

2012 Guide for Adult Entry Students



University of
South Australia





Welcome to the University of South Australia

The University of South Australia is a university of first choice for career-focused achievers. We provide the widest range of degree programs in South Australia and have a reputation for excellence in our four faculty divisions. Some of the world's brightest minds teach and research in the areas of business, education, arts and social sciences, health sciences and information technology, engineering and the environment.

In the 2010 QS World University rankings, the University of South Australia recorded the biggest increase for an Australian university and we are now in the top three per cent of more than 10,000 universities in the world.

The quality of our teaching is regularly recognised by awards such as Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning, and two of our academics have won the nation's highest honour for university teachers, the Prime Minister's Award for University Teacher of the Year.

Besides providing a high-quality teaching environment, the University of South Australia is a research leader. The first Excellence in Research for Australia assessment – an official national evaluation of the quality of research – showed that 70 per cent of our assessed research is of world-class standard and in several areas we have built research that is performing well above world-class levels. The University's research informs our teaching and learning activities.

I wish you luck in all your academic endeavours.

Professor Peter Høj
Vice Chancellor and President

Learn from Wendy Lacey PhD

Associate Professor and Associate Head of School, Law

'I became a parent at the age of 23, and was a single mum for 11 years until I met my husband. I had to finish off my Law degree and then my PhD as a single parent. When it got really difficult I would think about my great-grandmother. She had been married to a Prime Minister for nearly eight years, living in the lodge, raising 11 children. Once he died, she went on to become Australia's first female member of the House of Representatives. If she could do that, I could face anything. Balancing work and family responsibilities is one of the biggest problems faced by modern women. But I think it's about developing strategies so that you can balance the two, and you know when to stop and just let go of one to focus on your kids or there are times you have to go that extra mile for work, because it's really significant. When I first started learning about government and politics at high school it stirred in me a passion for human rights, for sensing injustice and wanting to do something to change it. And now as a teacher I see that same raw passion students bring to the study of Law. I'm helping them to realise that potential and to use their skills and knowledge to effect change. You can't bring that out of your students if you're just teaching through a book.'

View Wendy's story at
unisa.edu.au/experience



Learn from experience

One of the most important experiences you will have as a student at UniSA will come from our academics who share their knowledge, insights and personal experiences. We have filmed a number of short videos with our teachers and researchers who open up about their own journeys and how they translate their own experiences to the learning environment. Whenever you see these panels throughout the book with 'Learn from', you can head online to view the full story.

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Go back to study and get ahead

Starting university as an adult student can be a little daunting, but at the University of South Australia we're here to make this exciting life change as easy as possible. Nearly half of our students do not come straight from school and join the University from a diverse range of pathways.

We know you might be wondering about how university will fit into your already busy schedule, how to manage your finances or how you'll fit in with a younger cohort, but rest assured many new students just like you successfully make this transition each year.

Because we understand there are other demands on your time, we offer lots of flexibility. Most programs are available on a part-time basis and many can be taken externally online, meaning all you need is access to a computer and an internet connection to study whenever it suits you. There's even specialised technical assistance to help you get used to the online learning environment.

A broad range of financial assistance is also available and you may be eligible for more than you think. And with the biggest range of program options in South Australia, you're bound to be able to pursue something you're passionate about.

You can also receive credit for previous study. Find out more using our online credit assessor at: unisa.edu.au/future/tafe

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Why study at UniSA

Choose freedom

You can study part-time to fit around your work, family and life commitments, and choose from a range of programs offered online.

Hands-on experience

Get into the real world with work placements, field trips and industry projects delivering practical skills that give you the best possible start in the workplace. Because of this, almost 80 per cent of our graduates were in full time employment in 2010, which is above the national average.

Modern facilities

Each of our campuses is equipped with the latest technology, with updated IT facilities and wireless networking available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Learn from experts

Our award-winning educators are focused on your needs and share the latest research, trends and facts, thanks to their broad local and global experience.

Industry-linked

We work very closely with industry and the professions when designing and updating our academic programs. This is a major reason why our employment rates are high, and employer feedback reaffirms our graduates are job-ready.

Learning approach

We were among the first Australian universities to develop graduate qualities and all of our programs are measured against these to help you as a graduate to leave with the skills and knowledge required to succeed in your profession and in your life.

