Yugambeh 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.



Law

Whether it's defending a client in court, challenging a ruling before a tribunal, building a case to protect the environment or kick-starting a corporate career, a law degree can get you there.

With a focus on social justice, critical thinking, academic rigour and work-ready skills, our professionally-accredited qualifications open the way to a range of careers in law and justice.

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Double degrees:
expand your career options
with only one extra year
of study



Get an accredited
Law degree in
just three years



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
Entry pathway	Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) (page 66), Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice) (page 67)

*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 theories of law and environmental law that reflect our focus on justice, sustainability and critique. Elective units cover areas as diverse as AI regulation, 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 56), Bachelor of Business (page 18) or the Bachelor of Psychological Science (page 49).

Please check the Southern Cross University web site for details about the structure and study options in a double degree.



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) (page 66), Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice) (page 67), Diploma of Legal Studies (page 67)

*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.

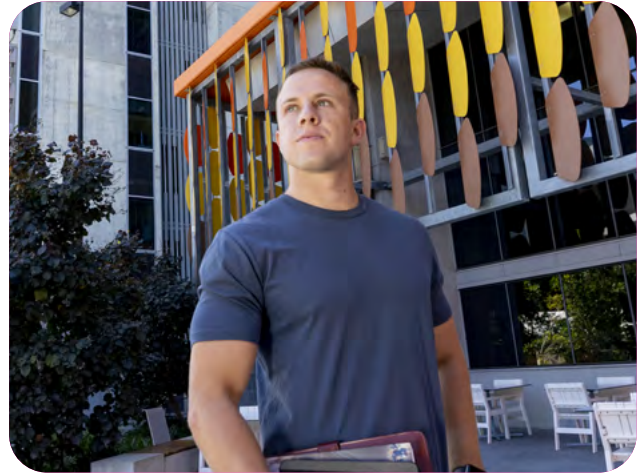
Career opportunities

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)
Entry pathway	Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice) (page 67), Diploma of Legal Studies (page 67)

*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
Professional recognition	NSW Fair Trading

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 Laws, the Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, and, with the required grade point average, the Bachelor of Laws at Southern Cross University.

Diploma of Legal Studies

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

The Diploma of Legal Studies is a pathway course that will equip you with foundational knowledge and skills in the areas of legal and justice studies.

You will gain skills in legal research and writing while furthering your understanding of the Australian legal system, criminal process, family law, contract law and ethics.

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 will be suitable for paraprofessional roles in the area of legal and justice studies.

Graduates can also use the Diploma as an entry pathway into the Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) and Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies.



Music and Creative Arts

Get ready for a dynamic career in the creative industries. Study exchanges or tours to international arts hubs can be part of your studies in music and creative arts.

Our lecturers are practising artists and students have the best of modern production facilities at their disposal. The University has an active multidisciplinary and creative learning community.

The University is a sponsor of major music and arts festivals which offer great opportunities for work placements and networking.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/music



Industry connections with HOTA, Swell Festival and Byron Writers Festival



State-of-the-art facilities: on-campus visual arts, recording and performing studios



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	Northern Rivers
Professional placement	Optional internship
Entry pathway	Diploma of Arts (page 76)

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 explores inner journey of surrender

Bachelor of Art and Design student Aafia Ali Shah won the 2023 Southern Cross University Chancellor's Art Prize for her work that explores themes of spirituality and surrender.

The Chancellor's Art Prize is an annual acquisition award for excellence in contemporary visual art with a \$3,000 prize. Aafia was awarded for her work *Inevitability*, which will be introduced to Southern Cross University's Art Collection.

"The artwork is a spiritual investigation into the inner journey of surrender," Aafia said.

"The spaces defined in this project exist in moments before a breaking point: the point of surrender where one can no longer find solace in the physical world and instead turns to the unknown to seek a greater sense of 'Truth'.

"*Inevitability* is grounded in feelings where the physical world starts to feel really alien and really temporary to you. It's an acceptance of destruction and the limitations of physical being.

"As a concept, that relates to my spirituality as a Muslim. It's tied in with a specific concept in spirituality, which is ego death. It's a process that allows you to connect more strongly and more truthfully with yourself, where physical attachments and materiality becomes a much lesser part of your being, where you're not tied to the physical world anymore."

