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# Your Undergraduate Course Guide

Southern Cross University



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# Transform your future

## Ready for university with a difference?

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

Six-week terms, immersive learning experiences, real-world scenarios, flexible learning for today's students and their busy lives... but that's not all.

As a new student, you'll have your very own academic personal trainer. Your First Year Adviser is your go-to person for the first eight units of your degree, connecting you with our services, offering tips on study and student life and cheering you on from the sidelines.

Learning and support designed for your success, both at university and beyond.

We think the results speak for themselves. An 88 per cent academic success rate and more than 90 per cent of our graduates employed four months after graduation, earning more than the national median graduate salary.*

When you join Southern Cross University, you'll be part of this community and you'll be connected to an alumni network of passionate people who are working towards a better future for everyone.

Together, we are Transforming Tomorrow.

5-Star Skills Development in 4 study areas

Top 100 Young Universities

Top 600 universities globally

*Graduate Outcomes Survey 2023, qilt.edu.au




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Southern Cross University acknowledges and pays respect to the ancestors, Elders and descendants of the Lands upon which we meet and study.

# 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.

The University's Hotel School has campuses in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Metro campuses are located in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth.




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

80,000+ graduates

18,000+ students

# Gold Coast campus

## Our Gold Coast campus is located at Coolangatta on Yugambeh 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:**

**Health** **Education** **Law** **Engineering** **IT** **Social Work** **Business**

- Biomedical Science
- Business
- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Computing and Information Technology
- Counselling
- Education
- Engineering
- Law, Legal and Justice Studies
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Midwifery
- Naturopathic Medicine
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Osteopathic Studies
- Pathway programs
- Physiotherapy
- 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

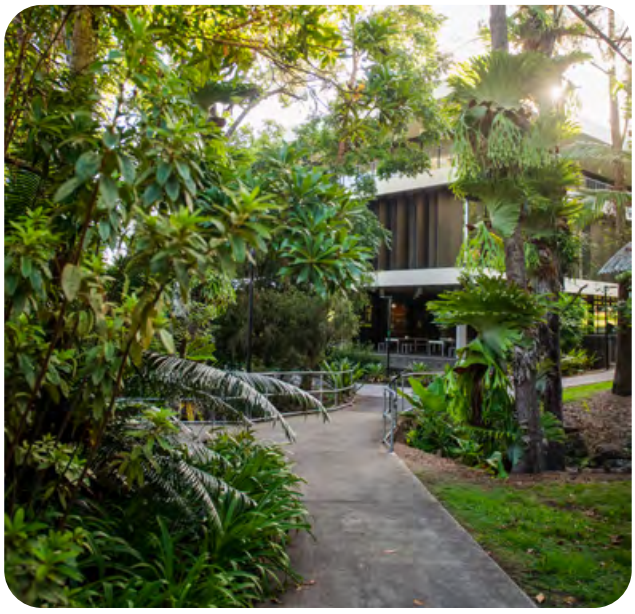
Our foundation campus is located at Lismore in the heart of the Northern Rivers on Bundjalung Country. Set on acres of lush rainforest that includes a koala hospital, the Northern Rivers campus is within easy reach of both national parks and the beautiful beaches of Ballina and Byron Bay.

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:**

**Health** | **Education** | **Science** | **Engineering** | **Veterinary Medicine and Technology**

- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Education
- Engineering
- Naturopathic Medicine
- Nursing
- Pathway programs
- Science (Environment, Agriculture)
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Veterinary Medicine
- 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:**

**Health**

- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Education
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Pathway programs

**Education**

- Physiotherapy
- Psychological Science
- Science (Marine)
- Speech Pathology
- Sport and Exercise Science.

**Marine Science**









Coastal lifestyle

International sports

Health Sciences precinct

On-campus accommodation

# Study online

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

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

**Business**

- Diploma of Business
- Bachelor of Business
- 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

**Education**

- Diploma of Education
- Bachelor of Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts

**Engineering**

- Diploma of Engineering
- Associate Degree of Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
- Bachelor of Engineering (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

**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 Arts
- Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies

**Science and Environment**

- Diploma of Science
- Bachelor of Science

**Social Work and Community Welfare**

- Diploma of Health (Community Welfare, Counselling, Psychological Science)
- 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

## 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!

**Bachelor of Science student Yasmeen Daniels completed an unforgettable year abroad studying in South Korea on a New Colombo Plan scholarship.** As an international student, Yasmeen was able to connect with Korean students as well as people from across the globe and learn about their cultures.

"The university system is quite different there. But it was a really amazing experience and Korea University made me feel really welcome," she said.

Some of the highlights of her trip include walking along the Han River, experiencing life in South Korea in all four seasons and seeing the cherry blossom trees bloom.

"Being able to fully immerse yourself in a new culture and way of life was great. I had always wanted to learn another language and that full-time immersion allowed me to achieve that."

















# 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 active learning experiences that prepare you for the real world. Better learning opportunities to pass 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."

**88%**
academic success rate

2024 unit success rates

"I've found it really allows for focused opportunity of learning rather than having to spread your focus between four or five different subjects over a long period. You can dedicate your time a lot more effectively to it."

*Bridie, Osteopathic Medicine 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.

## 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. Your course is made up of units and the SSAF is calculated per unit. The maximum SSAF fee in 2025 was $365. 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 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. Second-hand textbooks are sometimes available.

For details, visit:

studyassist.gov.au

For details, visit:

scu.edu.au/fees

# Supporting your studies

- Careers and employability service
- Equity and inclusion services
- Mentor programs
- Academic skills help

# Meet your academic personal trainer

Starting university is super exciting but it can be a little daunting too. That's why, as a new undergraduate student, you'll be assigned a First Year Adviser. Your adviser is your go-to person for the first eight units of your course, which is your first year if you are studying full-time.

Think of your First Year Adviser as a kind of academic personal trainer. They can connect you with support services at the University, help you navigate University systems and provide you with guidance and extra support should you need it in your studies, or in other aspects of student life.

They are specialists in your discipline and are there to help you succeed.

**What our students say about their First Year Adviser:**

"Your tips and plans on how to know what is required in assessment was really beneficial for me. You gave me really good resources that helped me in my assignment. I got very good feedback".

For details, visit:

scu.edu.au/fya



"University is easy to navigate once you understand how everything works. As First Year Advisers, our role is to make that transition smoother for new students. The transformation in such a short time is truly inspiring, and it's a privilege to be part of their journey."

*First Year Adviser, Juliane Haag Petasny*



Counselling services

Student advocacy

Indigenous student support

Wifi and tech services

# Scholarships

## At Southern Cross University, we believe in fostering the next generation of brilliant minds and bold leaders to reach their full potential.