Our experience

As the University of South Australia, we are new, having been officially formed in 1991. But we also have a long history dating back to 1856 when we began as the South Australian School of Art then established education training colleges and the South Australian School of Mines and Industries.

Leading research

We are a national leader in research and this, along with our teaching, is closely linked to the needs of society and industry. Linking research with teaching is very important because you, as a student, will have the opportunity to be taught by, and interact with, people who are leaders in their field.

International excellence

We are focused on excellence and high standards, and we are globally engaged. This is very important for a university that wants to remain at the forefront of research and teaching. We believe this global connection improves the quality of learning for our students.

More choice

We cover most study areas with more than 300 programs across four academic faculty areas.

Moving ahead

And we are investing for further success, with \$1 billion to be spent by 2020 on capital works, new teaching and research initiatives, and student services.

Our achievements

- » UniSA recorded the biggest improvement of any Australian university in the 2010 QS World University Rankings, and with more than 10,000 universities in the world this puts us in the top three per cent
- » The 2011 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA), an official national evaluation of the quality of research, revealed over 70 per cent of assessed UniSA research is at a world-class standard
- » Associate Professor Mahfuz Aziz was awarded the 2009 Prime Minister's Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year
- » Almost 70 per cent of our academic staff hold doctorates, which puts us in the top 10 universities of that quality in Australia
- » European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) accreditation for the Division of Business. It is one of only 129 business schools worldwide, including only eight in Australia, to have EQUIS accreditation

Who qualifies for adult entry?

Adult entry students are those who come to university at any point in their lives other than straight from high school. To enter UniSA as an adult entry student:

- » You don't have to rely on your Year 12 results;
- » You can use your STAT (Special Tertiary Admissions Test) results to gain entry or use previous STAT results;
- » You can articulate into a UniSA program through your TAFE/RTO qualifications;
- » You can transfer from another university or from one program to another at UniSA;
- » You can undertake a UniSA Foundation Studies program to gain entry;
- » You can undertake a diploma at UniSA College to gain entry.

Year 12 results and adult entry?

- » You may be able to enter an undergraduate program at UniSA using your previous Year 12 results; just make sure you check if these are competitive with the current ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) scores. If you have completed up to two years equivalent full-time study you can still use your Year 12 results for entry into UniSA programs.

Managing your finances

Government support

Commonwealth supported study is a government scheme that enables you to study at UniSA and defer the payment of program costs until you're employed and earning over a certain amount annually (\$47,196 for 2011-12). Australian citizens and permanent humanitarian visa holders are eligible for this program. New Zealand citizens and holders of other permanent visas pay the same amount, however they cannot defer their payments. For more information about the Higher Education Loan Program (HECS-HELP) and other financial assistance programs contact 1800 020 108 or visit goingtouni.gov.au

- » Austudy is an income-tested allowance for those over the age of 25 studying an approved program;
- » ABSTUDY provides support to Indigenous students to help with study and living expenses;
- » Youth Allowance is an income tested allowance for those under the age of 25 studying an approved program.

For more information visit: centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/individuals/st or contact 132 317 (ABSTUDY enquiries) or 132 490 (Austudy, Youth Allowance enquiries).

Extra costs

It is also important to consider extra costs for course materials, textbooks, readers and equipment to support your studies and travel expenses. If you need financial assistance, support is available.

Scholarships and Grants

UniSA has a range of scholarships to help ease the financial burden of university. These fall under many categories; some are designed to support students from rural or low socio-economic backgrounds, and some are designed to motivate high achieving students. If you're interested in some time abroad you might qualify for a UniSA Student Exchange Travel Grant. New scholarships are being added all the time so visit unisa.edu.au/scholarship

There are also lots of Commonwealth scholarships on offer, go to unisa.edu.au/scholarship/commonwealth for more details and how to apply.



Experience our places

Each University of South Australia campus has distinct specialty areas and where you study will depend on what you are studying.

Getting to and from university

Our campuses are convenient to public transport, with the two city sites within walking distance of bus, tram or train stops. Magill and Mawson Lakes are also close to public transport and both feature on-campus car parking. Whyalla and Mount Gambier can be reached by regional bus and air services and also have car parking. You will also find dedicated areas for bike storage at each campus.



City East

The City East campus is located on North Terrace in the city centre in an area rich in history and culture. The campus is recognised as a health hub and the place for studies in health sciences, along with the School of Natural and Built Environments.



