

Diploma of Science Foundations (DOSF) - DipSF

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the [FDUS Foundation Diploma of University Studies](#) which will be offered from Semester 2, 2016.

	Online #
Semester intake:	No new admissions
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Residential school:	Some Science courses have compulsory residential schools
Standard duration:	1 year full-time, 3 years part-time
Program articulation:	To: Bachelor of Science

Notes:

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

The number of units credited towards the ; [Bachelor of Science](#) will depend on the courses studied and the major selected in the ; [Bachelor of Science](#).

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 and the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences. 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 Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences provide foundation science knowledge and skills in the series of four science courses studied.

Program objectives

On the successful completion of the Diploma of Science Foundations graduates will have:

- demonstrated an ability to successfully study foundation science courses
- acquired sufficient knowledge about foundation science and science programs of study to make an informed choice about further undergraduate study in the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences
- developed an awareness of the nature of the study of foundation courses in the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences
- developed foundation science knowledge, skills and competencies in a series of first year science 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 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](#) .

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [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, you may be admitted to an award program.

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

- [PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A](#)
- [PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B](#)
- [CSC1402 Foundation Computing](#)
- [CSC1401 Foundation Programming](#)
- [STA2300 Data Analysis](#)
- [MAT1000 Mathematics Fundamentals](#)
- [BIO1101 Biology 1](#) ^ §
- [CHE1110 Chemistry 1](#) ^ §
- [PHY1104 Physics Concepts 1](#)
- [REN1201 Environmental Studies](#)
- [PHY1101 Astronomy 1](#)
- [BIO2103 Biology 2](#) ^
- [CHE2120 Chemistry 2](#) ^
- [PHY1911 Physics Concepts 2](#)
- [PHY1107 Astronomy 2](#)
- [CLI1110 Weather and Climate](#)
- [MAT1100 Foundation Mathematics](#)

^ These courses have a compulsory residential school.

§ [BIO1101](#) and [CHE1110](#) are prerequisites of [BIO2103](#) and [CHE2120](#): they must be studied first.

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Program completion requirements

To successfully complete the Diploma of Science Foundations students must successfully complete the four compulsory core courses, and also the four 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, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Students undertaking the Diploma of Science Foundations must complete the four compulsory courses first. [DIP1000](#) and [DIP1002](#) are co-requisites and must be taken first, and at the same time.

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	
DIP1002 Strategies for Successful Study					1	1,2	
DIP1003 Essential Mathematics					1	1,2	
Plus the four Science courses referred to in the Program Structure.							