

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

	Online #
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (March) 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 School of Arts and Communication courses may also be available on-campus and by distance education. Details on these school-specific offerings can be found from the .

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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Program aims

This is a generalist and collaborative program offered by the Open Access College, the Centre for Australian Indigenous Knowledges (CAIK) and the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts. The first four courses provide students with the necessary skills and knowledge that are essential for success at the university level of study. The remaining courses from the School of Arts and Communication 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 School of Arts and Communication
- acquired sufficient knowledge about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies to make an informed choice about further undergraduate study in the School of Arts and Communication
- developed an enhanced awareness of the nature of study in the School of Arts and Communication
- developed foundation knowledge, skills and competencies in a series of first year undergraduate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander courses.

Admission requirements

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](#).

Domestic and International Applicants from a non-English speaking background are required to satisfy [English language requirements](#).

If you do not meet the English language requirements you may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, Applicants may be admitted to an Award Program.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#). Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

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](#)
- [DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy](#)

DIP1003 [Essential Mathematics](#), [Essential English](#), [Essential Science](#), [Essential History](#), [Essential Society](#) and [DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy](#) are co-requisites: they must be the first courses undertaken.

For [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#), [DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy](#) and [DIP1002](#), all four courses can be taken in a single semester for those pursuing a diploma.

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After completing the compulsory core courses, students must select four courses from the following selection, including [KNL1002](#) or [KNL2002](#).

- [Introduction to Business and Human Services in the 21st Century](#)
- [Introduction to Australia](#)
- [Introduction to Western Ideas](#)
- [Introduction to Cultural Studies](#)
- [Introduction to Pit Islander Studies](#)
- [Introduction to Australian History](#)
- [Introduction to Cultural and Community Psychology](#)
- [Introduction to History](#)

Prerequisite information

To complete the diploma, original and copy of the diploma must be submitted to the four courses of specialisation.

Requirements

Students must complete the diploma within the maximum time frame.

IT requirements

Students must have reliable access to email and internet. Broadband access is required for the four compulsory core courses. For [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#), see the [IT requirements](#) for [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#). For [DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy](#), see the [IT requirements](#) for [DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy](#).

Students must be able to complete the diploma (either through distance education or online), regardless of their mode of study.

Students undertaking the diploma must complete the four compulsory core courses. For [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#), see the [IT requirements](#) for [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#). For [DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy](#), see the [IT requirements](#) for [DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy](#).