City West

Located on the edge of Adelaide's central business district, City West is home to the Division of Business. It is also the campus where students undertake visual art, architecture and design, along with Australian and Indigenous studies.

Innovating for the future

The University of South Australia is investing more than \$1 billion in capital works, new teaching and research initiatives, and student services by 2020.

Be part of a University that is at the forefront of innovation with strong investment in developments that keep pace with changing conditions.

New state of the art online learning

The University invests heavily in information technology and 2011 improvements included:

- » Students receive a 10GB email allowance, which you can keep after you graduate;
- » 300 per cent increase in internet download allowance;
- » 200 more PCs on campus – a 15 per cent increase;
- » 30 per cent increase in printing allowance.

In the international student barometer, UniSA was ranked number one for IT support for universities in Australia. And through the *rateyouruni.com* website, UniSA is number four in Australia for quality of IT support and equipment (as at May 2011).

The University has invested \$9 million into a new personal learning environment – an online model that is fully integrated and rich in digital learning facilities, resources and services. Students have 24x7 access to *learnonline*, which incorporates virtual classrooms, lecture recording, emails, course outlines, support for learning, administration and results.

The new learning environment also includes a program and course management system and a new student placement system. Information technology is also being integrated with mobile devices to keep pace with changing internet usage. Some courses feature learning materials for iPads and a new 'Find a PC' mobile application launched in 2011 allows students to check availability of computers around their campus in real time from their iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad. It's free to download from the App Store.



M² building

Opening in 2012, the M² building at Mawson Lakes is a space for innovative teaching and learning, to be conducted alongside leading research, in the materials, minerals science and engineering areas.

As a home to cutting-edge research laboratories, the building will provide a space for researchers from the acclaimed Mawson and The Wark Institutes and the Centre for Environmental Risk Assessment and Remediation (CERAR).

Alongside these, innovative teaching spaces and lecture theatres will be integrated so students can actively engage with researchers. It will be a truly multi-disciplinary centre for excellence in industry-relevant learning, research and innovation.

It will also provide the base for the new Bachelor of Science (Advanced Materials), which introduces a multidisciplinary program focused on priority areas relevant to South Australia, including mining, water, energy, health and the role materials play in these.



Magill

Nestled in Adelaide's leafy eastern suburbs, Magill campus is set among lush gardens and open spaces. Here you can study programs in the areas of humanities, social sciences and education.



Mawson Lakes

Just 12km north of the city, Mawson Lakes campus is home to some of the world's most significant technological research. It's where you can study information technology, engineering, environmental studies, science, civil aviation, education, and sport and recreation management.



Regional centres

UniSA also offers a selection of degrees in regional South Australia at Whyalla and Mount Gambier. Programs are offered in four areas – Business and Enterprise; Nursing and Rural Health; Social Work and Rural Practice; and Engineering (Whyalla only).



New \$95 million learning hub at City West

A new learning centre located at City West will be a hub for the whole University. It's a unique building, different from anything seen at an Australian university before, and will provide an integrated experience in one place. The centre will house Information Technology services, the Learning and Teaching Unit, Library, Campus Central and Security, alongside a range of other services.

Peer-to-peer interaction is at the heart of the design and the building will introduce a new level of student experiences at university. It will feature a mix of student spaces such as active and reflective learning areas, dedicated places for research and honours students, along with social spaces. There will also be informal learning spaces, active teaching spaces, meeting rooms and experimental teaching areas. The building is expected to be completed in 2014.



Business

The Division of Business is home to the largest business school in South Australia. It is also the only SA business school to receive EQUIS* accreditation, and one of only eight in Australia to be so accredited.

Our programs are professionally and internationally recognised with a reputation for innovation and educating professionals for the global business community.

*Note – EQUIS stands for the European Quality Improvement System and is the most prestigious international accreditation for business schools.

Schools

- Commerce
- Law
- Management
- Marketing
- International Graduate School of Business

Facilities and highlights

- » Outstanding new law facilities include a Legal Advice clinic where students can interact with the public, and a moot court.
- » South Australia's only Management school.
- » Unique degree offerings for SA in Sport and Recreation, Property, Human Resources and Marketing with Communications.
- » Property Career Mentoring Program and industry networking events help students develop career options.
- » With the option of studying in trimesters, law students can be ready to practise within just three years by completing the Law Society's practical legal training program during their final year of study.
- » Management students could win \$15,000 to turn business ideas into reality through the Pank Prize for Entrepreneurial Activity.
- » A new Honours Track in Management exposes students to world-class researchers and familiarise them with Honours degrees.
- » The School of Management was inducted into South Australia's Tourism Hall of Fame in 2010.

