Diploma of Social Studies Foundations (DSSF) - DipSSF

	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 Human Services; Bachelor of Social Science; Bachelor of Science

Notes:

The discipline-specific courses are available on-campus and by distance education. Details on these offerings can be found from the undergraduate Arts programs.

The Sciences courses may also be available on-campus and in distance mode. Details on these offerings can be obtained from the undergraduate Science programs.

The number of units of credit towards the ; Bachelor of Human Services and ; Bachelor of Social Science 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.
^   Students can only articulate into the Psychology major for the Bachelor of Science

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Program aims

This is a generalist and collaborative program offered by the Open Access College and the Faculty of Health,

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 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

The Program consists of four core courses followed by four foundation courses in the social sciences. Students must successfully complete the four compulsory core courses before they will be enrolled in the four foundation social science courses.

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

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 DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy 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 Social Science courses

After completing the four compulsory courses students can select four courses from the following selection:

- CDS1000 Introduction to Community Welfare and Development
- CDS1001 Human Relations and Communications
- CDS2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights in the Human Services
- PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A
- PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B
- PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology
- SOC1000 Approaches to the Social Sciences
- ANT1001 Introductory Anthropology

Program completion requirements

To successfully complete the Diploma of Social Studies Foundations students must successfully complete the four compulsory core courses, and also the four social science foundation courses.

Required time limits

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

IT requirements

Students must have reliable and ready access to email and the Internet. Broadband access is required for the four compulsory core courses. Students should have access to a scanner for DIP1003 Essential Mathematics. For information technology requirements, please see the minimum computing standards

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, distance education or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Students undertaking the Diploma of Social Science Foundations must complete the four compulsory courses first. The recommended enrolment pattern for the four compulsory core courses is as follows:

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DIP1000 E-Literacy for Contemporary Society					1	1,2	
DIP1001 Academic and Professional English					1	1,2	
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