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## 2024 **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 ٠ nominated degree.

Please note: Some courses through this program are not available

For more information on this course vist: www.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.

# Student profile