Education, Arts and Social Sciences

Working across a wide field of the arts, humanities and social sciences, the Division works closely with industry to remain at the cutting-edge of education and research.

Staff are closely connected with their profession and share the latest knowledge with students. Research from the Division deals with issues of theoretical interest and practical concern.

Facilities and highlights

- » Simulated television and radio learning facilities.
- » Multimedia languages facility.
- » Psychology, Social Work and Human Services programs are fully accredited by the appropriate national associations.
- » Specialised visual art and design studios, and art gallery.
- » One of Australia's longest established Art, Architecture and Design schools, including Australia's only Architecture Museum.
- » SA's only Journalism program.
- » New social work studio learning facility.
- » Mobile Architecture and Design Studios (MADS) provide exhibition spaces for off-campus community engagement projects.
- » UniSA's Public Relations program is the only program in South Australia accredited by the Public Relations Institute of Australia (PRIA).

Schools

- Art, Architecture and Design
- Communication, International Studies and Languages
- David Unaipon College for Indigenous Education and Research
- Education
- Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy



Find out more information about the Division online

unisa.edu.au/business

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unisa.edu.au/eas



Learn from Associate Professor Stephen Boyle PhD

School of Management

'If students want content they can read a book, but if they want to learn and understand, then that's where I come in. As a teacher, you have to give them a reason for coming to lectures, to add value to what they've already got access to. As a professional musician I've worked with a lot of international artists who would create a magical situation between them and the audience. And that's what I do when I teach. When I walk into that lecture theatre, I want to engage with that audience.'

[View Stephen's story at unisa.edu.au/experience](http://unisa.edu.au/experience)



Learn like Lisa Smith

Graduated - Bachelor of Education (Primary/Middle) with Honours

'After working as a chef for 10 years, this program allowed me to develop my expertise in the area of home economics while also learning to become a teacher in a primary/middle setting. The staff are fantastic and always willing to help you improve both academically and professionally. The opportunity to pursue my own learning has increased my passion and love for education and I really appreciate the flexibility, which increases my marketability when applying for teaching positions. Through achieving consistently high grades I was invited to join the Honours program which provided me with valuable experience and insights into the world of research.'



Health Sciences

With significant investment in teaching facilities and technologies, and emphasis on practice-based learning, the City East campus is adjacent to South Australia's largest hospital, providing excellent access to valuable resources.

On-campus facilities include modern specialised laboratories and clinics featuring a Physiotherapy Clinic, Podiatry Clinic and Mammography Clinic, providing students with access to valuable hands-on experience.

Schools

- Health Sciences
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Pharmacy and Medical Sciences

Facilities and highlights

- » State-of-the art nursing practice labs – set up like real hospital wards and recently upgraded.
- » SA's only undergraduate degrees in Human Movement, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy and Podiatry.
- » Upgraded Midwifery and Paediatric simulation areas.
- » Physiotherapy, podiatry and exercise physiology clinics are open to the public where students can undergo supervised training.
- » International standard nutrition and dietetics learning area with commercial preparation kitchen and sensory lab.
- » Anatomy lab.
- » A model pharmacy with computers and dispensing systems like a real pharmacy.
- » Mobile health clinics.
- » A Medical Science degree for high achieving students is run jointly with the Australian National University (ANU) so students have the opportunity to spend a year in Canberra studying in their second or third year.

Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment

The Division is at the cutting-edge of teaching, research and knowledge transfer in the areas which are among the most significant to modern society.

Through strong investment in new facilities and the recruitment of world leading teachers, students learn at the forefront of their industry.

Facilities and highlights

- » SA's only bachelor degree in Civil Aviation, (and it's close to Parafield Airport).
- » New IT Innovation Studio.
- » Experiential learning through strong industry links.
- » Only Construction Management degree in SA, and includes a minimum of 100 days supervised industry experience.
- » SA's only degree in Urban and Regional Planning.
- » \$73 million invested in engineering in new research, learning and technology institutes and centres.
- » State-of-the-art technologies like Geographical Information Systems.
- » Machinery workshops and interactive Experience 1 Studio facility.
- » A flexible science degree with eight majors to choose from.
- » A new Experiential Learning Suite at the City East campus.

