

preparation for university study  
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# STUDYLINK

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# STUDY LINK

## preparation for university study

### Do any of the following statements sound like you?

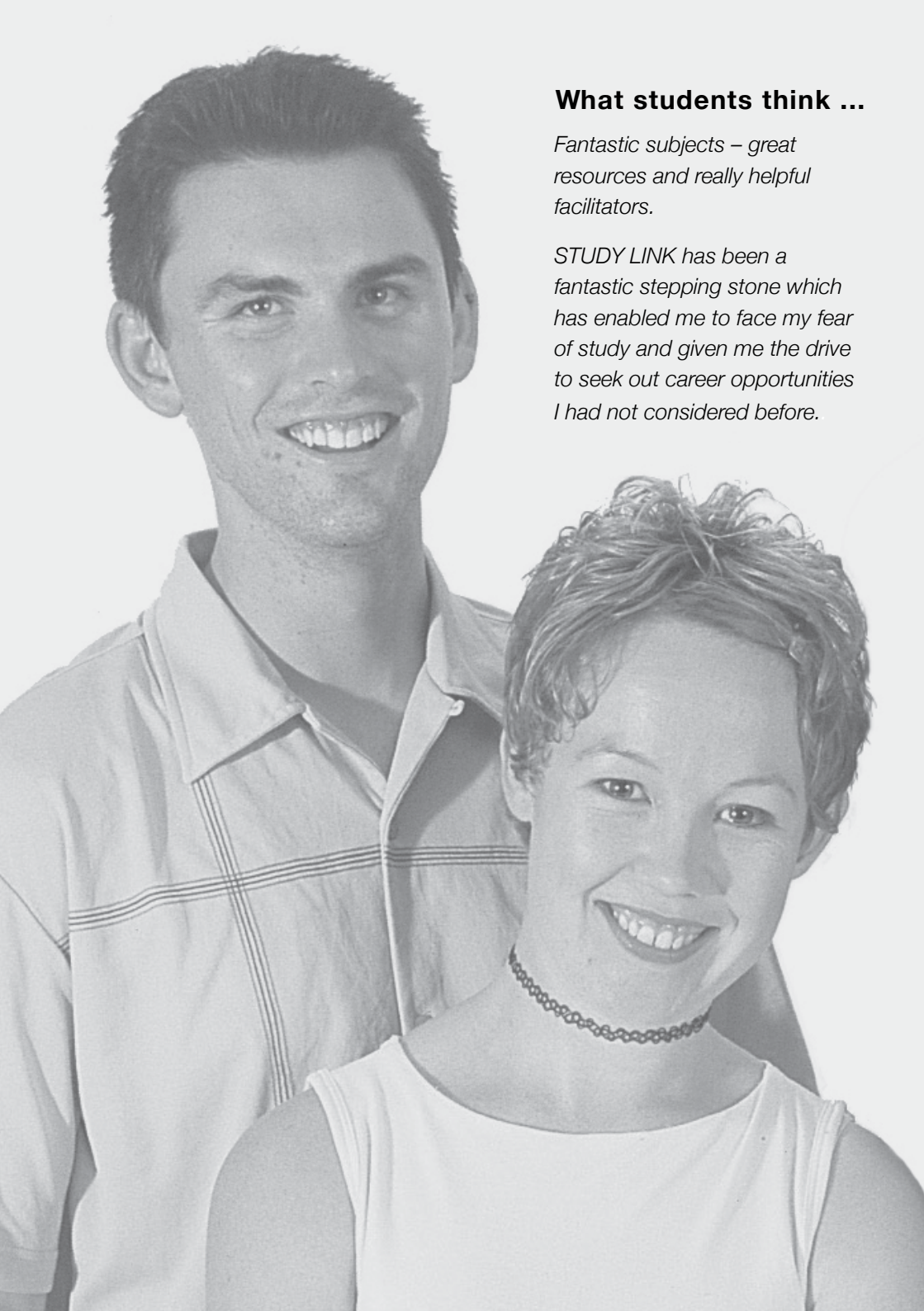
- *I'm not sure what will be expected of me at uni...*
- *It's been a while since I was at school and I would like to brush up on my academic skills...*
- *I have to do maths, chemistry and physics in my course, so I need a quick refresher before I start...*
- *I've never studied in an online environment before...*
- *My grammar needs some help...*
- *I'd like some pointers on how to write a good essay*

At CSU we recognise the importance of preparation for university study. The STUDY LINK program is designed to really kick-start your studies, so if you haven't studied for a while, or just want to brush up on your skills in a few areas, a STUDY LINK subject is perfect for you. By completing one or more STUDY LINK subjects, you will not only increase your skills, but you will also develop a clear understanding of the expectations of studying at university.