Scholarships can change your university experience. They offer additional financial support to make studying more accessible but, even more than that, scholarships are an endorsement. A scholarship has been funded either by the University or a private donor because they believe in your potential to succeed.

Applying is easy – one simple form is all it takes.

## Scholarships cover many different student cohorts

**Academic merit and high achievers**

**Sporting or athletic excellence**

**Community service or leadership**

**Indigenous students**

**Regional or remote students**

**Gender and diversity**

**Discipline-specific**

### Vice-Chancellor Scholarships $50,000

Commencing enrolled students with an ATAR of 95 and above are eligible for one of ten $50,000 scholarships. This award recognises ongoing high academic achievement.

### Vice-Chancellor Regional Leadership Scholarships $50,000

For students from one of the local schools near our Gold Coast, Northern Rivers or Coffs Harbour campuses with an ATAR of 90 and above, there are ten $50,000 scholarships available.

### Southern Cross University Merit Scholarships $36,000

For students from one of the local schools near our Gold Coast, Northern Rivers or Coffs Harbour campuses with an ATAR of 80 and above, there are fifteen $36,000 scholarships available.

### Resilience Merit Scholarships $36,000

For high achieving students overcoming financial or educational barriers, there are fifteen $36,000 scholarships available.

### Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Excellence Scholarships $24,000

For high achieving Indigenous Australian students there are ten $24,000 scholarships available.

### Diploma Pathway Scholarships

For students commencing a diploma at Southern Cross University with intention to continue into a degree, a $2,500 scholarship is available.

**Scholarships range from $600 to $50,000**

**380 scholarships on offer**



**Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business student Jack Reynolds relocated from Sydney to study at the Gold Coast campus. Jack received a prestigious Vice-Chancellor's High Achiever Scholarship in 2025 thanks to his impressive ATAR results.**
"My family was incredibly proud and supportive, reminding me to appreciate this milestone and celebrate the effort it represents."

More details and how to apply:

scu.edu.au/scholarships

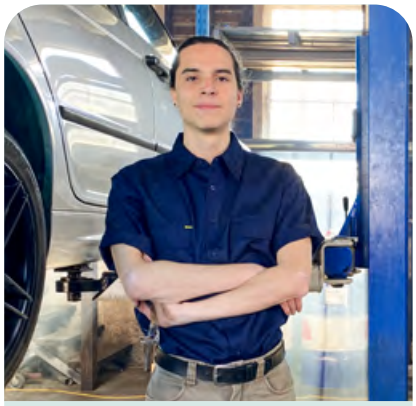
For equity scholarships visit:

uac.edu.au/equity

# SCU College

## Everyone's journey to university is different.

Some people come straight from school, others come after a break. Regardless of how you get here, SCU College offers several courses than can build your confidence about studying, developing the academic skills and study habits that set you up for success at university.



### Preparing for Success Program

- 12 weeks full-time, up to one year part-time
- Fee-free
- Gain academic literacy and foundational concepts
- Build confidence
- Go straight to a degree



### Transition to Uni

- 6 weeks full-time intensive, starts in January
- Fee-free
- For recent school leavers with an ATAR or ATAR eligible
- Gain academic literacy and foundational concepts
- Go straight into a degree



### SCU College Diplomas

- One-year full-time or part-time equivalent
- Standalone qualification
- Pathway to a Bachelor degree - Diploma graduates go straight into second year of related degree
- Foundational knowledge
- Extra academic support

For more information about SCU College pathways, visit:

scu.edu.au/scu-college



### 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," he said.

# 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.

**Secondary School**

**Scholars Program**
A University unit you can study at high school

**Unistart for Schools**
University preparation course delivered at school

**Early Offer**
Based on high school grades and school's recommendation

**ATAR**
Direct entry to course based on ATAR

**Transition to Uni**
Fee-free intensive pathway course for recent school leavers

**Preparing for Success Program**
Fee-free academic preparation course offered on campus and online

**Previous study or experience**
Use your existing knowledge and skills to gain entry to uni

**Non-school leaver**
Non-school leaver (left school 2+ years ago) or have completed TAFE/VET program

**Southern Cross University Diplomas and Degrees**

Learn more

scu.edu.au/pathways

**Get a head start on university with the Southern Cross Scholars program!** Study a free university subject in Year 11 or 12, boost your skills, and even earn a scholarship. Learn more at scu.edu.au/scholars

# Pathway courses

| Course | ATAR^ | Location | Duration | Starts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Preparing for Success Program (PSP)** | n/a | Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour, Online | 0.5 FT | March, July, October |
| **Transition to Uni** | n/a | Online | 0.25 FT | January |
| **Diploma of Business** | 45 | Gold Coast, Online | 1FT/2PT | March, July, October |
| **Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)** | 45 | Online | 1FT/2PT | March, July, October |
| **Diploma of Education Specialisations: Primary; Secondary Humanities; Secondary STEM; Secondary Technology; Secondary Arts** | 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; Counselling; Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology; Exercise Science and Psychological Science; Medical Laboratory Science; 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 Hotel Management** | n/a | The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane | 1FT/2PT | March, July, October |
| **Diploma of Information Technology** | 45 | Gold Coast, Online | 1FT/2PT | March |
| **Diploma of Legal Studies** | 45 | Gold Coast, Online | 1FT/2PT | March, July |
| **Diploma of Science Specialisations: Animal Health*; Science** | 45 | Northern Rivers, Online | 1FT/2PT | March |
| **Associate Degree of Engineering Specialisations: Civil Construction; Intelligent Machines** | 55 | Online# | 2FT/4PT | March, July |
| **Associate Degree of International Tourism and Hotel Management** | n/a | The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane | 2FT/4PT | March, July, October |
| **Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies)** | 55 | Gold Coast, Online | 2FT/4PT | March, July, October |

#The online study mode includes compulsory on-campus residentials.
Note: Not all specialisations available at all locations. See webpage for details.

^ATAR is indicative only.

*This specialisation is delivered on campus only.

