University Foundation Studies – One Semester Program
Arts/Humanities/Education

Subject Descriptions

Academic English
This unit is designed to improve English proficiency across the four macro skills, of overseas and local students who wish to progress to university studies. In particular, the course aims to help students access the conventions of academic English by focusing on attitudes to knowledge, the ways in which ideas are structured and presented and surface language correctness. In addition, the course encourages students to develop strategies to maximize their learning and to reflect on their own learning styles.

Australian Studies
Australian Studies provides an introduction to Australian history and society today. Topics include the first Australians, European exploration, Australian culture, Australia and the Asia-Pacific region, as well as contemporary issues.

Computer Competency
Provides an introduction to basic computing with an introduction to Windows (including file management), Word, Excel, PowerPoint, the web and email. Students learn tips on what to look for when buying a computer system - hardware and software – and how to interpret computer jargon.

Introduction into the Australian Legal System
Foundation knowledge is provided on the origin and development of the Australian legal system, including historical influences on Australian law and Aboriginal customary law. It also examines the structure and role of parliament, the constitution, the courts and statute law. It also provides an introduction to business law.

Communication and Media OR
The globalisation or interdependence caused by changes in economies and communications along with the influence of new forms of communication and mass media has led to the introduction of media and communications courses in secondary and tertiary education programs. This unit is one which will not only attempt to structure student interest in general communication principles, media, and information technology but also enhance their vocational, interpersonal and academic potential. It is designed to be an introduction to media and communication studies at university.

Cultural Perspectives
Cultural Perspectives is designed to help students to understand why people from diverse cultures and historical periods think differently, behave differently and, generally, have vastly different worldviews. This course is designed to help students to understand a little more about themselves, their family and friends and the reasons why people do things in particular ways, and believe the things that they do. It has a strong theoretical base but is also designed to encourage reflection.