Study at the University of Tasmania’s Foundation Studies Program and gain the vital tools needed for success at a quality Australian university.

Welcome to the University of Tasmania Foundation Studies Program

The University of Tasmania offers access and opportunity for lifelong learning and career development. But we know not everyone starts the journey towards a new future from the same place. That’s why the University provides the Foundation Studies Program (FSP).

If you would like to embark on an undergraduate degree but don’t yet have the academic skills to do so, the Foundation Studies Program can help open the door to a whole new world.

Based in Hobart, the program has two intakes a year - February and October. It provides you with the academic skills to move on to any undergraduate degree, subject to course quotas and you meeting entry requirements.

Choose from streams in Arts; Business and Law; Science, Health and Engineering; and once you gain the requisite marks and offer from the University, you’ll be ready to embark on your new degree.

The University of Tasmania

The University of Tasmania is Australia’s fourth oldest university and ranked in the top two per cent of universities worldwide.* Our exceptional facilities and international reputation for excellence make a degree from the University of Tasmania a truly global asset.

The University of Tasmania is recognised for its quality teaching through national and international bodies. The QS World Rankings By Subjects 2017 has placed UTAS amongst the world’s top universities in a range of disciplines: our Earth & Marine Sciences stands proudly in the top 50; Agriculture & Forestry in the top 100; Arts & Design in the top 150; Environmental studies in the top 200; Law, Sociology, and Education & Training in the top 250; and Medicine in the top 300.

When you study at the University of Tasmania you benefit from smaller classes, personalised attention and ready access to lecturers and tutors. Our Hobart campus, where the Foundation Studies Program is taught, is based in Sandy Bay on the picturesque Derwent River in the foothills of the stunning Mt Wellington. As an FSP student you take full advantage of the vibrant on-campus student life, participating in student clubs and sporting activities, enjoying a snack at our restaurants and cafes, studying at our 24/7 libraries or casual study lounges, or wandering into Hobart to enjoy everything the city has to offer.

The University of Tasmania has everything you’d expect from a world-class institution with the benefit of a supportive and friendly community and based in one of the most incredible locations in the world.

Six great reasons for choosing the University of Tasmania

1. A focused curriculum designed for success
We have designed a curriculum to ensure you are fully prepared to begin and succeed in your university studies. That’s why we focus on what’s important. Things like literacy, numeracy and inter-cultural understanding, as well as critical thinking, creative thinking and communication.

2. Safe, supportive and personal attention
The University of Tasmania is a friendly, medium-sized university (with around 30,000 students) and in the Foundation Program, you have access to a full range of support services plus regular contact with teachers and staff who encourage and guide your progress. The warm, friendly environment supports your learning but also ensures your time here is fun.

3. A globally-recognised university
Globally recognised for its academic and research quality, you can be confident of an education that will set you up for a great future. With over 100 undergraduate degrees across six faculties your choices are vast.

4. Affordable living; affordable program
Tasmania has a lower cost of living than most other regions of Australia and some of the lowest average weekly costs for students in the country. You’ll find the cost of the Foundation Studies Program is also reasonable compared to many of the other top-ranked Australian university courses – and there are some scholarship opportunities as well.

5. A home away from home
Accommodation services provide a range of safe, secure and welcoming student accommodation options, each with easy access to classes, campus facilities, student activities and clubs. Subject to your age, on or off-campus accommodation options are available with options to cook for yourself or to live in a fully-catered residence.

6. A fantastic study location
Cosmopolitan and chic, ‘Tassie’, as Tasmania is affectionately known, has it all. From cafes and music venues, to festivals and shopping, and all set in a state renowned for its stunning World Heritage Areas and outdoor sports, you’ll never be bored in Tassie! Link up with our Community Friends and Network Programme to connect with other students and enjoy a never ending array of trips, activities and parties.

“The Foundation Studies Program provides a rich and important pathway for international students looking for entry to the University of Tasmania. Using vital and engaging content, friendly teachers provide the guidance and learning needed for success at university. Critical thinking and creative learning content prepares students well for success and our support staff ensure students feel at home in this new environment. I encourage you to consider the quality education and pathway opportunity the University of Tasmania Foundation Studies Program provides.”

Marian Star, Director of Studies, UTAS ELC

The program
The University of Tasmania Foundation Program is structured to ensure you have the skills you need to succeed in your degree:

- Academic English to help you communicate your ideas logically, clearly and using correct referencing
- Critical thinking skills so you can follow arguments and produce rational, well-formed responses
- Creative opportunity to help you uncover your talents and present your ideas with impact
- A range of electives to customise your learning to your needs

A curriculum for success
The program develops the broad attributes required by students entering university in Australia. Students choose from one of three streams:

- Arts;
- Business and Law;
- Science, Health and Engineering.

Electives include subjects in Mathematics, Sociology, Business, Chemistry, Physics, Computing, Psychology and Legal Studies.

2 Compulsory units + 3 electives
As an FSP student you are required to undertake two compulsory subjects: English for Tertiary Studies; and Ideas and Critical Thinking.

Compulsory units
English for Tertiary Studies has been designed to equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills to improve your academic performance at university. These include skills in reading academic texts; researching and referencing; note taking, summarising and paraphrasing; academic writing and participation in presentations and formal discussions. You will also be taught useful study techniques and time management methods to help maximise your academic success.

Ideas and Critical Thinking is designed to develop critical thinking skills within the context of the evolution of ideas which have shaped and impacted humans throughout history. Integrating multiple disciplines, this core unit focuses on specific academic skills required across all the University’s faculties, including layered consideration of complex issues, reasoned construction, testing of claims and argument, communication of ideas and critical analysis of scientific and historical texts.

Electives
Information on the above-mentioned electives is available at: utas.edu.au/foundation-studies

Required academic performance
Entry into University of Tasmania undergraduate degrees is dependent upon successful completion of the Foundation Studies Program with the GPA score required by the faculty you wish to enter. Note that you also have to achieve an overall pass of at least 60% in English for Tertiary Studies in order to successfully complete the program. With our guidance and teaching excellence, the vast majority of our students succeed in progressing to their chosen degree programs.
What our students say

“I’ve made many new friends from all around the world.”

“I can focus on my study, but at the same time I still have access to everything I need. The University of Tasmania has got all the right facilities and staff on campus.”

“I learned vital tools for how to study at an English-speaking university.”

“I learned to think more independently and express my ideas much better.”

“A beautiful place to live and a rich learning experience.”

English entry requirements and the English Language Centre

To enter the Foundation Studies Program you need: IELTS 5.5, no individual band score below 5.0 (or TOEFL/PTE equivalent). If you do not meet the English language requirements for entry into the Foundation Studies Program, you can choose to join our UTASAccess English courses at the English Language Centre. Successful completion of UTASAccess Level 5 satisfies the English entry requirement, with no further IELTS testing required.

Academic entry requirements

Our Foundation Studies Program accepts students from across the globe. Check if you meet the academic qualifications for entry into the course required for your country at: utas.edu.au/foundation-studies

Generous scholarships available now

The University of Tasmania’s range of scholarships for international students provide access to opportunity and reward for excellence.

Detailed information on scholarships available to Foundation Studies Program students can be found at utas.edu.au/scholarships/international-students

Start dates Course commences in February and October each year.

Apply now utas.edu.au/apply

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