Whether you have accepted an offer to study at CSU or another university, or are considering university study in the near future and would like to 'test the waters' I encourage you to make contact with the STUDY LINK team.



**Robin Wills**  
Manager, **STUDY LINK**  
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## **What students think ...**

*Fantastic subjects – great resources and really helpful facilitators.*

*STUDY LINK has been a fantastic stepping stone which has enabled me to face my fear of study and given me the drive to seek out career opportunities I had not considered before.*

# How it works

## **What is STUDY LINK?**

The STUDY LINK program offers a range of subjects that are short, self paced and available for study by distance education. These subjects will make the link between your own knowledge and the new study you will encounter at university.

Each STUDY LINK subject is intended to provide you with meaningful, relevant content that is designed to assist your learning in the university environment. We provide you with the materials (usually online) and you will have access to a Subject Coordinator, your teacher, who is there to help you progress through the subject and who you can contact for assistance.

## **How long do STUDY LINK subjects take to complete?**

STUDY LINK subjects take between 13 and 40 hours to complete. However, in most cases you can work through the materials at your own pace during the STUDY LINK term in which you are enrolled. Students who have completed the STUDY LINK program believe this is time well spent!

## **Who can enrol in STUDY LINK?**

STUDY LINK subjects are available to:

- students who receive and accept an offer for enrolment in a full course or Single Subject Study at CSU
- students who are undertaking study at other institutions
- anyone who is thinking about going to University and wants to brush up their skills in a few areas or get an idea of the expectations of tertiary study.

## **When are STUDY LINK subjects offered?**

STUDY LINK subjects are offered throughout the year – check out the easy to follow calendar in this booklet for the dates of enrolment. It is best to try to complete your STUDY LINK subjects before you start your degree studies or do them during the breaks between sessions. Check the subject details for more information.

We suggest that you enrol in no more than two (2) STUDY LINK subjects at the same time. However, if you feel you need to do more you can include the requested subjects in your application.

## **Do STUDY LINK subjects count towards my degree?**

STUDY LINK subjects are NOT credit bearing and do not count towards your degree. However, if you do successfully complete a STUDY LINK subject you will gain access to skills required for success in your studies and you will receive a Certificate of Successful Completion.

## How much does it cost?

If you are enrolled at CSU as a Commonwealth supported (HECS-HELP) student you are not required to pay fees. Small fees apply to students in the following categories:

- If you are -
- enrolled as a full fee paying student at CSU
  - enrolled as a Single Subject Student at CSU
  - an International student enrolled at CSU
  - a student enrolled at another institution
  - a prospective student

## STUDY LINK Fees (up to and including Session 3 2011 (201190))

### Domestic students and international students studying onshore:

| Subject |   | Fees  |
|---------|---|-------|
| SSS008  | Mathematics for the Sciences                    | \$140 |
| SSS009  | Mathematics for Calculus                        | \$140 |
| SSS010  | Introduction to Chemistry                       | \$210 |
| SSS011  | Introductory Physics                            | \$210 |
| SSS013  | Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences | \$ 70 |
| SSS014  | Stepping into Statistics                        | \$ 70 |
| SSS016  | Transition to Nursing Studies                   | \$140 |
| SSS018  | Foundation Mathematics                          | \$140 |
| SSS021  | Transition to University Study                  | \$175 |
| SSS022  | Writing at University                           | \$175 |
| SSS023  | Introduction to Learning Online                 | \$175 |
| SSS024  | Grammar Essentials for Writing at University    | \$175 |
| SSS025  | Introduction to Bioscience                      | \$210 |
| SSS026  | Developing Skills in Information Technology     | \$210 |