Schools

- Advanced Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering
- Computer and Information Science
- Electrical and Information Engineering
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Natural and Built Environments



Find out more information about the Division online

unisa.edu.au/health

Find out more information about the Division online

unisa.edu.au/itee

Learn like Bryce Medlen

Graduated - Bachelor of Nursing

'UniSA offered me the best program to gain credit for previous studies I had completed, plus the work schedule allowed me to work and take time off to complete my clinical placement, which was a real bonus. UniSA has the flexibility to accommodate you, and has given me the chance to continue to work, and earn an income while I study. The timetables are easy to manage and I structured mine so I only had to be at university for two and a half days a week. My goal is to continue with my studies, and perhaps to do my Graduate Diploma with UniSA once I have found my specialty of choice and also to travel. With the UniSA degree this is definitely an option.'



Learn from Professor Bruce Thomas, PhD

Director Wearable Computer Lab, Deputy Director Advanced Computing Research Centre

'I do this because I enjoy it and I'd say to students, if you don't have a passion for what you're doing in your life, go find one. The bug of investigation, research and pushing the boundaries grabbed me, and it's nice that I get to do both of my passions – I love research and I love teaching people. I get into these discussions with people who don't understand the concept of scientists and they say 'scientists think they know all the answers'. And I like saying 'no, if you talk to any scientist, the whole point of science is that they don't know any'. Once all the questions have been answered then there's no more science.'

[View Bruce's story at unisa.edu.au/experience](http://unisa.edu.au/experience)



Our UniSA College

A new university experience

UniSA College provides a supportive university learning environment in which students prepare for entry into a degree by undertaking a diploma or the Foundation Studies program.

Diplomas

UniSA College offers two diploma programs:

- » Diploma of Arts
- » Diploma of Science and Technology

The diplomas are two-year programs designed to provide an alternative entry into a university degree for school leavers who do not meet the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) required for the program of their choice.

During the first year of a diploma, you will learn academic literacy, numeracy, communication, and information technology skills vital to successful tertiary-level study.

In second year, you will be gradually exposed to more discipline content, and by the last semester of the program you will undertake a full discipline load. Studying a diploma helps you build networks with your peers as you study alongside other undergraduate students in your chosen field.

Successful completion of the diploma will provide you with a university qualification and guaranteed, seamless transition into second year of a specified degree at UniSA.

Applications for the diploma programs can be made directly to the UniSA College. To apply, you must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, at least 18 years of age by 1 February in the intended year of study, and cannot have completed more than a Certificate III qualification. Entry will be based on merit.



Foundation Studies

UniSA Foundation Studies is a free, one-year program for students with no previous qualifications.

As a Foundation Studies student, you will learn the skills required for successful university-level study. On completion of the program you can use your grade point average (GPA) to apply for entry into a university degree.

When undertaking UniSA Foundation Studies, you are part of the university community. You will be taught on-campus, by UniSA staff, and have access to the full range of support services UniSA provides, allowing for a smoother transition into a UniSA degree.

There are no formal entry requirements for the Foundation Studies program. However, you must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, at least 18 years of age by 1 February in the intended year of study, and cannot have completed more than a Certificate III qualification.

Applications for Foundation Studies can be made through SATAC.

More information

For more information about UniSA College, please visit our website unisa.edu.au/college

Learn from Joanne Wright, PhD

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, UniSA

'My experiences in life have taught me that sometimes you can be disadvantaged just because you come from a particular environment, or you don't have the resources. I went to an extremely ordinary school in Belfast that gave me very limited academic opportunities where, if you were female, you were taught typing, cooking and hairdressing. But I managed to get a scholarship at 16 to a grammar school and get qualifications to go to university, and I've never really looked back. Here I am as a Deputy Vice-Chancellor of a very, very good university. But I was lucky. So what has really motivated me is to try and diminish that element of luck by creating an environment that gives students opportunities to shine.'

View Joanne's story at unisa.edu.au/experience

Research excellence

The 2011 Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) awards recognised the University of South Australia as a world-class institution. It showed that we are producing research of an international standard across each of our four divisions, and performing well above a world-class levels in key areas. Here are some of our stand out results:

Division of Business

Awarded with a world-class ranking for leading research in the areas of:

- » Law;
- » Law and Legal Studies;
- » Accounting;
- » Auditing and Accountability;
- » Business and Management; and
- » Tourism.