# More ways to a Bachelor degree

**Associate Degree**
2 years full-time study or equivalent → **Bachelor**
with up to 16 units of credit

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| Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) with required GPA | > Bachelor of Laws |
| Associate Degree of Engineering | > Bachelor of Engineering (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

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| Diploma of Business | > Bachelor of Business |
| Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice) | > Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies), Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies |
| Diploma of Education (multiple specialisations) | > Bachelor of Early Childhood Education; Bachelor of Education; Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts |
| Diploma of Engineering | > Associate Degree of Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering (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 Counselling, Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science, Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle), Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science, 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 Science (Science or Animal Health) | > Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Veterinary Technology |
| Diploma of Hotel Management | > Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management, Associate Degree of International Tourism and Hotel Management |



# Business

## Be part of an industry ecosystem in the new Bachelor of Business at Southern Cross University.

From applied artificial intelligence to a deep understanding of how finance, operations and marketing work together in successful ecosystems, our Bachelor of Business is designed to produce graduates who can adapt and thrive in fast-paced industries.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/business

Global experiences and work-integrated learning

5 star ratings for Business & Management in Skills Development and Teaching Quality

(Good Universities Guide 2025)

93% graduate employment

(ComparED Graduate Outcomes Survey 2021-2023)

# Bachelor of Business

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| **ATAR** | 70 |
| **Duration** | 3 years full-time/6 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July, October |
| **Location** | Gold Coast, online |
| **Professional placement** | Internship or Industry Project |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Business (page 20) |

Successful business professionals need more than specialist knowledge in one or two areas. They need an understanding of all things business.

Our Bachelor of Business is a structured progression of core subjects covering sustainability, entrepreneurship, marketing, accounting, finance, artificial intelligence, business analytics, and professional development. The course develops your skills as a well-rounded business professional with experience across a diverse panorama of roles and organisations.

Professional work experience is central to your student experience. Here you will put theory into practice and have the opportunity to make your mark as part of the new generation of business leaders.

You will interact with businesses across our campus footprints as part of a skills accelerator and the Gold Coast Innovation Hub and have the chance to study abroad with one of our many global exchange partners as part of your degree.

## Career opportunities

Graduates of the Bachelor of Business gain the professional, critical thinking and communication skills to run their own business, work in government agencies and industry associations, or to pursue corporate careers across a broad range of sectors, including accounting, finance, marketing, public relations, international business, human resources, business analytics, tourism and events and more.



## Double degrees

**Double your career options with a double degree.**

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

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

# Bachelor of Business (Accounting)

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|---|---|
| **ATAR** | 70 |
| **Duration** | 3 years full-time/6 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July, October |
| **Location** | Gold Coast, online |
| **Specialisations** | Accounting |
| **Professional placement** | Internship or Industry Project |
| **Professional recognition** | CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, Tax Practitioner's Board |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Business (page 20) |

Successful accounting professionals need more than specialist knowledge in one or two areas. They need an understanding of all things business.

Our Bachelor of Business (Accounting) is a structured progression of core subjects covering accounting, finance, economics, sustainability, law, artificial intelligence, business analytics, and professional development. The course develops your skills as a well-rounded business professional with experience across a diverse panorama of roles and organisations.

The Accounting specialisation develops knowledge and skills in taxation, financial reporting, financial and management accounting, auditing, and business finance, and is CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, and Tax Practitioner's Board (TPB) accredited.

Professional work experience is central to your student experience. Here you will put theory into practice and have the opportunity to make your mark as part of the new generation of business leaders.

You will interact with businesses across our campus footprints as part of a skills accelerator and the Gold Coast Innovation Hub and have the chance to study abroad with one of our many global exchange partners as part of your degree.

## Career opportunities

Graduates of the Bachelor of Business (Accounting) gain the professional, critical thinking and communication skills to run their own business, work in government agencies and industry associations, or to pursue a career as a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA), Chartered Accountant (CA), or Tax Practitioner.

# Diploma of Business

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|---|---|
| **ATAR** | 45 |
| **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.

The course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that learners have diverse experiences and ways of learning. At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

## Career opportunities

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

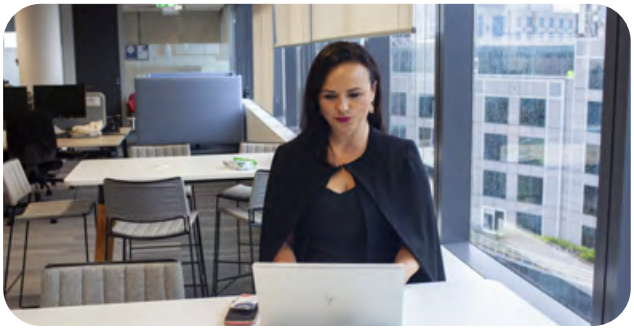
Graduates of the Diploma of Business are eligible for entry and up to 8 units of credit towards the Southern Cross University Bachelor of Business.





"In every one of the units I have studied, I have learnt a concept that I can apply to real world situations. The learnings are already helping me in my job now."

*Maddy Lawrence, business graduate*





# A degree that can take you anywhere

## Bella Zanesco

**Bachelor of Business alumna**
**Leader for Sustainability, Amazon Web Services**

When Bella Zanesco first decided to study business, she wanted to become an air-hostess. Little did she know, her degree would open doors to working with global brands, launching her own business, becoming a published author and travelling the world.

Bella enrolled in a Bachelor of Business and quickly switched her focus from tourism to marketing and HR, gaining skills that propelled her into a highly sought-after graduate role in Sydney's fast-moving consumer goods industry.

Her career quickly soared, with roles in sales, marketing, sponsorship and business development. Over the next decade, she moved into innovation, mergers, acquisitions, strategy and growth for global corporations including PepsiCo and San Miguel – where she was behind the launch of Grain Waves and the acquisition of National Foods and Berri. Her work took her to a consultancy firm in New York and London before moving back to Australia.



# 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 with limitless possibilities.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/information-technology

Work with cutting-edge technology

Australian Computer Society accreditation*

Integrated Microsoft certifications*

*Australian Computer Society accreditation and Microsoft certifications apply only to the Bachelor of Information Technology

# Bachelor of Information Technology

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|---|---|
| **ATAR** | 70 |
| **Specialisations** | Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity |
| **Duration** | 3 years full-time/6 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July, October |
| **Location** | Gold Coast, online |
| **Professional placement** | 12-week compulsory industry placement |
| **Professional recognition** | Australian Computer Society |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Information Technology (page 26) |

If IT is your passion, the Bachelor of Information Technology immerses you in a field that is driving our world forward.

Career options are broad, from securing our digital systems, developing artificial intelligent solutions, to building cloud applications.

Study on-campus or online and take advantage of an industry placement that adds hands-on, real-life experience.

You can tailor your studies through the choice of a specialisation in either artificial intelligence or cybersecurity. Your course also integrates globally recognised Microsoft certifications that are well-accepted by the industry. They are your key to securing your future jobs.

## Career opportunities

Graduates of the course can look forward to an exciting career across a wide range of industries and across government, private sector and not-for-profit organisations in roles such as cybersecurity analyst, AI and Machine Learning engineer, software developer, network engineer, data analyst, IT consultant, IT trainer or educator, and technical support professional.