### International students studying offshore:

|        |   |       |
|--------|---|-------|
| SSS008 | Mathematics for the Sciences                    | \$180 |
| SSS009 | Mathematics for Calculus                        | \$180 |
| SSS010 | Introduction to Chemistry                       | \$270 |
| SSS011 | Introductory Physics                            | \$270 |
| SSS013 | Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences | \$175 |
| SSS014 | Stepping into Statistics                        | \$175 |
| SSS016 | Transition to Nursing Studies                   | \$180 |
| SSS018 | Foundation Mathematics                          | \$180 |
| SSS021 | Transition to University Study                  | \$225 |
| SSS022 | Writing at University                           | \$225 |
| SSS023 | Introduction to Learning Online                 | \$225 |
| SSS024 | Grammar Essentials for Writing at University    | \$225 |
| SSS025 | Introduction to Bioscience                      | \$270 |
| SSS026 | Developing Skills in Information Technology     | \$270 |

**Please note:** New rates will apply from Term 2 2012 (201215). For further information, please visit the STUDY LINK website: [www.csu.edu.au/student/studylink/enrol/fees.htm](http://www.csu.edu.au/student/studylink/enrol/fees.htm)

## How do I pay?

There are various ways of paying your STUDY LINK fees. These include paying online via a secure web payment site, BPay, in person or by attaching your cheque or postal order made out to Charles Sturt University with your application form. Further information regarding payment can be found at:

[www.csu.edu.au/division/finserv/paym/payment.htm](http://www.csu.edu.au/division/finserv/paym/payment.htm)

Refunds are available to students who withdraw from the subject before the session's Census date. For further information please see:

[www.csu.edu.au/acad\\_sec/academic-manual/qcontm.htm](http://www.csu.edu.au/acad_sec/academic-manual/qcontm.htm)

You should contact Student Central on 1800 275 278 if you require a refund.

## How do I enrol?

### Current students:

If you have received a CSU offer or are currently enrolled at CSU, you can:

Lodge an application online at [www.csu.edu.au/student/studylink/enrol/current.htm](http://www.csu.edu.au/student/studylink/enrol/current.htm)

**or**

Forward an Application for STUDY LINK to the Admissions Office.

Important NOTE: In any given study period, students are advised to enrol in only two STUDY LINK subjects. Choose any two subjects you think will best suit your needs – if you need advice, contact Student Central 1800 275 278 to make an appointment to speak to a Learning Adviser.

### Prospective university students:

If you are not enrolled at CSU, you can:

Lodge an application online at [www.csu.edu.au/student/studylink/enrol/prospective.htm](http://www.csu.edu.au/student/studylink/enrol/prospective.htm)

**or**

Download an Application for Admission and STUDY LINK Supplementary Application form from the abovementioned website and forward to the Admissions Office.

Admissions Office  
Charles Sturt University  
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Wagga Wagga NSW 2678  
Telephone: (02) 6933 4334  
Email: [admissions@csu.edu.au](mailto:admissions@csu.edu.au)

**Please note:** As the STUDY LINK application process is currently under review, please check the 'How to Enrol' instructions on the STUDY LINK website for current information.

### Closing Dates

#### Current students:

Late applications will be accepted up to the Census date of the STUDY LINK session in which you wish to enrol.

#### Prospective students:

- 9 September for the August 2011 intake
- 18 November for the November 2011 intake
- 20 January for the January 2012 intake
- 25 May for the May 2012 intake
- 7 September for the August 2012 intake.

### STUDY LINK Calendar

The STUDY LINK program is run throughout the year, providing the greatest flexibility for completing the STUDYLINK subjects that are on offer.

Experience shows that it is often difficult to time-manage the completion of STUDY LINK subjects at the same time as undertaking a degree subject. It is therefore highly recommended that you enrol in a study session that allows you to either complete your STUDYLINK subject before you commence your degree studies, or during one of the study session breaks.

Use the following STUDY LINK calendar to help you choose an appropriate study session to enrol in STUDY LINK.