The Division of Business is closely connected to the University's flagship *Ehrenberg-Bass Institute for Marketing Science*, one of the world's leading centres for research in marketing. Students may be taught by the same marketing experts who advise Fortune 500 companies globally through the world-class Ehrenberg-Bass Institute.

Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences

Awarded with a world-class ranking for leading research in the areas of:

- » Education Systems;
- » Social Work;
- » Studies in Creative Arts and Writing;
- » Visual Arts and Crafts;
- » Language;
- » Communication and Culture;
- » Cultural Studies;
- » Linguistics; and
- » Historical Studies.

The Division is closely linked with the *Hawke Research Institute*, working in the areas of work and life, education and literacy, conflict management, equity, gender, child protection, postcolonial studies, religion and social policy. Among the many research concentrations are the Australian Centre for Child Protection; the Centre for Work and Life; the International Centre for Muslim and Non-Muslim Understanding; and the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education.



Division of Health Sciences

Awarded with a world-class ranking for leading research in the areas of:

- » Medical and Health Sciences;
- » Nursing;
- » Nutrition and Dietetics;
- » Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences;
- » Medical Physiology; and
- » Public Health and Health Services.

The Division is closely linked with the *Sansom Institute for Health Research*, the University's flagship health and biomedical research concentration. The Institute brings together a diverse group of leading scientists to find solutions to the big healthcare challenges of the 21st century.

Division of Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment

Awarded with a world-class ranking for leading research in the areas of:

- » Mathematical Sciences;
- » Pure Mathematics;
- » Applied Mathematics;
- » Chemical Sciences;
- » Physical Chemistry (Including Structural);
- » Environmental Sciences;
- » Environmental Science and Management;
- » Engineering;
- » Chemical Engineering;
- » Civil Engineering;
- » Electrical and Electronic Engineering;
- » Materials Engineering;
- » Resources Engineering and Extractive Metallurgy; and
- » Urban and Regional Planning.

The Division is closely linked with UniSA's groundbreaking *Barbara Hardy Institute*, the *Mawson Institute*, the *Ian Wark Research Institute* and the Centre for Environmental Risk Assessment and Remediation (CERAR).



Helpful information

UniSA has support services in place to help ensure the transition from work to university is as smooth as possible. If you can't find an answer to your questions here, visit our website.

unisa.edu.au

Campus Central

Campus Central is the administrative service for all students. With an office on each campus, it provides help and information in a wide range of areas, including enrolment, ID cards, student fees, chaplaincy, timetables and graduation eligibility. Offices are open year round.

unisa.edu.au/campuscentral

Learning and Teaching Unit

UniSA's Learning and Teaching Unit (LTU) provides a range of services and resources to help students succeed in their studies. Services include study support, personal counselling, international student support, and language development. A range of workshops and online resources are available to help students succeed academically. There is an LTU office on each UniSA campus.

unisa.edu.au/ltu

UniSA Career Services

Through Career Services, UniSA offers a number of opportunities aimed at maximising your employability when you graduate. Support staff and services are available to help students and graduates with career planning, job-seeking and preparing for the workforce. Planning your career early in your studies can give you a great head start and we offer a career development tool as your own personal and tailored career path planner. There are also opportunities through work placements, careers expos and information about working internationally.

unisa.edu.au/careers

Disability support

Prospective students with a disability or medical condition are strongly encouraged to contact UniSA's Disability Services for information regarding academic support, such as note taking, alternative arrangements for assessment, library assistance and material in alternative formats.

unisa.edu.au/disabilityservices

Indigenous support

Indigenous Student Services (ISS) play a vital role in ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people gain access to programs at UniSA, through its publicity, pre-selection and preparation programs, consolidated by on-going support and tutorial assistance.

unisa.edu.au/isu

Campus safety

Security plays a very important role University-wide and is maintained over a 24 hour shift, seven days a week. Using the UniSafe concept, an Escort Service is provided for students working early mornings or late evenings, to provide a safe passage through buildings, premises, grounds and University car parks when it may be considered hazardous to walk alone.

All officers hold current Security Licences, Fire Safety Officer and Senior First Aid Certificates and have undergone many training sessions to assist them with any problems/incidents that may arise. The University is a member of the Safety Assist program and each campus has a designated Safety Assist location, usually at Security, although any of the buildings may be entered to seek assistance. Safety Assist signage has been strategically placed on each campus to direct people to the Safety Assist location.