## 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.

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

*Arlo Robinson, Bachelor of Information Technology graduate, Data management analyst*





# Sky is the limit for IT graduate Emma Taylor


Emma Taylor

**Bachelor of Information Technology graduate**
**Head of Technology, Virgin Australia**


As Head of Technology at Virgin Australia, Emma Taylor uses her IT skills to help innovative technologies take flight.

She runs a Technology department of over 120 people and is responsible for the shared enterprise technology platforms – all things data and integration, automation, digital engineering, architecture, and the burgeoning area of Gen-AI.

After graduating with a Bachelor of IT from Southern Cross University, Emma launched her career as programmer-analyst, then portfolio manager, solution architect, consulting architect, and then as head of technology, across some of Australia's biggest companies.

She says the advances in AI are mind-blowing.

"Now with the ability to integrate AI into our systems, we are taking a two-fold approach of buying AI-enabled software and we are also building our own machine learning and AI models. We're experimenting with how a production capability might look and how we manage and govern this new technology," Emma says.

"Advances in AI are happening at such a rapid pace. It's been a passion project for our people who've put their hand up to help take it forward.

"My degree at Southern Cross Uni was well-rounded from an IT perspective. We had good exposure to lots of disciplines from accounting to programming. My degree focused on business systems which led into working as a systems analyst and in data. I started working in business intelligence and found that all the coding experience – I loved coding at uni – was relevant for me."













# Diploma of Information Technology

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| **ATAR** | 45 |
| **Duration** | 1 year full-time/2 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March |
| **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 course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that learners have diverse experiences and ways of learning.

At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

## 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 cybersecurity analyst, AI and Machine Learning engineer, software developer, network engineer, data analyst, or IT consultant.









# Education

You never forget your favourite teacher. Southern Cross University graduate teachers have a lasting and profound impact on their students, from early childhood through to primary and then secondary school and throughout their lives.

All degrees engage with the most contemporary and transformative thinking in education. Initial teacher education courses include extensive and meaningful placements, ensuring that graduates are profession-ready. Dual-state accreditation for primary and secondary programs expands career opportunities in both NSW and QLD, while the early childhood teacher programs are nationally accredited by ACECQA.

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# Bachelor of Education

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| **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) |

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.



# Teaching is more than ‘chalk and talk’ for Southern Cross education graduate


## Jane Brennan

**Director of Creative Industries, Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School**
**Master of Educational Leadership graduate**


For alumna Jane Brennan, being an educator is not just about standing at the front of a classroom delivering the curriculum. It’s about developing the whole person, focussing on their wellbeing and creating community.

“It’s not just chalk and talk anymore. It’s about creating the whole person, and I have seen that shift in my 16 years in the classroom,” she said.

Jane chose to study an Education degree at Southern Cross University where she was attracted by the local campus and close-knit community.

“Southern Cross being a smaller university appealed to me. Having that personalisation with my lecturers and tutors was a big draw card.”

Jane credits the practical placements as one of the most vital aspects of the education degree.

“Our lecturers prepped us for what to expect inside the classroom, as well as our obligations as teachers in regarding to planning, administration, programming and other duties, which is a really holistic view of what teaching is. The placements were really well supported by the uni.”

As the Director of Creative Industries at Lindisfarne, Jane now works alongside some of her former teachers.

“It’s nice being able to work alongside them now, especially moving from a student to now being their colleague. It’s a full circle moment.”

# Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts

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| **ATAR** | 70 |
| **Duration** | 4.5 years full-time/9 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July |
| **Location** | Gold Coast, online |
| **Majors** | Creative Writing, Humanities, Social Sciences |
| **Professional placement** | 80 days (640 hours) in Primary schools |
| **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). |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Education (page 32) |

The Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts combines the rigorous foundation of a Southern Cross University teaching degree with the cultural investigation of the arts.

This degree is ideally suited to aspiring teachers with an interest in the arts, who want to develop an expanded scope of practice. You will develop a broad understanding of the world and its people, engaging with important social, cultural and political issues.

The Bachelor of Education in this double degree includes extensive professional placement while the Bachelor of Arts offers three majors to tailor your studies, in either Creative Writing, Social Sciences or Humanities. Each major includes a research project with an academic supervisor where you can focus deeply on an area that interests you.

## Career opportunities

Career opportunities for graduates of this degree are diverse, spanning the fields of teaching and education as well as careers in the cultural and social spheres. This degree qualifies you to teach in primary schools.





# Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts

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| **ATAR** | 70 |
| **Duration** | 4 years full-time/8 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July |
| **Location** | Gold Coast, online |
| **Majors** | Creative Writing, Humanities, Social Sciences |
| **Professional placement** | 80 days (640 hours) in Secondary schools |
| **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). |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Education (page 30) |

The Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts combines the rigorous foundation of a Southern Cross University teaching degree with the cultural investigation of the arts.

This degree is ideally suited to aspiring teachers with an interest in the arts, who want to develop an expanded scope of practice. You will develop a broad understanding of the world and its people, engaging with important social, cultural and political issues.

The Bachelor of Education in this double degree includes extensive professional placement and qualifies you to teach up to two subjects in Secondary Schools. The Bachelor of Arts offers three majors to tailor your studies, in either Creative Writing, Social Sciences or Humanities. Each major includes a research project with an academic supervisor where you can focus deeply on an area that interests you.

## Career opportunities

Career opportunities for graduates of this degree are diverse, spanning the fields of teaching and education as well as careers in the cultural and social spheres. This degree qualifies you to teach in secondary schools.



# Bachelor of Early Childhood Education

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| **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** | Diploma of Education (Primary), 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

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| **ATAR** | 45 |
| **Specialisations** | Primary, Secondary Humanities, Secondary STEM, Secondary Education/Arts (Creative Writing, Humanities or Social Sciences), 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, the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, the Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts. The course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that learners have diverse experiences and ways of learning. At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

## 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



# Engineering

## Engineers solve real problems and deliver practical and innovative solutions to improve the quality of society. This dynamic discipline is involved in every facet of our lives, from rockets and robotics, health and wellbeing, roads and bridges, to coastal protection, flood mitigation and agriculture systems.

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# Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)

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| **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 engagement** | 60 days of engagement with professional practice |
| **Professional recognition** | Engineers Australia |
| **Entry pathway** | Associate Degree of Engineering (page 36), Diploma of Engineering (page 37) |

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

The Bachelor of Engineering (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 (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

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| **ATAR** | 55 |
| **Specialisations** | Civil Construction, Intelligent Machines |
| **Duration** | 2 years full-time/4 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July |
| **Location** | Online* |
| **Professional placement** | 30 days of engagement with professional practice |
| **Professional recognition** | Engineers Australia |
| **Pathway** | Diploma of Engineering (page 37) |

*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 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

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

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 (Honours).

The course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that learners have diverse experiences and ways of learning.

