UPP055 Using Technology Unit
FAQs for Bachelor of General Studies Pathway students

What is this unit for?

This unit is being made available to all Bachelor of General Studies Pathway students who do not have the necessary computer skills to manage the IT requirements of university-level study. After you accept your offer for the Pathway, you will be prompted to complete an IT Self-Assessment survey. You will be advised as a result of this whether you should undertake the unit.

*If you wish to enrol in Using Technology, you will need to apply for the University Preparation Program and enrol under this course. If you have any questions, please contact Predegree.Enquiries@utas.edu.au or call (03) 6324 3391/(03) 6226 1045.*

Why should I do it?

We strongly recommend that you enrol if advised to because undertaking university study without the necessary skills will add unnecessary additional pressure. All students, even students who are enrolled in On Campus units, will need IT skills to manage and complete their studies because:

- most communication with the university occurs via email;
- students will be expected to manage their enrolment via the eStudent website;
- all units will have a presence on the UTAS online learning environment (MyLO) and students will be expected to use MyLO to access resources, join in discussions with other students and submit their assignments electronically; and
- most units will require you to present assignments in a word processed document according to strict formatting guidelines.

How does this unit operate?

UPP055 is available face-to-face on the Cradle Coast, Hobart and Launceston campuses and via Distance (*Cradle Coast students please note this unit is only available on campus in Semester 1*). Students may choose to enrol in either format. The face-to-face unit will be delivered weekly via:

1 x 1 hour demonstration lecture, plus
1 x 2 hr small group computer lab session

Once you enrol in the unit you will receive a Unit Outline which will give a summary of the topics covered each week. You will also get access to additional activities and resources via MyLO (the UTAS online learning site). You are free to pick and choose sessions according to your own requirements. You may choose just to go to the one hour demonstration, or to attend both the demonstration and the practical lab session. The lab sessions allow for self-paced progress on your own computer with the help of a tutor.
Distance students can progress through the unit using the self-paced Student Guide and online ‘How To’ videos and exercises.

Assessment

Bachelor of General Studies Pathways students undertaking UPP055 are not required to complete all the assessments. You may complete these if you wish, but will not fail the unit if you do not.

Cost

There is no charge for doing this unit. There is, however, a required Student Guide which costs approximately $26 (details are provided in the Unit Outline upon enrolment).