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New Environmental Health degree
A new Bachelor of Health Science (Environmental Health) degree will be introduced in 2008. The course is 3.5 years (full-time) and is offered on the Launceston campus. The pre-tertiary subject prerequisites are Physical Sciences, plus a Maths (Maths Applied or higher) or Chemistry or Physics or equivalent. A TER of 70 is recommended.

The course was developed at the request of the Director of Public Health Tasmania in order to address critical shortages of qualified environmental health officers locally and nationally. It will be professionally accredited by the Australian Institute of Environmental Health.

Graduates will have employment opportunities in environmental health risk assessment and risk management, within state and local government. They may deal with issues such as food safety, air and water quality, health promotion, communicable diseases prevention and control, noise pollution, and the use of hazardous substances.

BNursing fast-track in Hobart
From 2008, the fast-track option of the Bachelor of Nursing will also be available in Hobart, as well as in Launceston, Sydney and Rozelle.

The fast-track option is structured as six continuous semesters (two years), i.e. students complete a semester of study during the summer in addition to the usual semesters 1 and 2.

New programs in Computing and IS
The new Associate Degree in Computing is an alternative pathway for students who do not meet minimum entrance requirements for a bachelor degree, and can be used as a stepping-stone to a degree program in computing or other science programs.

First-year units can include a number of foundation units in areas such as chemistry, maths or life sciences, or the foundation unit in tertiary literacy Thinking and Writing at University.

Also from 2008, a new combined degree, the Bachelor of Computing–Bachelor of Information Systems, will be offered. This program will produce graduates with a strong understanding of the theory and practice of computer science engineering, and the ability to apply this to business and organisational environments.

Applications for 2008
Applications for UTAS for 2008 are still open – and are free! Applicants apply direct to the University via the UTAS website www.utas.edu.au/apply

Above: Sampling to test water quality is one of the many activities that can form part of an EHO’s role.
Applications for the Bachelor of Medicine/Surgery close Friday, 28 September, but late applications may be accepted for other courses. Contact the Uni Info Centre on 1300 363 864 for more information.

**Home Away from Home package**

Interstate applicants for 2008 will again be eligible for the University of Tasmania's Home Away from Home package. The package provides a return airfare and $1,000. Applicants are considered for this package when they apply through the University’s central scholarship application system.

**Australian International Summer Orchestra Institute**

The AISOI is an exciting opportunity for aspiring young musicians to work in an intensive two-week program with acclaimed international conductors, soloists and tutors. The program runs from Saturday, 24 November – Sunday, 9 December 2007, in Hobart.

This year’s focus will be a high-level orchestral performance. Each week culminates in an evening public performance at the renowned Federation Concert Hall in Hobart, which is recorded by the ABC.

For more information contact (03) 6226 7314 or email aisoi.music@utas.edu.au

**Accommodation Services**

Have you got students coming to UTAS in 2008? Don’t let them wait until they have their Uni acceptance – apply for accommodation now! Applications can be completed online at: [http://www.utas.edu.au/accommodation/application/index.htm](http://www.utas.edu.au/accommodation/application/index.htm)

Details of the accommodation options and facilities can be viewed at: [http://www.utas.edu.au/accommodation/prospectives/index.htm](http://www.utas.edu.au/accommodation/prospectives/index.htm)

For any further queries, please contact: enquiries@accommodation.utas.edu.au

**Creative Arts Summer School**

After the success of last year’s inaugural Creative Arts Summer School, the Academy of the Arts in Launceston will again offer a Summer School from 9–18 January. The 2008 Summer School offers a variety of interesting workshops, many reflecting a distinctly Tasmanian experience – food, natural environment, heritage and natural science. Subjects include arts history, ceramics, design, painting, public speaking, textiles and theatre. For more information, contact Ellissa.Nolan@utas.edu.au or phone Carol Searson at the School of Visual & Performing Arts on (03) 6324 4400.

**@ UTAS – Newsletter for future students**

To keep deferred and prospective students up-to-date with what’s happening at UTAS, SRMU is now producing a bi-annual newsletter called @UTAS. The newsletter, which can be viewed on the website or via email subscription, will be produced in April and September, and will feature student profiles, information about new courses and facilities and upcoming events and key dates. The first edition can be viewed now at [www.utas.edu.au/futurestudents](http://www.utas.edu.au/futurestudents)

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