### Subject Availability 2011/2012

| Subject Code | Session Code<br>Subject Name                    | 201175<br>Term 1 |      | 201190<br>Session 3 |      | 201215<br>Term 2   |                   | 201245<br>Term 3  |                   | 201275<br>Term 1 |      |
|--------------|---|------------------|------|---------------------|------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------|
|              |   | Ca               | Mode | Ca                  | Mode | Ca                 | Mode              | Ca                | Mode              | Ca               | Mode |
| SSS008       | Mathematics for the Sciences                    | WW               | DE   |                     |      | WW<br>WW           | DE<br>I           | W                 | DE                | WW               | DE   |
| SSS009       | Mathematics for Calculus                        | B                | DE   |                     |      | B<br>A<br>B        | DE<br>I<br>I      | B                 | DE                | B                | DE   |
| SSS010       | Introduction to Chemistry                       | WW               | DE   | WW                  | DE   | WW                 | DE                | WW                | DE                | WW               | DE   |
| SSS011       | Introductory Physics                            | WW               | DE   | WW                  | DE   | WW                 | DE                | WW                | DE                | WW               | DE   |
| SSS013       | Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences | WW               | DE   |                     |      | WW<br>A<br>B<br>WW | DE<br>I<br>I<br>I | WW                | DE                | WW               | DE   |
| SSS014       | Stepping into Statistics                        | WW               | DE   |                     |      | B<br>A<br>B<br>WW  | DE<br>I<br>I<br>I | B<br>A<br>B<br>WW | DE<br>I<br>I<br>I | WW               | DE   |
| SSS016       | Transition to Nursing Studies                   | B                | DE   | B                   | DE   | B                  | DE                | B                 | DE                | B                | DE   |
| SSS018       | Foundation Mathematics                          | B                | DE   | B                   | DE   | B                  | DE                | B                 | DE                | B                | DE   |
| SSS021       | Transition to University Study                  | A                | DE   | A                   | DE   | A                  | DE                | A                 | DE                | A                | DE   |
| SSS022       | Writing at University                           | B                | DE   | B                   | DE   | B                  | DE                | B                 | DE                | B                | DE   |
| SSS023       | Introduction to Learning Online                 | D                | DE   | D                   | DE   | D                  | DE                | D                 | DE                | D                | DE   |
| SSS024       | Grammar Essentials for Writing at University    | B                | DE   |                     |      | B                  | DE                | B                 | DE                | B                | DE   |
| SSS025       | Introduction to Bioscience                      |                  |      |                     |      | WW                 | DE                | WW                | DE                |                  |      |
| SSS026       | Developing Skills in Information Technology     |                  |      | B                   | DE   | B                  | DE                | B                 | DE                |                  |      |

Key: Ca = Campus, A = Albury-Wodonga Campus, B = Bathurst Campus, WW = Wagga Wagga Campus, D = Dubbo Campus  
DE = Distance Education, I = Internal


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| August 2011 | Sept  | Oct | Nov  | Dec  | Jan 2012   | Feb | Mar  | April | May  | June | July   | August  | Sept | Oct | Nov  | Dec | Jan 2013 | Feb |
|             |   |     |  | Session 3 (201190)<br>14 November 2011 to 10 February 2012 |  |     | Session 1 (201230)<br>27 February 2012 to 15 June 2012 |       |  |      | Session 2 (201260)<br>9 July 2012 to 26 October 2012 |   |      |     | Session 3 (201290)<br>12 November 2012 to 15 February 2013 |     |          |     |
|             | Term 1 (201175)<br>29 August 2011 to 16 December 2011 |     |  |  | Term 2 (201215)<br>9 January 2012 to 27 April 2012 |     |  |       | Term 3 (201245)<br>21 May 2012 to 10 August 2012 |      |  | Term 1 (201275)<br>27 August 2012 to 14 December 2012 |      |     |  |     |          |     |
|             |   |     | Session 3 (201190)<br>14 November 2011 to 10 February 2012 |  |  |     |  |       |  |      |  |   |      |     |  |     |          |     |

Legend:

Degree Sessions

STUDY LINK Sessions

STUDY LINK Session Census Dates: Term 1 – 23 September 2011  
Session 3 – 2 December 2011  
Term 2 – 3 February 2012  
Term 3 – 8 June 2012  
Term 1 – 21 September 2012



*I learned lots of new skills,  
some that I can start using  
in my work life as well.  
I would definitely  
recommend  
these subjects.*

# STUDY LINK Subjects

## **SSS008 - Mathematics for the Sciences**

This subject provides you with the skills to handle mathematical concepts in subjects within the Bachelor of Science (Agriculture), Bachelor of Animal Science and the Bachelor of Equine Science.

Topics covered: calculator skills, the unit conversion method for converting measures, basic operations in algebra, trigonometry and measurement.