Accommodation

UniSA has a dedicated Accommodation Service with support staff who can help you consider the accommodation options to suit your needs.

unisa.edu.au/accommodation

UniSA Advantage bonus points

If you are applying using your Year 12 results, you may be eligible to receive bonus points when applying for programs at UniSA. There are two different strands:

» **Achievement bonus points** will automatically be awarded if students score a C or better in SACE year 12 Tertiary Admission subjects (interstate or the International Baccalaureate students are also eligible under the scheme) relevant to their intended UniSA program. At UniSA we believe that studying similar subjects in year 12 will better prepare you for university.

» **Aspire bonus points** are awarded automatically to students who attend a school in a rural or remote area or a school recognised and recorded by UniSA as disadvantaged. Students on School Card (or state equivalent) and/or Youth Allowance, and who do not attend a recognised school, can apply for bonus points by downloading an application form.

unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints

Sign up for CareerShop – your online career partner

Create a unique website tailored to your career interests with UniSA's CareerShop. You will receive your own personalised webpage and email updates with all the latest news, events and competitions relevant to you.

unisa.edu.au/careershop

Learn like Andrew Watt

Graduated - Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics and Communications)

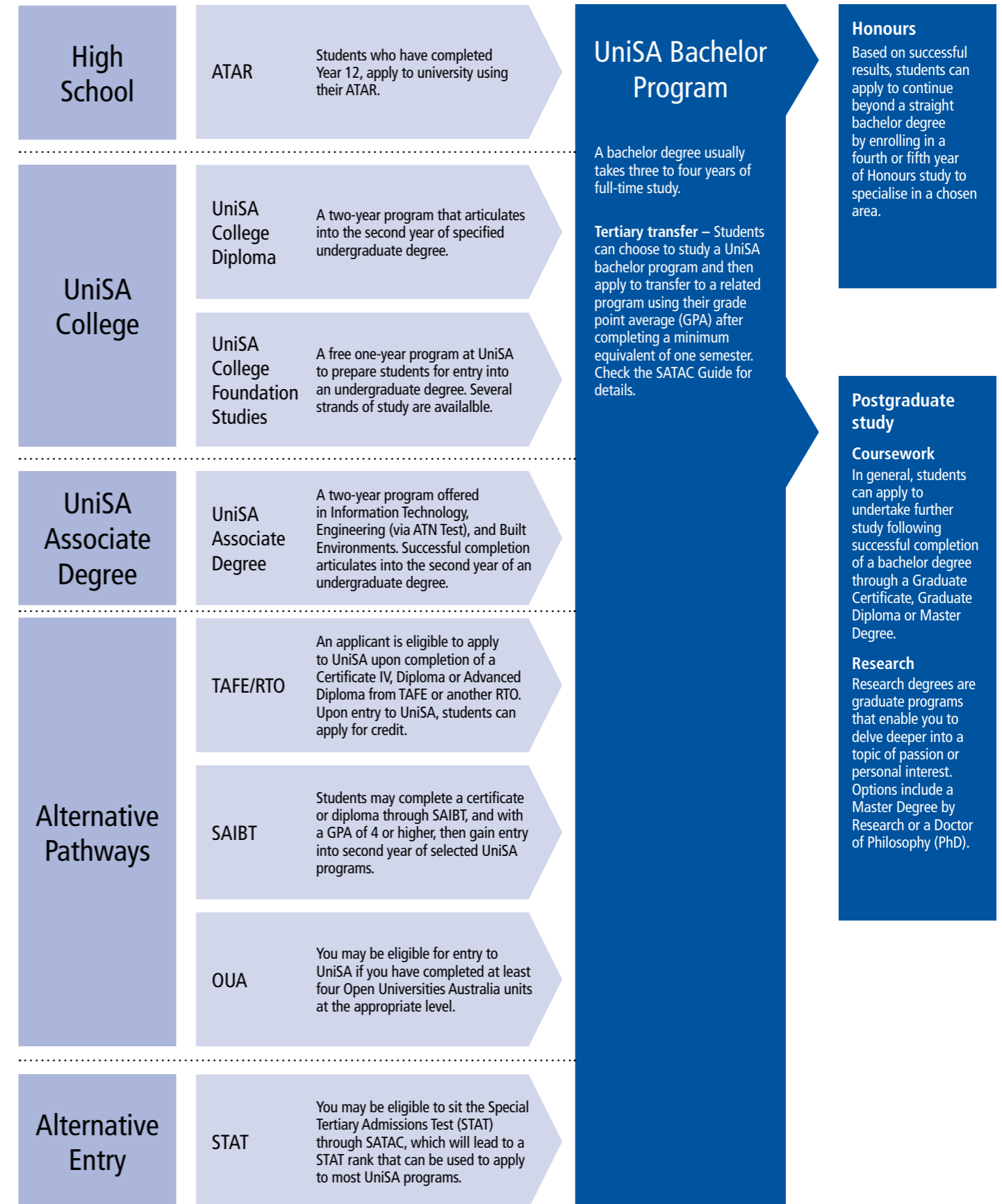
'I wanted to further my trade qualifications in electronics and my career prospects, and UniSA provided me with an opportunity to study part-time within my field of interest while working full-time. I have been employed at ASC Pty Ltd since 2004, and attaining my degree has given me an opportunity to take the next step in my career in the field of engineering. Participating in the Engineers Australia Professional Development Program allows me to gain recognition and attain my Chartered Status. Find something that will motivate and drive you; for me, this came through my daughter who was also studying at UniSA.'





