

Foundation Studies Program

A great pathway to university





Study at the University of Tasmania's Foundation Studies Program and gain the vital tools needed for success at a quality Australian university.

Welcome to the University of Tasmania Foundation Studies Program

The University of Tasmania offers access and opportunity for lifelong learning and career development. But we know not everyone starts the journey towards a new future from the same place. That's why the University provides the Foundation Studies Program (FSP).

If you would like to embark on an undergraduate degree but don't yet have the academic skills to do so, the Foundation Studies Program can help open the door to a whole new world.

Based in Hobart, the program starts in February of each year and provides you with the academic skills to move on to any undergraduate degree, subject to course quotas and you meeting entry requirements.

Choose from streams in Science, Health and Engineering; or Business and Arts; and once you gain the requisite marks and an offer from the University, you'll be ready to embark on your new degree.

The University of Tasmania

The University of Tasmania is Australia's fourth oldest university and ranked in the top two per cent of universities worldwide*. Our exceptional facilities and international reputation for excellence make a degree from the University of Tasmania a truly global asset.

The University of Tasmania is recognised for its quality teaching through national and international bodies. The results of the prestigious US News Best Global Universities rankings place us in the Top 100 universities globally for both Earth Sciences, and Animal and Plant Sciences disciplines.* Similarly, the QS World University by subject rankings 2015^ place us amongst the world's top universities in a range of disciplines, including Top 150 for earth sciences and marine sciences, and Top 200 for law and environmental sciences.

When you study at the University of Tasmania you benefit from smaller classes, personalised attention and ready access to lecturers and tutors. Our Hobart campus, where the Foundation Studies Program is taught, is based in Sandy Bay on the picturesque Derwent River in the foothills of the stunning Mt Wellington. As an FSP student you take full advantage of the vibrant on-campus student life, participating in student clubs and sporting activities, enjoying a snack at our restaurants and cafes, studying at our 24/7 libraries or casual study lounges, or wandering into Hobart to enjoy everything the city has to offer.

The University of Tasmania has everything you'd expect from a world-class institution with the benefit of a supportive and friendly community and based in one of the most incredible locations of the world.

Six great reasons for choosing the University of Tasmania

1. A focused curriculum designed for success

We have designed a curriculum to ensure you are fully prepared to begin and succeed in your university studies. That's why we focus on what's important. Things like literacy, numeracy and inter-cultural understanding, as well as critical thinking, creative thinking and communication.

2. Safe, supportive and personal attention

The University of Tasmania is a friendly, medium-sized university (with around 30,000 students) and in the Foundation Program, you have access to a full range of support services plus regular contact with teachers and staff who encourage and guide your progress. The warm, friendly environment supports your learning but also ensures your time here is fun.

3. A globally-recognised university

Globally recognised for its academic and research quality, you can be confident of an education that will set you up for a great future. With over 100 undergraduate degrees across six faculties your choices are vast.

4. Affordable living; affordable program

Tasmania has a lower cost of living than most other regions of Australia and some of the lowest average weekly costs for students in the country. You'll find the cost of the Foundation Studies Program is also reasonable compared to many of the other top-ranked Australian university courses – and there are some great scholarship opportunities as well.

5. A home away from home

Accommodation services provides a range of safe, secure and welcoming student accommodation options, each with easy access to classes, campus facilities, student activities and clubs. Subject to your age, on or off-campus accommodation options are available with options to cook for yourself or to live in a fully-catered residence.

6. A fantastic study location

Cosmopolitan and chic, 'Tassie', as Tasmania is affectionately known, has it all. From cafes and music venues, to festivals and shopping, and all set in a state renowned for its stunning World Heritage Areas and outdoor sports, you'll never be bored in Tassie! Link up with our Community Friends and Network Programme to connect with other students and enjoy a never ending array of trips, activities and parties.

"The Foundation Studies Program provides a rich and important pathway for international students looking for entry to the University of Tasmania. Using vital and engaging content, friendly teachers provide the guidance and learning needed for success at university. Critical thinking and creative learning content prepares students well for success and our support staff ensure students feel at home in this new environment. I encourage you to consider the quality education and pathway opportunity the University of Tasmania Foundation Studies Program provides."

Marian Star, Director of Studies, UTAS ELC

The program

The University of Tasmania Foundation Program is structured to ensure you have the skills you need to succeed in your degree:

- Academic English to help you communicate your ideas logically, clearly and using correct referencing
- Critical thinking skills so you can follow arguments and produce rational, well-formed responses
- Creative opportunity to help you uncover your talents and present your ideas with impact
- A range of electives to customise your learning to your needs

A curriculum for success

The curriculum develops the broad attributes required by students entering university in Australia. Students choose from one of two streams:

- Business and Arts; or
- Science, Health and Engineering.

Electives you can choose include subjects in Mathematics, Business, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Computing, Psychology and Legal Studies.

2 Compulsory units + 3 electives

As an FSP student you are required to undertake two compulsory subjects: English for Tertiary Studies, and Ideas and Critical Thinking. You then select three electives from our extensive electives options.

Compulsory units

English for Tertiary Studies has been designed to equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills to improve your academic performance at university. These include skills in reading academic texts; researching and referencing; note taking, summarising and paraphrasing; academic writing and participation in presentations and formal discussions. You will also be taught useful study techniques and time management methods to help maximise your academic success.

Ideas and Critical Thinking is designed to develop critical thinking skills within the context of the evolution of ideas which have shaped and impacted humans throughout history. Integrating multiple disciplines, this core unit focuses on specific academic skills required across all the University's faculties, including layered consideration of complex issues, reasoned construction, testing of claims and argument, communication of ideas and critical analysis of scientific and historical texts.

Electives

Information on the above-mentioned elective options is available at: utas.edu.au/foundation-studies

Required academic performance

Entry into University of Tasmania undergraduate degrees is dependent upon successful completion of the Foundation Studies Program with the GPA score required by the faculty you wish to enter. Note that you also have to achieve an overall pass of at least 60% in English for Tertiary Studies in order to successfully complete the program. With our guidance and teaching excellence, the vast majority of our students succeed in progressing to their chosen degree programs.



English entry requirements and the English Language Centre

To enter the Foundation Studies Program you need: IELTS 5.5, no individual band score below 5.0 (or TOEFL/PTE equivalent). If you do not meet the English language requirements for entry into the Foundation Studies Program, you can choose to join our UTASAccess English courses at the English Language Centre. Successful completion of UTASAccess Level 4 satisfies the English entry requirement, with no further IELTS testing required.

Academic entry requirements

Our Foundation Studies Program accepts students from across the globe. Check if you meet the academic qualifications for entry into the course required for your country at: utas.edu.au/foundation-studies

Generous scholarships available now

The University of Tasmania's range of scholarships for international students provide access to opportunity and reward for excellence.

Foundation Studies Program High Achievers Scholarship

There are five new Scholarships for Foundation Studies available, each valued at 50% of tuition.

The Tasmania International Scholarship (TIS)

TIS is one of the most generous scholarships offered in Australia and provides a 25% reduction in tuition fees for the duration of the program.

Start dates Course commences in February each year.

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Contact our representatives

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What our students say

"I've made many new friends from all around the world."

"I can focus on my study, but at the same time I still have access to everything I need. The University of Tasmania has got all the right facilities and staff on campus."

"I learned vital tools for how to study at an English-speaking university."

"I learned to think more independently and express my ideas much better."

"A beautiful place to live and a rich learning experience."