Students can study this subject by internal mode by attending a three day workshop offered at Wagga Wagga Campus, or it can be studied by distance education mode requiring approximately 26 hours of individual study time.

## **SSS009 - Mathematics for Calculus**

This subject provides you with the necessary skills to successfully attempt subjects such as Introductory Mathematics (MTH105) and Computer Aided Mathematics 1 with Applications (MTH101). Any student about to study these subjects who does not have a pass in HSC/VCE mathematics involving calculus or equivalent pass in mathematics is recommended to do this subject.

Topics covered: calculator skills, fractions, signed numbers, algebra, functions and graphing and an introduction to calculus.

You can study this subject by internal mode by attending a three-day workshop offered at Albury-Wodonga Campus, Wagga Wagga Campus or Bathurst campus, or by distance education mode requiring approximately 26 hours of individual study time.

## **SSS010 - Introduction to Chemistry**

This subject is designed to cover the minimum level of knowledge required to cope with a typical first year university chemistry subject.

Topics covered: classification and nature of matter, atomic structure, properties of ionic and molecular compounds, nomenclature, chemical equations, solution stoichiometry and introduction to organic chemistry.

Study is by distance education and all materials are provided by mail. Tutorial support is provided and assignments are marked with feedback to students.

## **SSS011 - Introductory Physics**

This subject is designed to cover the minimum level of knowledge required to cope with a typical first year university physics subject.

Topics covered: mechanics, heat, wave motion, sound and light, electricity and magnetism and atomic and nuclear physics.

Study is by distance education with all materials provided by mail. Tutorial support is provided and assignments are marked with feedback to students.

## **SSS013 - Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences**

This subject is designed to give necessary prerequisite skills to anyone feeling unprepared for their first research methods subject.

Topics covered: order of operations, signed numbers, algebra, graphing techniques, descriptive statistics and normal distribution.

Students can study this subject by attending a one-day workshop at Albury-Wodonga Campus, Bathurst Campus or Wagga Wagga Campus (internal mode), or by distance education mode, requiring approximately 14 hours of individual study time.

## **SSS014 - Stepping into Statistics**

This subject provides you with the necessary skills to successfully attempt subjects such as Business Statistics (QBM117), Business Research and Information Systems (QBM120), Scientific Statistics (STA201), Mathematics and Statistics in the Health Sciences (MTH135) and Methods for Environmental Data Analysis (BIO263).

Topics covered: calculator skills, basic algebra, introductory statistics, sigma notation, inequalities and introductory probability.

Two-day workshops will be offered at Albury-Wodonga Campus, Bathurst Campus or Wagga Wagga Campus (internal mode). You can also study this subject by distance education mode requiring approximately 14 hours of individual study time.

## **SSS016 - Transition to Nursing Studies**

The aim of this subject is to prepare nursing students for the academic requirements of the Bachelor of Nursing, particularly those students studying by distance education.

Topics include: an introduction to university learning with particular reference to the Bachelor of Nursing, understanding your needs and resources, using the online learning environment, maths for nurses, effective time management, the fundamentals of reading, note taking and academic writing, and examination preparation.

Transition to Nursing Studies is available as a distance education study package, which means you will be provided with printed material and supported through a subject forum. The subject is self-paced and requires approximately 26 hours to complete.

## **SSS018 - Foundation Mathematics**

If your chosen course includes some mathematics or maths related study and you feel under-prepared for the experience, then Foundation Mathematics will enable you to up-skill and refresh necessary concepts.

Foundation Mathematics includes arithmetic, algebra, functions, trigonometry and problem solving topics.

The subject is studied by distance education mode, requiring approximately 25 hours of individual study time. There is ready access to support when needed and extra resources available to help explain the rules and concepts as you work through the subject.

## **SSS021 – Transition to University Study**

Beginning a course of university study can be daunting, particularly if you have not studied for some years. This subject provides you with an introduction to contemporary approaches to teaching and learning in an online learning environment.

This subject will provide you with study strategies, help you organise your time efficiently, write essays and reports and generally prepare you for a variety of the assessment processes you will encounter at Charles Sturt University.

During your studies in this subject you will make contact with staff at the University as well as other students. Transition to University Study will allow you to engage in self-paced, independent and collaborative learning to improve your ability to meet University expectations and enhance your academic and professional skills.