Aafia is now exploring exhibition opportunities inside Australia and abroad. She says her time studying the Bachelor of Art and Design has set up for a successful career as an artist.

"I received so much encouragement and professional insight into being an artist. It's been very informative. I've really enjoyed the experience."

Bachelor of Contemporary Music

ATAR	60
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July (part-time)
Location	Coomera
Professional experience	Optional internship
Entry pathway	Diploma of Arts (page 76)
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, taught by lecturers who are practising musicians with strong industry links.

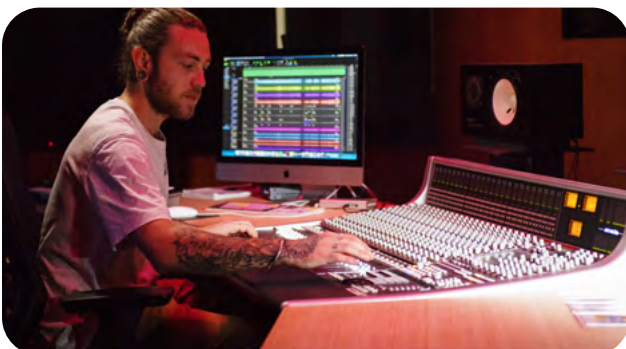
Career opportunities

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. Our regions have a vibrant arts and music scene – you could even find yourself doing a professional placement at a major event.





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	Northern Rivers, Coomera, online
Professional placement	100-hour internship
Entry pathway	Diploma of Arts (page 76)

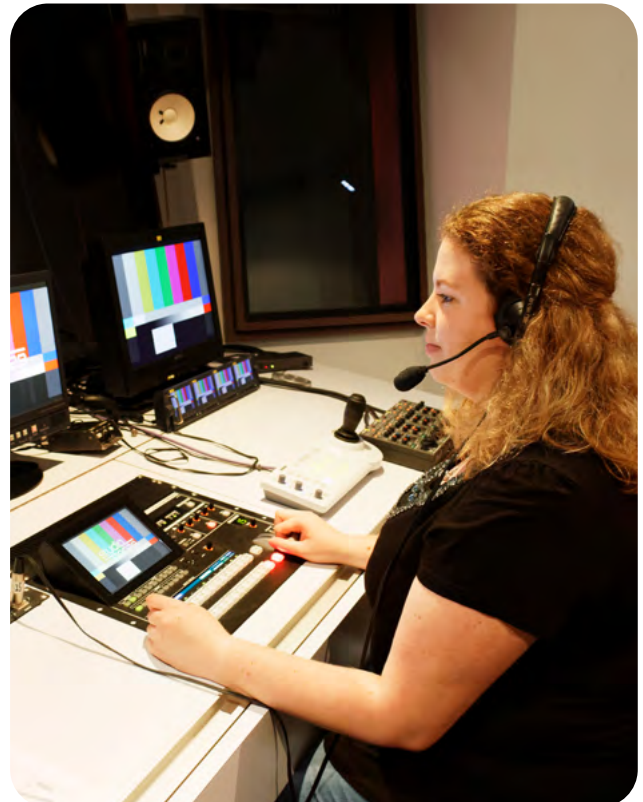
Content is key and as creators of content, digital media specialists are in strong demand for communication and marketing roles across Australia.

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.





Cameron discovers the HYPE of Screenworks Mentorship

Cameron Van Hooft is hyped. Recently completing his Bachelor of Digital Media at Southern Cross University, Cameron was a participant in the prestigious 2023 Screenworks mentorship program at the award-winning video production giant, Hype Republic.

The Screenworks mentorship program provides Southern Cross University students with tailor-made, screen-related development and networking opportunities. For Cameron, it was a game-changer.

“This opportunity gave me a substantial understanding of how a prominent video production company operates. It gave me the confidence to believe I can achieve similar goals.”

Cameron’s time at Hype Republic’s office exposed him to diverse experiences, from concept development, mood boarding, storyboarding, client meetings, to budgeting, scheduling, and of course video editing!

“I observed 30-second TV projects in the concept stage through to a Motorsport Team Announcement video that reached final publication,” said Cameron.

“I also spent a significant amount of time with the Colourist, Joe Lancaster, who was completing the colour grading stage of a Red Bull music video. It’s a stage that takes more time than I realised.”