At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

## Career opportunities

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

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Have you seen the Southern Cross Electric Kombi around town? It's our custom transformation of a vintage VW Kombi into an electrical vehicle. Retro cool with a sustainable future! 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.

Learn more:

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# Health

## The healthcare sector offers fantastic employment prospects and a diverse range of satisfying and meaningful careers.

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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

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| **ATAR** | 70 |
| **Duration** | 3 years full-time/6 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July |
| **Location** | Gold Coast |
| **Professional placement** | 140 hours |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Health (Biomedical Science) (page 55) |

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 with a biomedical science degree can pursue careers in various fields, including biomedical and health research, university and government research, and hospital, veterinary, and pathology laboratories (in laboratory assistant or technician roles). Additional opportunities exist in scientific sales, quality assurance, health departments, and the 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

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| **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 55) |

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)

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| **ATAR** | 65 |
| **Duration** | 3 years full-time/6 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July |
| **Location** | Gold Coast |
| **Professional placement** | 320 hours |
| **Professional recognition** | Australian Osteopathic Accreditation Council |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Health (Osteopathic Studies) (page 55) |

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 Queensland to offer studies in osteopathy.

# Bachelor of Counselling

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| **ATAR** | 65 |
| **Duration** | 3 years full-time/6 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July |
| **Location** | Gold Coast, online* |
| **Professional placement** | Compulsory 200 hours |
| **Professional recognition** | Australian Counselling Association |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Health (Counselling) (page 55) |

*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 hospitals or community health services as well as in private practice.







# Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science

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| **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, AusActive, Australian Strength and Conditioning Association |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Health (Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology) (page 55) |

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.



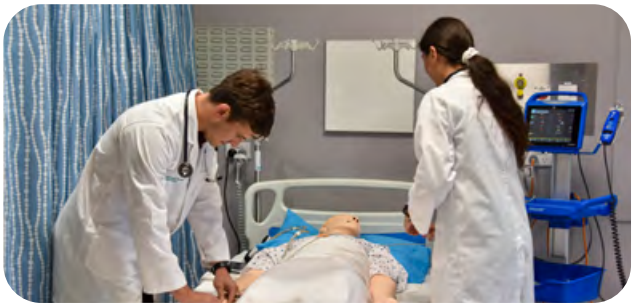



## Biomechanics tracks, sim dolls and teaching labs: Southern Cross facilities are the picture of health

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)

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| **ATAR** | 65 |
| **Duration** | 3 years full-time/6 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July |
| **Location** | Gold Coast, Northern Rivers |
| **Professional placement** | Observational placement |
| **Professional recognition** | Complementary Medicine Association; Massage & Myotherapy Australia. |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Health (Naturopathic Studies) (page 55) |

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

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| **ATAR** | 65 |
| **Duration** | 4 years full-time/8 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July |
| **Location** | Gold Coast |
| **Professional placement** | This course includes 560 hours of medical laboratory placement |
| **Professional recognition** | The University is seeking accreditation from the Australian Institute of Medical and Clinical Scientists (AIMS) in 2025. |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Health (Medical Laboratory Science) (page 55) |

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

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| **ATAR** | 80 |
| **Duration** | 3 years full-time/6 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March |
| **Location** | Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour |
| **Professional placement** | Completion of experiences as per ANMAC guidance (equates to approx. 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

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| **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** | Australian Nursing & Midwifery Accreditation Council |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Health (Nursing) (page 55) |

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

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| **Duration** | 2 years full-time/4 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July |
| **Location** | Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour |
| **Professional placement** | 640 hours |
| **Professional accreditation** | Australian Nursing & Midwifery Accreditation Council |

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

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| **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 55) |

Occupational therapists assist people of all ages and abilities to do what they need and want to do at home, work, school and in the community. They do this by transforming and adapting environments, people and activities to enhance participation in everyday tasks which are known as 'occupations'.

In the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, you will study 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 opportunity of real-world experience through work-integrated learning and have the option to major in Indigenous Health.

## Career opportunities

Occupational therapists are employed in a range of sectors including private practices, hospitals, community health, mental health services, schools and prisons. There are also career options in research and education.

## 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

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| **ATAR** | 85 |
| **Duration** | 4 years full-time/8 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March |
| **Location** | Gold Coast*, Coffs Harbour |
| **Professional placement** | Approximately 1,000 hours |
| **Professional recognition** | Physiotherapy Board of Australia |

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.

*Gold Coast availability subject to professional accreditation.



# Bachelor of Psychological Science

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| **ATAR** | 70 |
| **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 55) |

The Bachelor of Psychological Science combines fundamental theories with real-world applications, giving you the tools to understand human behaviour in all its complexity.

Choose the study mode that suits your life—fully online or a blend of on-campus and online learning—while benefiting from the direct support of expert academics. You'll study everything from the biology of the brain to the cross-cultural factors that influence how we connect. The curriculum blends core psychological theories with hands-on exploration. As you progress, you'll enhance your cultural awareness and ethical understanding, helping you view psychology as a science with social responsibility at its core.

## Career opportunities

You'll be prepared for a wide range of career pathways, such as working in health, disability, youth, or corrective services, joining research organisations like the CSIRO, or moving into private industry in management, human resources, or corporate consultancy. Alternatively, you can pursue a PhD or undertake further training for professional registration as a psychologist.

## 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 65) 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 Kiriyama 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

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| **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

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| **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 55) |

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.

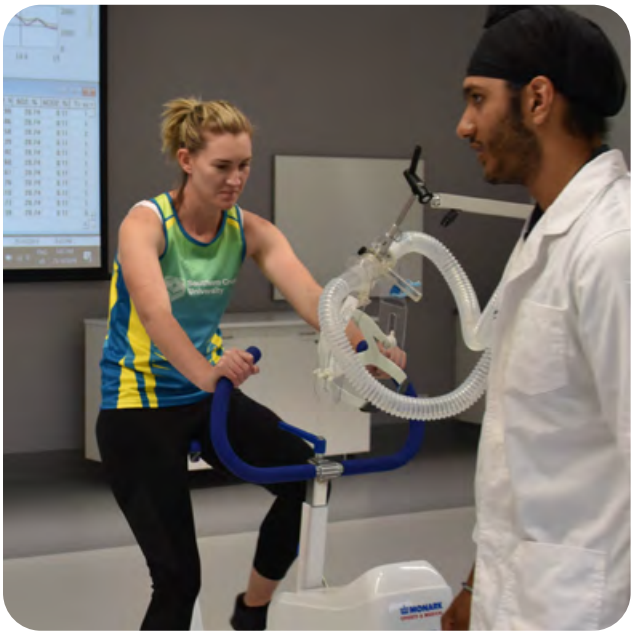
Additionally, this degree has a strong emphasis in developing an understanding of strength, conditioning, and coaching principles preparing you for an exciting career in sport and exercise science.

