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

Subject Descriptions

Academic English
Provides students with the linguistic skills needed for the demands of university study. Topics include writing reports, writing summaries, making oral presentations, effective reading and note-taking.

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.

Communication & Media
Examines the influence of new forms of communication and mass media as well as providing an informed understanding of media, cross-cultural communication and the role of information technology.

Computer Competency
Provide 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.

Cultural Perspectives
Introduces a number of themes including defining culture, the construction, transmission and interpretation of culture, as well as the influences of sociological, psychological, historical and political trends on individuals, groups and society.

Introduction to the Australian Legal System - Standard
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, and provides an introduction to business law.

Literacy for Tertiary Studies
This skill based unit is aimed at ensuring students are able to be effective in the study of their chosen discipline subject/units at the Foundation Studies level and in future undergraduate study. The University Foundations Studies ‘Literacy for Tertiary Studies’ course aims to develop and consolidate some key academic skills which will assist students, especially those with limited exposure to quantitative and analytical study, successfully complete their Foundation Studies and future undergraduate study.