



Foundation Studies

Cricos: 0101567

Entry requirements

To be eligible for admission to the course, an applicant must be 18 years or over by the census date of the first relevant study period of enrolment

Campus Blacktown, Melbourne or Online Live.

Flexible Learning options

You can choose a mix of on-campus and online live study.

Next Start Date

Semester 1 2026

Duration

Accelerated: 1 semester
(for eligible students)

Full Program: 2 semesters

Find out more

acu.edu.au/course/foundation-studies

WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAM?

- If you haven't got an ATAR, or your ATAR isn't what you were hoping for, don't stress - our Foundation Studies program provides you with another path into university. Develop the skills and confidence to thrive at university and gain guaranteed entry into an ACU undergraduate degree. This fee-free program will prepare you for study at ACU by immersing you in university life while introducing you to a range of foundation units.
- Develop skills and confidence and transfer your knowledge to new learning contexts both at undergraduate level and throughout your life.
- Benefit from being part of a university campus from the moment you enrol. You will be an ACU student from day one with a student ID card and access to all campus facilities including free Wi-Fi, library resources, student welfare and support services, and lots of fun activities and events as well.

Course Structure

To qualify for course completion, you must pass:

- two to three specified units
- two to five choice units.

For full unit list please visit: acu.edu.au/course/foundation-studies

Sample course maps:

First Semester Accelerated:

- Maths for Uni
- Skills for Academic Success
- Choice Unit e.g. *Society and Culture*
- Choice unit e.g. *Business Streams*

First Semester Full Program:

- Maths for Uni
- Essential Skills at University
- Choice Unit e.g. *Digital Literacies*
- Choice unit e.g. *Society and Culture*

Second semester Full Program:

- Skills for Academic Success
- Choice Unit e.g. *English Language and Literature*
- Choice unit e.g. *Biology*
- Choice Unit e.g. *Business Streams*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Foundation Studies will prepare you for undergraduate study at ACU by providing a course specifically designed for Australian Catholic University. As a Foundation Studies student you will be immersed in the distinctive culture of the university throughout your preparation course. You will become familiar with ACU facilities, resources and systems and with the academic expectations and assessment models used in undergraduate degrees at ACU.

ADMISSION TO FURTHER STUDIES AT ACU

To qualify for entry to an ACU diploma or undergraduate degree you must meet the entry requirements to your intended diploma or undergraduate degree.

For progression requirements from the Foundation Studies program into ACU full degree programs please visit: acu.edu.au/course/foundation-studies

Enquiries can be sent to:

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