

EARLY TRANSITION PROGAM - ARTS STREAM

Program Information

The Early Transition Program – Arts Stream provides a pathway into School of Education, Arts and Social Sciences at the University of South Australia. The Early Transition Program (Arts) provides foundation knowledge in communication, media, design and academic skills, enabling students to commence their first year of a bachelor program, as listed below.

All Arts students are required to complete the tertiary preparation module Language for Study (LGS001) in their second trimester. Although this module does not count towards the study load or GPA, a non-graded pass is required for the program of study.

All classes (unless otherwise specified) are held at City East Campus

Stage 1		Study Load	Units
ESS001	Essential Study Skills	25%	4.5
ITN002	Information and New Media Technologies	25%	4.5
CPP002	Communication, People, Place and Culture	25%	4.5
ARC002	Academic Research and Critical Enquiry	25%	4.5
MAS001	Media and Society	25%	4.5
DES001	Design	25%	4.5
ECD001	Early Career Development	25%	4.5
Elective	Choose from: Business Studies 1, Mathematics & Statistics, Human Biology, Programming, Physics 1	25%	4.5

Program Outline

Tertiary Preparation

Language for Study

This module develops language skills for students to communicate confidently, express ideas effectively and gain a sound understanding of the level of language proficiency required to attend an Australian university.

Stage 1

Academic Research and Critical Enquiry

This module will introduce you to the basic principles of critical thinking. It also assists you in developing skills needed for the tertiary study environment, including academic reading, listening and note-taking, as well as written formats and referencing.

Information and New Media Technologies

You will be introduced to the use of the Internet, social media and associated technologies in society and business. Through the module, you will utilise Microsoft Office along with online tools for effective communication and discuss the ethical and security issues related to the use of Information Communication Technologies.

Communication, People, Place and Culture

In this unit you are introduced to the basic principles of communication and its role in society and culture. You will investigate the effects of different forms of verbal and non-verbal communication and describe cultural influences on the communication process.

Essential Study Skills

In this module students will be provided with an understanding and application of essential study skills, covering independent learning skills and styles, active listening, presentation and group work skills.

Design

This module provides you with an introduction to the basic principles of design and their application to various publications. You will use the design process and different software applications to publish material for both print and electronic media and analyse the messages communicated through different design elements.

Media & Society

This module analyses the use of media in society and its role in cultural life. You will investigate the different factors, which shape cultures today and discuss how the media affects popular culture, interpretations of the world and contributes to cultural identity.

Early Career Development

The module provides students with a professional guide to career planning to ensure success in their future working lives. The module includes understanding modern workplaces and practices; the responsibilities of different agents in the work environment, and the acquisition of knowledge and skills related to employment including interviews and applying for jobs. This course aims to bridge understandings and to prepare students for the professional and wider world.

Stage 1 Elective

Select two elective modules

Business Studies 1

This unit provides you with an understanding and application of foundation concepts in the business disciplines of management and leadership, finance, marketing and human resources. You will discuss current trends, opportunities, and issues that impact on contemporary business and learn to use appropriate communication for the business environment.

Maths & Statistics

This module introduces you to the mathematical concepts required for further studies, particularly in statistics. You will learn to use fundamental arithmetic and algebra to solve problems, and apply statistical processes and concepts including sampling techniques and different forms of presentation.

Human Biology

This module will introduce you to the basic concepts of human biology as a foundation for further study in this area. You will develop an understanding of the main body systems and the associated biology, and an awareness and appreciation of the human body in a personal, social and medical context.

Programming

This module introduces you to the basic principles of programming and their use in writing simple programs. You will use the systems development life cycle to write programs combining different data types and programming structures, and learn techniques to test successful outcomes.

Physics 1

In this module you are introduced to the basic concepts of Physics, with a particular focus on motion and heat. You will learn appropriate equations and units for demonstrating different concepts and conduct experiments to analyse and test theories.

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