## 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

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| **ATAR** | 45 |
| **Specialisations** | Biomedical Science, Community Welfare, Counselling, Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology, Exercise Science and Psychological Science, Medical Laboratory Science, 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 or with both March and July start dates.
Online study may require attendance at on-campus residentials. See webpage for details.

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

This course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that students have diverse experiences and ways of learning. At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

## 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, clinical exercise physiology, community welfare, counselling, exercise science and psychological science, health science (health and lifestyle), medical laboratory science, nursing, occupational therapy, osteopathic studies, psychological science or sport and exercise 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.





# Hotel Management

## Southern Cross was the first university in Australia to offer tertiary studies in hotel management and tourism.

The University's Hotel School, with campuses in the vibrant cities of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, offers world-class education in hotel management and operations with extensive professional placement.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/tourism

No.1 in Australia for learner engagement and student support in Tourism and Hospitality

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Industry connections facilitate work placements in Australia and abroad

Global top 200 for Hospitality and Tourism Management

(Global Rankings of Academic Subjects – Shanghai Rankings 2024)



# The Hotel School

The University's Hotel School has campuses in the centres of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, 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



# Building a better future in hotel management

## Cindy Van der Wal

**ESG Manager, Pro-Invest Group**
**Bachelor of Business in Tourism Management graduate**

After completing her Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management at The Hotel School Sydney, Cindy was offered a two-month paid internship with leading private equity real estate firm, Pro-invest Group – well known for its hotel developments and boasting a $3 billion property portfolio across APAC and Europe.

More than seven years later, she's still there. Her determination and attention to detail in a variety of roles led to a custom-made position for one of the firm's rising stars – ESG Manager.

"There was incredible demand from investors for hotels to become more active contributors in the space of ESG. I started learning how you could integrate sustainable initiatives across the hotel lifecycle from the beginning and through Pro-invest Group's unique integrated platform of in-house developments, in-house operations and in-house asset management and fund management teams."

"I really appreciate the level of tailored attention that each student receives at Southern Cross and I was challenged to find my true skill set," Cindy said. "Students get to find where their passion lives as well."

# Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management

**Admission by interview. Includes compulsory internship.**

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| **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.**

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

# Diploma of Hotel Management

**Admission by interview.**

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







# 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 will gain a deeper understanding of Indigenous Knowledge systems that will prepare them to work with Indigenous, non-Indigenous and community organisations.

Delivered through Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples, our Indigenous Knowledge courses are guided by the Gnibi Elders principles, ensuring Indigenous cultural values, protocols and practices are key to all our teachings.

Graduates will gain relevant, transferrable and valuable skills 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

Global experiences



# 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

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| **ATAR** | 60 |
| **Duration** | 3 years full-time/6 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July |
| **Location** | Online* |

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.

This is achieved through a learning environment that validates an Indigenous cultural framework, affirms Indigenous Knowledge systems and focuses on theory and practice innovation.

You will learn to engage with local Elders and Aboriginal communities on Country and on campus, and work towards better environmental, social and economic outcomes.

An Indigenous Knowledge major or elective units give you the opportunity to pursue other disciplines and interests.

## 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.

*Includes compulsory on-campus residentials.



## 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, engaging in scholarship and research.



# Law

From defending human rights as a passionate advocate to guiding property transactions or navigating corporate mergers, legal careers are diverse. You could shape public policy, help protect the environment, or interpret the law and administer justice as a judge.

Law graduates can also thrive in journalism, business, and politics, thanks to their skills in critical thinking, evidence evaluation and clear communication.

Whether you're drawn to the courtroom, the boardroom, the newsroom or beyond, a law degree equips you with the tools to excel in any field. A foundation in law is a launchpad for possibility.

For more info, and to apply visit

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Diverse pathways to law

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# A life of advocacy for graduate Sam

Sam Forrester
**CASPA lawyer**
**Bachelor of Laws graduate**

As a child protection caseworker for the NSW Department of Family and Community Services NSW for nine years, Sam Forrester supported highly vulnerable children and their families, seeking to address drug and alcohol abuse, family violence and historical trauma.

“Working in child protection was where I came directly into contact with the court and the legal rights of young people, children and their families and foster carers,” Sam said.

“I have always been attracted to the law and passionate about rights, and that is what ignited my interest in the law.”

Sam graduated from Southern Cross University with a Bachelor of Laws in 2024 and she now works with Child and Adolescent Specialist Programs and Accommodation as a lawyer.

Sam was admitted to the NSW Supreme Court in Sydney in December 2024. Her new goal is to gain experience in criminal law and advocate for her clients in the court room.

# Bachelor of Laws

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| **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 67), Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies (page 66) |

*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 Business (page 18) or the Bachelor of Psychological Science (page 51).

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

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| **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 67), Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice) (page 68), Diploma of Legal Studies (page 68) |

*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)

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| **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 68), Diploma of Legal Studies (page 68) |

*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.

# Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)

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| **ATAR** | 45 |
| **Duration** | 1 year full-time/2 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July, October |
| **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 licensed conveyancers.

Graduates can also use the Diploma as an entry pathway to other degrees, such as the Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) or the Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies. Graduates of these courses, with the required grade point average, may apply for the Bachelor of Laws at Southern Cross University.

# Diploma of Legal Studies

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| **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. At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

## 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.



# Science

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# Triple graduate, triple impact: Cooper is working for bees, people and the environment

## Dr Cooper Schouten

**Bachelor of Environmental Science, Bachelor of Science with Honours, PhD graduate**
**Director of Bee Research and Extension Lab and beekeeper**

In 2014, during his undergraduate Environmental Science degree, Dr Cooper Schouten received a New Colombo Plan scholarship, funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, to work in rural Timor-Leste. He began to recognise the state of the environment as inextricably linked to community welfare, and how his love of bees could be used to help both the environment and people.

After completing his Bachelor of Science with first class honours at Southern Cross and working with honey hunting communities across Indonesia, Cooper went on to do a PhD looking at the reasons why international aid and agricultural interventions work, and also why they don't.

"A lot of the time organisations seeking to help poor people can have the best intentions, but the outcomes for rural farmers aren't always successful," he said. "I wanted to change that."

In addition to the many agricultural research and development projects he now leads, Cooper is also the Director of the Southern Cross University Bee Research and Extension Lab. Here he is leading the charge to find more efficient and sustainable ways to control invasive bee pests like Varroa mite, as well as developing new knowledge and practices for beekeepers and pollination-dependant horticultural industries.