Reflecting on the broader impact of Screenworks, Cameron noted the tangible outcomes of the mentorship program.

“Screenworks provided me with insights into the screen industry that I couldn’t have gained anywhere else.

“In 2023, a major Australian TV series was being filmed in my street, where I discovered that many crew members had landed their positions thanks to Screenworks.”

Now Cameron’s goals are focused on creating his own marketing agency, drawing from his experience with HYPE Republic to harness remarkable content and video creation.



Tune in to podcasting!

SCU Buzz is the Southern Cross University podcast, by students for students. Just search for ‘SCU Buzz’ on Spotify, Soundcloud or Apple Podcasts.

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 90.



Diploma of Arts

ATAR	45
Specialisations	Arts, Digital Media, Art and Design, Contemporary Music
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, online*

* Not all specialisations available at all locations. Check webpage for details.

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Career opportunities

Graduates will be eligible for paraprofessional roles in the related areas of digital media, art and design, contemporary music or humanities.

The Diploma of Arts is also a pathway course into the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Digital Media, Bachelor of Art and Design or Bachelor of Contemporary Music.





Science and Environment

Unlock the secrets of our world with a science degree. Delve into environmental science, cultivate sustainable agriculture, specialise in marine studies, or champion wildlife conservation.

Our degrees develop the skills and knowledge you'll need to understand complex environmental systems for a meaningful career that can help solve some of the big challenges of the future.

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Farming for food, community and environment

Jackie Morrison

Bachelor of Science (Regenerative Agriculture) student

Jackie Morrison has a vision for her farm: healthy soil, flourishing rainforest and a booming honey business. But the fruits of her labour won't be seen in her lifetime. As a regenerative agriculture student, Jackie is farming for the future.

"You want your soil to be better for the next generation and then the generation after that," Jackie said.

"We integrate between the chickens, pigs and cattle for the best and most sustainable way to use the soil. It doesn't matter if you're farming nectar for bees or pecans, pigs or cattle, all you're really farming is the biology in your soil."

The Bachelor of Science degree has had a transformative impact on Jackie's future, with one university assignment paving the way for her to travel the world learning from global leaders in beekeeping. As part of an assessment, she wrote a grant application and submitted her assignment to Nuffield Farming Scholarships, a charity that aims to foster positive change in farming and food.

Through the scholarship, Jackie has travelled to the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Fiji and Europe.

"I think it's important as a farm to be a part of your community and also provide environmental services. Our rainforest will provide habitat and clean water for the Wilsons River," Jackie said.

"What bigger purpose in life is there than feeding people and doing it in a way that's good for your community and the environment?"

Bachelor of Science

ATAR	65
Specialisations	Earth and Environmental Systems, Marine Systems, Regenerative Agriculture. Double specialisation in Earth and Environmental Systems and Marine Systems.
Majors	Applied Chemistry; Applied Mathematics and Physics, Biology, shared majors (see page 90)
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Northern Rivers, National Marine Science Centre Coffs Harbour, online*
Professional placement	Optional internship
Entry pathway	Diploma of Science (page 81), Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture (page 80)

*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:

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).

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. Double specialisation available in Earth and Environmental Systems and Marine Systems.

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.

For your elective units, you can also choose units from any other specialisation or University-wide electives.

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 90 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.

Bachelor of Veterinary Technology

ATAR	65
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Northern Rivers
Professional placement	24 weeks core professional placement

The Bachelor of Veterinary Technology provides the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to operate as a registered Veterinary Technologist in Australia or New Zealand.

You will graduate job-ready with a solid understanding of veterinary procedures and animal care, supported by ongoing work experience in general veterinary practice settings and comprehensive clinical skills training.

You will develop a strong theoretical understanding of veterinary health care team philosophy, focussing on areas such as anatomy and physiology, animal nutrition and reproduction, clinical pathology and microbiology, radiography, and pharmacology.

You will apply your knowledge through professional placements which will foster skills in examination and diagnosis, husbandry, therapeutics, pharmacy, anaesthesia, diagnostic imagery and surgical processes, allowing you to hit the ground running.

Career opportunities

Graduates may work in Australia and New Zealand in settings including veterinary practices and clinics, veterinary hospitals, agricultural businesses, zoos and wildlife sanctuaries.

Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture

ATAR	45
Specialisation	Soil Management (optional)
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Northern Rivers, 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 in paraprofessional roles such as lab technicians.

Diploma of Science

ATAR	45
Specialisations	Earth and Environmental Systems, Marine Systems
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Northern Rivers, 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.

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.

Take a virtual tour of the National Marine Science Centre:

scu.edu.au/nmsc





Social Work and Community Welfare

Be an agent for positive change with a meaningful career in social work, counselling and community welfare.

Our degrees are a rigorous grounding and a pathway to professional registration and high job growth areas in social work, human services, social policy and analysis, counselling, or research.

Gain professional recognition with accreditation from key bodies including the Australian Association of Social Workers, the Australian Counselling Association and the Australian Community Workers Association. Our Bachelor courses include significant, supervised on-the-job training so you will be ready to hit the ground running once you graduate.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/social-work



Extensive on-the-job training and strong practical foundations



Global top 5% in Social Sciences

(Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023)



Professionally accredited degrees

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	Australian Community Workers Association
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Community Welfare) (page 53)

*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 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	Australian Association of Social Workers
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health (Community Welfare) (page 53)

*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 eligible students to undertake an independent research project and provides a pathway to 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 Wallbridge

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
Social Work graduate and mental health social worker

“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.”





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.

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.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/tourism



5-star overall experience
in Tourism and Hospitality
(Good Universities Guide 2024)



Industry connections
facilitate work placements
in Australia and abroad



Global top 300 for Hospitality
and Tourism Management
(Global Rankings of Academic Subjects
– Shanghai Rankings 2023)

Bachelor of Business

With a major in Tourism and Event Management. Full course details see page 18

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 20)



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





Live, work and study on a tropical island

Sophie Bates

Service Manager, Crown Events and Conferencing Melbourne

Associate Degree of International Hotel and Tourism Management

Ever dreamed of combining a vacation with your education? This was the reality for tourism graduate Sophie Bates, who completed her studies at The Hotel School Hayman Island campus, located in the Whitsunday Islands.

Sophie lived, worked and studied on Hayman Island, completing work placements at InterContinental Hayman Island Resort.

“It was really good. I worked about 20 hours a week in my first year, working in housekeeping and food and beverage. I had the intention of moving over to front office but I fell in love with food and beverage and haven’t looked back since,” Sophie said.

Sophie said her coursework and assessments had real-world application.

“We had to write a bid proposal which was super detailed and had to come up with a scenario and execute a fake expo or conference in a different country. We came up with accommodation options, potential exhibitors and sponsors, floor plans and field trips for all of the guests. It was real-world experience that really helps me in my day-to-day life,” she said.

“I loved the culture of the island itself. We only had about 300 to 400 staff so you work together with everyone. It’s such a tightknit community. All of the students were so supportive and we’d always help each other when studying.”

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, 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

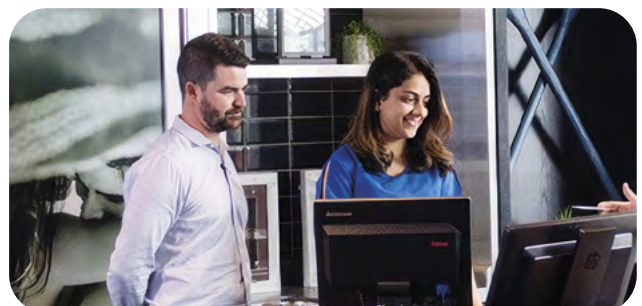
Admission by interview. Includes paid internship of 880 hours.

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

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

Counselling

Creative Writing

Cultural Studies

Digital Media

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

History

Indigenous Knowledge

International Business

Law and Justice

Marketing

Politics and International Relations

Psychology

Regenerative Agriculture

Social Science

Tourism and Event Management



How to apply

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 (left school more than two years ago, with work experience or transferring from another uni), apply directly to the University.

For direct applications

scu.edu.au/howtoapply



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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Double degrees

Please check the Southern Cross University website for details about our double degrees:

- Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours), Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Laws



Please note some courses have other admission requirements such as an interview or portfolio. Some courses may also be at a pending phase in their accreditation cycle. Check the website for up-to-date details about each course.

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Coffs Harbour, Sunday August 11

Gold Coast, Sunday August 18


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