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1 Find the best program for you

- » Research your options by signing up for CareerShop or update your interest areas if you are already a member.
unisa.edu.au/careershop
- » Ensure you research your back-up options, which may include UniSA Foundation Studies, Diplomas, STAT test, SAIBT, TAFE and associate degrees.
- » Check out any entry requirements for your programs of interest.
- » If you are using Year 12 results to apply, familiarise yourself with bonus points and check your eligibility.
unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints
- » Find out about UniSA College and the new university experience it offers.
unisa.edu.au/college

2 Get answers to your questions

- » Sign-up to attend September information sessions relevant to your area of interest.
unisa.edu.au/events
- » Sign-up for 18 October Adult Entry Information Session, 6pm-7.30pm, Hawke Building, City West Campus
unisa.edu.au/future/adult
- » Look online for scholarships you may be eligible for.
unisa.edu.au/scholarships
- » Explore accommodation options.
unisa.edu.au/accommodation

3 Apply to UniSA

- » **8 August 2011** Applications for semester one 2012 open via SATAC.
- » **30 September 2011** Early closing date for undergraduate programs (apply before this date to avoid paying a late fee).
- » **2 December 2011** Equal consideration closing date for undergraduate programs. New applications after this date are not guaranteed equal consideration for selection. Check with SATAC before applying after this date.
- » **October/November 2011** Attend one of UniSA's Prepare for STAT workshops.
- » **20 November 2011** Take the STAT test. Apply through SATAC by 31 October 2011 to avoid a late fee.
- » Ensure you provide to SATAC any supporting documentation asked of you.

4 Be aware of important dates

- » **4 January 2012** Deadline for existing applicants to change your preferences to most programs and still be guaranteed equal consideration.
- » **12 January 2012** Main January offer round letters posted. Offer information available on SATAC website after 6.00pm.
satac.edu.au
- » **23 January 2012** Late January offer round letters posted. Offer information available on SATAC website after 6.00pm.
- » **2 February 2012** February offer round letters posted. Offer information available on SATAC website after 6.00pm.

5 Accept your offer

- » After receiving an offer, make sure you log on to the SATAC website to accept your offer online.
- » Check out the New Students website to find out what you need to know to get started in the initial stages of uni life.
unisa.edu.au/newstudents

Didn't receive the offer you were hoping for?

- » If you didn't receive an offer, or not the offer you were hoping for, there are still a number of steps you can take towards university.
- » Contact UniSA College and find out about the new university experiences they offer for people after they turn 18 – including Foundation Studies and Diplomas.
- » If you are 18 years of age or over before 1 February of the year in which you wish to enrol (1 July for midyear entry), you may be eligible to apply for entry under the University's Special Entry Scheme (STAT).
unisa.edu.au/future/adult/stat.asp
- » Even if you didn't get into the program you were hoping for, you may be able to apply for an internal transfer after successful completion of one year of study. It is important to note that not all programs allow internal transfer, but you can find out more online.
unisa.edu.au/future/adult/transfer.asp



Further information

unisa.edu.au/future

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For information specific to international students please visit

[**unisa.edu.au/international**](http://unisa.edu.au/international)

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