# Bachelor of Science

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| **ATAR** | 65 |
| **Specialisations** | Agriculture, Environment, Marine |
| **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 72) |

*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 aims to produce graduates who are equipped with both scientific knowledge and practical skills to address critical global issues. The three specialisations in Environment, Agriculture, and Marine offer focused expertise aligned with real-world applications, allowing students to tackle environmental challenges, sustainable agricultural practices, and marine conservation.

Graduates from the Bachelor of Science will have diverse employment opportunities across environmental, marine, and agricultural sectors, each offering both local and international prospects.

## Career opportunities

### Environment Specialisation

Graduates may pursue roles such as Environmental Scientist, Natural Resource Manager, Conservation Officer, or GIS Analyst. Demand for environmental expertise is high, with opportunities in government, consulting, and NGOs focusing on sustainability, conservation, and resource management.

### Agriculture Specialisation

This specialisation opens careers as Agricultural Scientists, Agronomists, Natural Resource Managers, and positions in food production and policy. The agriculture sector's expanding needs provide strong job prospects, particularly in sustainable agriculture and food security.

### Marine Specialisation

Career paths include Marine Biologist, Marine Environmental Consultant, Fisheries Officer, and Marine Policy Analyst. With a growing focus on the 'Blue Economy,' graduates will find roles in government agencies, research institutions, and conservation organisations focusing on marine sustainability and eco-tourism.

# Diploma of Science

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| **ATAR** | 45 |
| **Specialisations** | Animal Health#, Science |
| **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.
#This specialisation is delivered at the Northern Rivers campus only.

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 or the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology.

The course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that learners have diverse experiences and ways of learning.

At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

## Career opportunities

The Diploma is a pathway to the Bachelor Science or the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology 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 or community welfare.

Our degrees are a rigorous foundation for high job growth areas in social work, human services, social policy and analysis, counselling, or research.

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# Bachelor of Community Welfare

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| **ATAR** | 60 |
| **Duration** | 3 years full-time/6 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March, July |
| **Location** | Gold Coast, online* |
| **Professional placement** | 400 hours |
| **Professional recognition** | Community Work Australia |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Health (Community Welfare) (page 55) |

*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).





You can study a Bachelor of Counselling at the Gold Coast campus or online.

See page 40 for details.



# Bachelor of Social Work

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| **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 55) |

*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."





# Veterinary Medicine and Technology

## Veterinary professionals are the first line of defence in our biosecurity and an essential part of our food production and animal health and welfare.

Building on our established expertise in agriculture and animal husbandry and backed by a vibrant community of health leaders, our veterinary courses are delivered in collaboration with industry at the Northern Rivers (Lismore) campus.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/veterinary

Industry collaboration

Dynamic research community

Regional location

# Bachelor of Veterinary Technology

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| **ATAR** | 65 |
| **Duration** | 3 years full-time/6 years part-time |
| **Starts** | March |
| **Location** | Northern Rivers |
| **Professional placement** | 24 weeks core professional placement |
| **Entry pathway** | Diploma of Science (Animal Health) (page 72) |

The Bachelor of Veterinary Technology provides the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to operate as a qualified 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, focusing 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 clinical diagnostics, husbandry, therapeutics, pharmacy, anaesthesia, diagnostic imagery and surgical processes, allowing you to hit the ground running. Please note this course includes some compulsory vaccinations. Check the webpage for details.

## Career opportunities

Graduates may work in Australia and New Zealand in settings including general and specialty veterinary practices, zoos and wildlife sanctuaries, agricultural businesses, and government departments.





# Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine with Honours*

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| **ATAR** | 85 |
| **Duration** | 5 years full-time |
| **Starts** | March |
| **Location** | Northern Rivers |
| **Professional placement** | 1,890 hours (54 weeks full-time) |
| **Professional recognition** | Pending accreditation from the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council |

This five-year degree is designed to build the strong theoretical knowledge, clinical skills, professional communication and industry experience necessary to graduate job-ready.

Students will develop a solid theoretical understanding of animal husbandry, microbiology, genetics and breeding, anatomy and physiology, population health, food safety, animal nutrition, pharmacology and pathology.

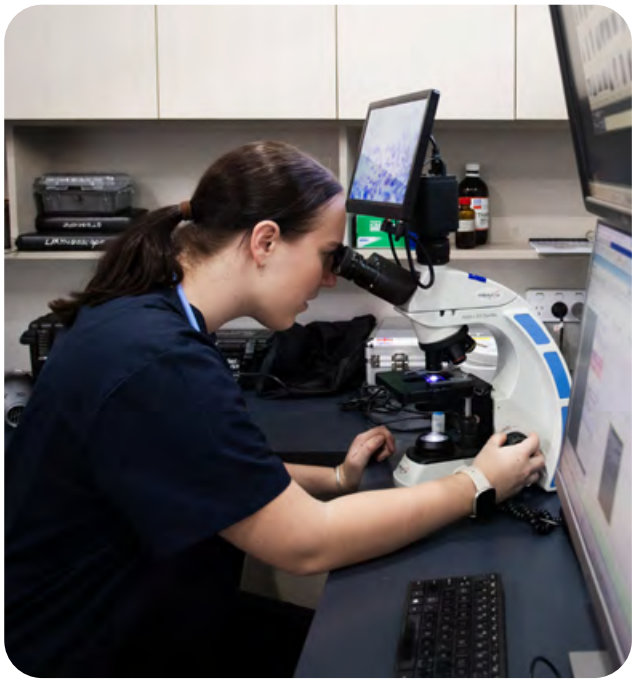
Clinical studies in medicine and surgery for equines, companion animals, ruminants, pigs, poultry and aquaculture, avian, native, wildlife and exotic and zoo animals will be supported by extensive work-integrated learning and clinical placements.

Please note this course includes some compulsory vaccinations. Check the webpage for details.

## Career opportunities

Graduates will be eligible to be registered to practise as veterinarians in Australia and New Zealand in settings including veterinary practices and clinics, veterinary hospitals, agricultural businesses, zoos and wildlife sanctuaries. Graduates will also have opportunities to work in government and non-government organisations relating to biosecurity, pharmaceuticals and public health.

*Subject to Australasian Veterinary Boards Council granting professional accreditation of the course.





