



# ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER *Foundation Program*

**The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Program helps to build the skills needed for study at the University of Canberra. It is designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who do not meet university admission requirements but have a reasonable chance of success in higher education.**

The program also provides entry to university for those students who have not studied for some years, and would like to develop their communication and study skills needed for success at university.

Students:

- will receive a conditional offer to the University of Canberra based on your nominated degree;
- must achieve equivalent ATAR for entry into your nominated degree.

Please note: Some courses through this program are not available

For more information on this course visit:

[canberra.edu.au/uc-college/courses](http://canberra.edu.au/uc-college/courses)

The program is delivered through the University of Canberra College in close collaboration with the Ngunnawal Centre.

## THE PROGRAM

You can undertake the program full time or part time.

A full-time study load includes:

- two foundation units
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Study Skills
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Communication Skills
- one or two core units from your nominated degree.

## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOUNDATION STUDY SKILLS

The subject introduces the student to methods of independent learning including time management, short and long term planning, reinforcing learning, developing effective study habits, overcoming writer's block, developing examination techniques and adjusting to the university community generally. The student will be encouraged to explore their own reactions to the stresses of university life and to develop strategies for managing their involvement in study so as to maximise their success.

## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOUNDATION COMMUNICATION SKILLS

The subject introduces the practical communication skills required for success in undergraduate degrees. Writing skills development will begin with a creative writing approach and continue on to writing for particular purposes including the academic essay. Students will develop academic reading and research skills and will become familiar with library systems. The development of technical academic, reading and research skills, will enable students to become more confident information gatherers. Students will have practice in group-work and preparing and delivering presentations.

# ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOUNDATION PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of Australian Year 12 (or equivalent)
- Evidence of Aboriginality ('ATSI Identity' condition)

## INTAKE

February and July

## FEES

Places in the program are Commonwealth Supported so there are no course fees for students. However, there is a Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF).

## STUDENT SUPPORT

Student support for the program is offered through the University of Canberra and the Ngunnawal Centre.

Support includes:

- accommodation assistance
- scholarship advice
- Inclusion and Welfare registration (if applicable, for students with disabilities)
- free Health and Counselling services
- free one-on-one academic tutoring for core University of Canberra units
- 24-hour access to the Ngunnawal Centre which includes access to technology and study spaces.

# Student profile

“ My name is Emily Bamblett. I am studying the Bachelor of Education at the University of Canberra. I am now in my first semester of my second year in the course. Once I have finished my degree, I would like to work in primary schools all around Australia and overseas.

I went through The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Program to help me get into university. I did not receive an ATAR when I was in high school so I found the Foundation Program, and they helped me enter university. Going through the Foundation Program helped me prepare for my degree and the different challenges I would have to face.

My favourite thing about university is meeting new people and having so many opportunities to do great things.

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**Emily Bamblett**

Aboriginal and  
Torres Strait Islander  
Foundation Program alumni

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

For further information about applying for the program, visit [canberra.edu.au/uc-college/courses](https://canberra.edu.au/uc-college/courses)

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Note: a student's pathway depends on the overall results they achieve and course availability. Students must pass all course unit requirements within the program to be guaranteed entry into University of Canberra. The information in this publication was correct at time of printing in March 2025. For information and updates, visit [canberra.edu.au/uc-college/](https://canberra.edu.au/uc-college/). UC College and University of Canberra reserve the right at all times to withdraw or vary courses listed within this publication.

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