The subject is studied by distance education mode, requiring approximately 30 hours of individual study time. There is ready access to support when needed and extra resources available to help explain the rules and concepts as you work through the subject.

## **SSS022 – Writing at University**

Writing at University focuses on the writing skills you will need for university study. This subject will raise your confidence as an academic writer by expanding your capacity for managing your learning.

This subject will help you to develop research, reading, note taking, critical thinking and essay writing skills. You will participate in CSU's interactive online learning community and enhance your ability as a university student.

This subject is an online, self-paced and learner-centred programme that encourages you to engage in discussion and interaction with other students and the teaching staff.

The Subject Coordinator will be available to support and facilitate your learning in this subject. It is expected that you will need to plan for at least 30 hours of study if you are to satisfactorily complete the subject.

## **SSS023 – Introduction to Learning Online**

The Internet and online technologies have considerably changed conventional approaches to tertiary education and learning at a distance. This subject is designed to allow you to become more familiar with the nature and demands of learning in a virtual or online environment. The key purpose of the subject is to better prepare you to learn proficiently as you actively participate with others in the University's comprehensive online environment.

Learning activities are intended to promote the development of practical skills and effective approaches that will make the experience of learning online positive and rewarding for you during the course of your university study and beyond. In this subject, you will encounter an open, flexible and supportive learning environment where you are encouraged to demonstrate self-direction in your study approach. Topics covered are my.csu (online gateway to the University), CSU Interact subject sites, locating information sources online, website evaluation, and referencing information sources from the Internet.

The subject is a fully online and self-paced program comprising individual study, online learner support, and student interaction and discussion. At least 30 hours of personal study will be required to complete the subject satisfactorily. As a self-paced program, you can progress at your own rate until you complete the learning activities and assessment tasks. And since it's an online study program you get to choose when and where you want to study.

## **SSS024 – Grammar Essentials for Writing at University**

One of the most challenging aspects of writing at university is dealing with the mechanics of academic language. This subject will help you learn many of the skills needed for producing accurate and convincing written work.

Topics you will cover include the role of grammar in communication, parts of speech, writing a grammatically correct sentence, features of an effective paragraph, correct punctuation, and where to find help.

Grammar Essentials for Writing at University is an online, self-paced and interactive subject that will give you the opportunity to work closely with fellow students and the Subject Coordinator in order to develop your confidence in this aspect of your studies. At least 30 hours of personal study will be required to satisfactorily complete the subject.

## **SSS025 – Introduction to Bioscience**

The aim of this subject is to provide you with foundation material relevant to studies in human bioscience. The subject covers the language of biosciences, an introduction to clinically relevant mathematics, physics and chemistry and an introduction to the human body.

Topics covered: review of basic mathematical principles relevant to biomedical sciences, foundations of chemistry (including elements and atoms, ion formation, chemical reactions), introduction to physics (including flow, resistance, elastance, compliance) structure and formation of cells, primary structure and function of each body system and associated terminology.

The subject is studied by distance education mode, requiring approximately 40 hours of individual study time. There is ready access to support when needed and extra resources available to help explain the rules and concepts as you work through the subject.

## **SSS026 – Developing Skills in Information Technology**

Almost every subject undertaken at university will have embedded within it some kind information technology component. This preparatory subject is an introduction to information technology for students commencing university study, and builds a foundation of technology literacy skills necessary for success in a technologically driven learning environment and society.

In this subject you will learn about basic file management on a personal computer; explore the use of the Internet within an academic setting; and enhance and/or develop your basic software application skills using Microsoft Office software. Document production will focus on the creation of correctly-formatted documents stored in files and folders that are logical and useful.

The subject is a self-paced program comprising individual study, online learner support, and student interaction and discussion through the subject site and forum. You will encounter an open and supportive learning environment where you are encouraged to demonstrate self-direction in your study approach. At least 40 hours of personal study will be required to complete the subject satisfactorily. As a self-paced program, you can progress at your own rate to complete learning activities and assessment tasks.

## For further information


### **Prospective students**

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*These subjects  
should be  
compulsory for  
anyone thinking  
about starting uni –  
thanks.*



This publication is intended as a personal guide. Information in this publication is current as at August 2011 .

Prospective students should contact the University to confirm admission requirements and subject availability

The University reserves the right to alter subjects or admission requirements herein without notice.

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