# 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 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

**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

## 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.

# Quick reference

| Pathway programs | ATAR | Location | Starts | Page |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Preparing for Success Program (PSP) | n/a | GC, NR, CH, O | T1, T3, T5 | 15 |
| Transition to Uni | n/a | O | ST | 15 |
| Diploma of Business | 45 | GC, O | T1, T3, T5 | 20 |
| Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice) | 45 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 68 |
| Diploma of Education | 45 | GC, NR, O | T1, T3 | 32 |
| Diploma of Engineering | 45 | GC, NR, O | T1, T3 | 37 |
| Diploma of Health | 45 | GC, NR, CH, O | T1, T3 | 55 |
| Diploma of Information Technology | 45 | GC, O | T1 | 26 |
| Diploma of Legal Studies | 45 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 68 |
| Diploma of Science | 45 | NR, O | T1 | 72 |
| Diploma of Hotel Management | 45 | S, M, B | T1, T3, T5 | 59 |
| Associate Degree of Engineering | 55 | O | T1, T3 | 36 |
| Associate Degree of International Tourism and Hotel Management | 55 | S, M, B | T1, T3, T5 | 59 |
| Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies) | 55 | GC, O | T1, T3, T5 | 67 |
| **Business** | | | | |
| Bachelor of Business | 70 | GC, O | T1, T3, T5 | 18 |
| Bachelor of Business (Accounting) | 70 | GC, O | T1, T3, T5 | 19 |
| Diploma of Business | 45 | GC, O | T1, T3, T5 | 20 |
| **Computing and IT** | | | | |
| Bachelor of Information Technology | 70 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 23 |
| Diploma of Information Technology | 45 | GC, O | T1 | 26 |
| **Education** | | | | |
| Bachelor of Early Childhood Education | 60 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 32 |
| Bachelor of Education (Primary) | 70 | GC, NR, CH, O | T1, T3 | 28 |
| Bachelor of Education (Primary/Early Childhood) | 70 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 28 |
| Bachelor of Education (Primary/Secondary) | 70 | GC, NR, CH, O | T1, T3 | 28 |
| Bachelor of Education (Secondary) | 70 | GC, NR, CH, O | T1, T3 | 28 |
| Bachelor of Education (Secondary Technology) | 70 | GC, NR, CH, O | T1, T3 | 28 |
| Diploma of Education | 45 | GC, NR, O | T1, T3 | 32 |
| **Engineering** | | | | |
| Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Civil Engineering) | 70 | GC, NR, O | T1, T3 | 34 |
| Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Mechanical Engineering) | 70 | GC, NR, O | T1, T3 | 34 |
| Associate Degree of Engineering | 55 | O | T1, T3 | 36 |
| Diploma of Engineering | 45 | GC, NR, O | T1, T3 | 37 |
| **Health** | | | | |
| Bachelor of Biomedical Science | 70 | GC | T1, T3 | 39 |
| Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology | 70 | GC, NR, CH | T1, T3 | 40 |
| Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies) | 65 | GC | T1, T3 | 41 |
| Bachelor of Counselling | 65 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 42 |
| Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science | 70 | GC, NR, CH | T1, T3 | 43 |
| Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle) | 65 | NR, CH | T1 | 44 |
| Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science | 65 | GC | T1, T3 | 45 |
| Bachelor of Midwifery | 80 | GC, CH | T1 | 46 |
| Bachelor of Nursing | 70 | GC, NR, CH | T1, T3, ST | 48 |
| Bachelor of Nursing (for Enrolled Nurses) | n/a | GC, NR, CH | T1 | 48 |
| Bachelor of Occupational Therapy | 70 | GC, CH | T1, T5 | 49 |
| Bachelor of Physiotherapy | 85 | GC*, CH | T1 | 50 |

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| **Bachelor of Psychological Science** | 70 | GC, CH, O | T1 | 51 |
| **Bachelor of Speech Pathology** | 75 | GC, CH | T1, T5 | 53 |
| **Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science** | 65 | GC, NR, CH | T1, T3 | 54 |
| **Diploma of Health** | 45 | GC, NR, CH, O | T1, T3 | 55 |
| **Hotel Management** | | | | |
| **Associate Degree of International Tourism and Hotel Management** | n/a | S, M, B | T1, T3, T5 | 59 |
| **Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management** | n/a | S, M, B | T1, T3, T5 | 59 |
| **Diploma of Hotel Management** | 45 | S, M, B | T1, T3, T5 | 59 |
| **Indigenous Knowledge** | | | | |
| **Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge** | 60 | O | T1, T3 | 62 |
| **Law** | | | | |
| **Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies)** | 55 | GC, O | T1, T3, T5 | 67 |
| **Bachelor of Laws** | 80 | GC, O | T1, T3, T5 | 65 |
| **Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies** | 60 | GC, O | T1, T3, T5 | 66 |
| **Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)** | 45 | GC, O | T1, T3, T5 | 68 |
| **Diploma of Legal Studies** | 45 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 68 |
| **Science and Environment** | | | | |
| **Bachelor of Science (Environment)** | 65 | NR, O | T1, T3 | 71 |
| **Bachelor of Science (Marine)** | 65 | CH, O | T1, T3 | 71 |
| **Bachelor of Science (Agriculture)** | 65 | NR, O | T1, T3 | 71 |
| **Diploma of Science** | 45 | NR, O | T1 | 72 |
| **Social Work and Community Welfare** | | | | |
| **Bachelor of Community Welfare** | 60 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 74 |
| **Bachelor of Counselling** | 65 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 42 |
| **Bachelor of Social Work** | 60 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 75 |
| **Diploma of Health (Community Welfare)** | 45 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 55 |
| **Veterinary Medicine and Technology** | | | | |
| **Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine with Honours**** | 85 | NR | T1 | 78 |
| **Bachelor of Veterinary Technology** | 65 | NR | T1 | 77 |
| **Diploma of Science (Animal Health)** | 45 | NR | T1 | 72 |
| **Double degrees** | | | | |
| **Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts** | 70 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 30 |
| **Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts** | 70 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 31 |
| **Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), Bachelor of Business** | 70 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 34, 18 |
| **Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business** | 70 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 23, 18 |
| **Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts** | 80 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 65 |
| **Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business** | 80 | GC, O | T1, T3 | 65, 18 |
| **Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Business** | 70 | GC, O | T1 | 51, 18 |
| **Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Laws** | 80 | GC, O | T1, T3, T5 | 51, 65 |

**Location**
GC – Gold Coast, NR – Northern Rivers (Lismore), CH – Coffs Harbour, O – Online, S – Sydney, M – Melbourne, B – Brisbane

**Start dates**
T1 – March, T2 – May, T3 – July, T4 – August, T5 – October, ST – January.
Note not all locations available for all start dates. Check website for details.

*Gold Coast availability subject to professional accreditation.
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| **Coffs Harbour** | Sunday, 10 August 2025 |
| **Northern Rivers** | Sunday, 17 August 2025 |
| **Gold Coast** | Sunday, 24 August 2025 |

# Got questions?
# Let us help you find the answers.

Whether you have questions about university courses, future careers, entry requirements, how to apply or how to get started, contact us and the relevant person will help you find the answers you need.

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