

Graduate Certificate in Academic Foundations

(EDC201.1)

Please note these are the 2025 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	UC College, Bruce, ACT
Duration	0.5 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Business School
UAC code	
English language requirements	<p>An overall IELTS Academic score (or equivalent) of 6.0, with no band score below 6.0. For alternate/equivalent ways of meeting the English requirements for this course please view the English Proficiency Requirements document on the university website.</p> <p>View IELTS equivalences</p>

International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you
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meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our [academic entry requirements page](#).

[View UC's academic entry requirements](#)

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Location	UC College, Bruce, ACT
Duration	0.5 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Business School
CRICOS code	097614A
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About this course

The Graduate Certificate in Academic Foundations (GCAF) offers international students a pathway to further learning in coursework master's degrees initially in the Faculty of Business, Government and Law and the Faculty of Science and Technology (other Faculties may decide to use this pathway later). It is designed for students who have not met the direct entry into coursework Master course academic requirements. It would also be available to domestic students, if required, who gain entry to Master programs based on work experience and have no experience of higher education studies. The GCAF gives students the opportunity to develop and systematically apply academic literacies and research skills in the English language academic environment, and specialised theoretical and technical knowledge in their chosen fields of study or practice. The GCAF requires one semester of full time study.

Note: UC College courses fees may differ – please visit our [Course Fees](#) page for more information.

Admission requirements

Applicants must have a qualification or equivalent as approved by the University.

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2025	UC College, Bruce, ACT	Semester 1	03 February 2025	✓	✓
2025	UC College, Bruce, ACT	Semester 2	28 July 2025	✓	✓
2026	UC College, Bruce, ACT	Semester 1	16 February 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC College, Bruce, ACT	Semester 2	10 August 2026	✓	✓
2027	UC College, Bruce, ACT	Semester 1	15 February 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC College, Bruce, ACT	Semester 2	09 August 2027	✓	✓

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#).

Course requirements

Graduate Certificate in Academic Foundations (EDC201) | 12 credit points

Required - Must pass 3 credit points as follows

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[Academic Writing and Research Skills G \(UCC\) \(8733\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

Restricted Choice - Must pass 9 credit points from the following

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Introduction to Critical Thinking G \(UCC\) \(10352\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

[Critical Thinking G \(12032\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

- From 2024, unit 12032 Critical Thinking G replaces 10352 Introduction to Critical Thinking G (UCC).

Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Managing People G \(UCC\) \(10351\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

[Managing Human Capital G \(11418\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

- From 2024, unit 10351 Managing People G (UCC) is no longer being offered. Students should select unit 11418 Managing Human Capital G.

Part C - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Intercultural Academic Communication G \(UCC\) \(8734\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

[Technological Innovation and Entrepreneurship G \(11530\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

- From 2024, unit 8734 Intercultural Academic Communication G (UCC) is no longer being offered. Students should select unit 11530 Technological Innovation and Entrepreneurship G.

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Academic Writing and Research Skills G \(UCC\) \(8733\)](#)

[Critical Thinking G \(12032\)](#)

[Managing Human Capital G \(11418\)](#)

[Technological Innovation and Entrepreneurship G \(11530\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 0.5 years full time or part-time equivalent. Maximum 3 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

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Related graduate attributes

Develop a command of academic language and communication.	UC graduates are professional: communicate effectively; and take pride in their professional and personal integrity.
Develop critical and independent learning skills.	<p>UC graduates are professional: use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: think globally about issues in their profession; and communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; and be self-aware.</p>
Analyse, generate and transmit solutions to complex problems.	<p>UC graduates are professional: communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; and take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; and make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; and evaluate and adopt new technology.</p>
Critically evaluate and transform information to complete a range of activities	<p>UC graduates are professional: employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; and display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; and make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; and evaluate and adopt new technology.</p>

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Graduate Certificate in Academic Foundations	GradCert AcademicFoundations

Enrolment data

2023 enrolments for this course by location. Please note that enrolment numbers are indicative only and in no way reflect individual class sizes.

Location	Enrolments
UC - University of Canberra College, Bruce	48

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Current and Commencing Students	Please contact University of Canberra College, Phone +61 2 6201 2916 or Email college.info@canberra.edu.au
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