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

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 #
Start:	No new admissions
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 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.

Contact us

	Current students
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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

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following 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 .

All students are required to satisfy the applicable English language requirements.

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved English language program. On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an aw

- [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 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 Australian Colonies to Federation, 1788-1901](#)
- [HMT1000 A History of Ideas](#)
- KNL1001
- KNL1002
- KNL2001
- [PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology](#)
- [ANT1001 Cultural Diversity: an Introduction to 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.

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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 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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