

Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundations (DISF) - DipISF

	Online#
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year full-time, 3 years part-time
Program articulation:	To: Bachelor of Arts , ; Bachelor of Social Science ; Bachelor of General Studies

Notes:

The Faculty of Arts courses may also be available on-campus and by distance education. Details on these faculty-specific offerings can be found from the [undergraduate Arts programs](#).

The number of units of credit towards the ; [Bachelor of Arts](#), ; [Bachelor of Social Science](#) and ; [Bachelor of General Studies](#) will depend on the major and courses studied with a maximum of eight credits being available.

Footnotes

The first four courses are compulsory and are only available online.

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necessary skills and knowledge that are essential for success at the university level of study. The remaining courses from the Faculty of Arts and the Centre for Australian Indigenous Knowledges provide an introduction to studying a range of courses at first year level.

Program objectives

On the successful completion of the Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Foundations graduates will have:

- demonstrated an ability to successfully pursue an undergraduate program of study in the Faculty of Arts
- acquired sufficient knowledge about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies to make an informed choice about further undergraduate study in the Faculty of Arts
- developed an enhanced awareness of the nature of study in the Faculty of Arts
- developed foundation knowledge, skills and competencies in a series of first year undergraduate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander courses.

Admission requirements

International applicants must have a minimum entry level of IELTS 6.0 or equivalent.

There is no specified minimum educational achievement entrance standard.

Normally, to be eligible for enrolment in the program a person will have attained an age of at least 18 years in the year of the proposed enrolment.

Students will need to complete the online application form for entry to the Diploma Programs. All applicants are also required to complete online diagnostic tests in Mathematics, e-literacy, and English Communication Skills. Applicants will then be given advice detailing whether the Diploma Program is the most appropriate pathway for them to undertake. Some students may be advised to undertake the [Tertiary Preparation Program](#).

How to apply

Domestic students

Application for the Foundation Diplomas may be made [directly to USQ](#).

International students

This program is available to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

This program consists of four core courses followed by four courses in Aboriginal, or Torres Strait Islander Studies and/or Introductory Anthropology, Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology courses. Students must successfully complete the four core courses before they will be enrolled in the four courses of specialisation.

Core courses

There are four compulsory courses:

- [DIP1000 E-Literacy for Contemporary Society](#)
- [DIP1001 Academic and Professional English](#)
- [DIP1002 Strategies for Successful Study](#)
- [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#)

[DIP1000 E-Literacy for Contemporary Society](#) and [DIP1002 Strategies for Successful Study](#) are co-requisites: they must be studied together, and they must be the first courses undertaken.

For part-time students, [DIP1001 Academic and Professional English](#) and [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#) must be studied after [DIP1000](#) and [DIP1002](#). All four courses can be taken in a single semester for those pursuing full-time studies.

Foundation studies in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander courses

After completing the four compulsory courses students must select four courses from the following selection, including two from [KNL1001](#), [KNL1002](#) and [KNL2001](#):

- [CDS2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights in the Human Services](#)
- [HIS1001 Introduction to Australian History](#)
- [HMT1000 History of Western Ideas](#)
- [KNL1001 Indigenous Cultural Identity](#)
- [KNL1002 Torres Strait Islander Studies](#)
- [KNL2001 Indigenous Knowledge and Australian Heritage](#)
- [PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology](#)
- [ANT1001 Introductory Anthropology](#)

Program completion requirements

To successfully complete the Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundations students must successfully complete the four compulsory core courses, and also four courses of specialisation.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of three years to complete this program.

