

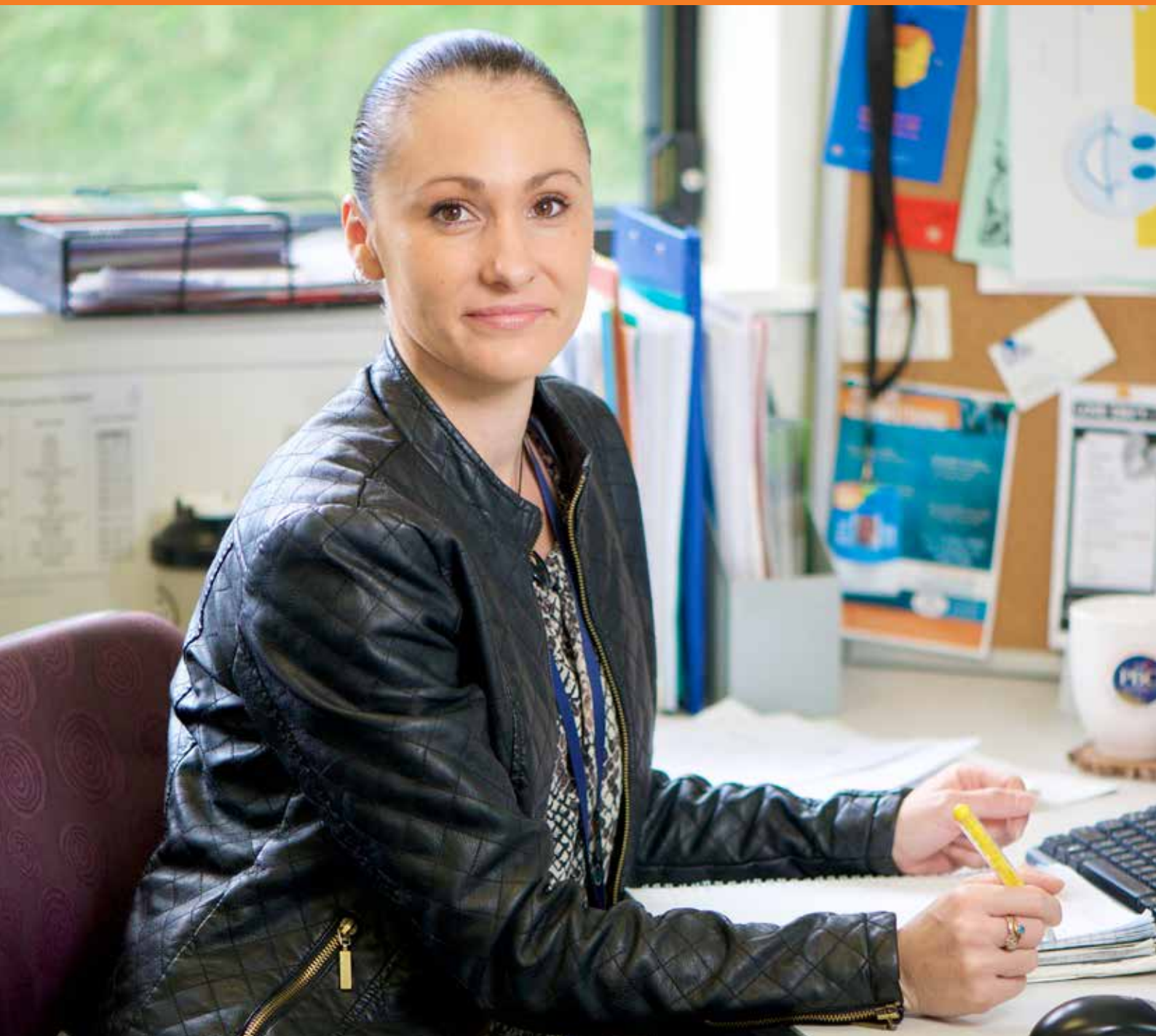
UNDERGRADUATE GUIDE

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES 2017



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SOCIAL WELFARE



Canditta Gorry, graduate. See story page 6.

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SCHOOL OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

The School of Arts and Social Sciences is a multidisciplinary and creative learning community.

A common element throughout all courses and the School is a commitment to community engagement and engaged learning.

Supervised professional placements enable students to engage within their respective industries, put theory and knowledge of their chosen discipline into practice, and establish contacts and networks to prepare for entry into the workforce.

Course delivery is extremely flexible and students can take advantage of a three session teaching calendar to ease their study load or fast track their degree.

Selected courses are also provided by distance education where students are welcomed as part of our online learning community.

Studying at SCU

Studying at Southern Cross University involves a range of learning experiences. It can vary based on your course of study, your location and your mode of study.

You may take part in face-to-face lectures, workshops and tutorials, video-conferenced lectures, podcasts, online units and discussion forums using cutting-edge technologies. You can bring your own device onto campus and use SCU's extensive wireless network or access study materials off-campus as long as you have an internet connection.

To learn more about what the School of Arts and Social Sciences offers, view our short video: scu.edu.au/arts-social-sciences

Why study at SCU?

- ★ Ranked in the top 500 universities in the world. *Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2015-2016*
- ★ Outstanding research achievements. Rated 'at world standard' or above in 24 research areas. *Excellence in Research for Australia 2015 (ERA)* visit: scu.edu.au/era
- ★ Rated 'at world standard' in Studies in Human Society.
- ★ Follow your passions while gaining skills and abilities for a future career.
- ★ Community engaged and experiential learning opportunities.
- ★ Online learning community.
- ★ Three teaching sessions.



Degrees which put you in the workplace

Supervised professional placements enable students to engage within their respective industries, put theory and knowledge of their chosen discipline into practice, and establish contacts and networks to prepare for entry into the workforce.

Opportunities exist for **arts** students to undertake professional placements in a range of community organisations. **Creative writing** students can undertake writing tasks and other activities including at the Byron Writers Festival.

Social science students can gain experience in government and community organisations, while **social welfare** students undertake placements in a range of settings to meet professional accreditation requirements.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

The Bachelor of Arts enables students to pursue areas about which they are passionate while gaining relevant, transferrable and valuable career skills for life. The course promotes critical thinking, cultural awareness, community engagement, problem-solving and creative practices. It provides the scope to build strong intellectual capabilities and a broad knowledge of the liberal arts as well as a deepened understanding through the study of majors.

Students can also elect to undertake a professional placement to gain experience in the workplace and to establish professional contacts. They may also exit the program early with an **Associate Degree of Creative Writing**, following successful completion of 16 required units. (See page 4.)

Majors

This degree offers several majors and minors for students to tailor the course to their career aspirations.

Four units from any of the majors can be studied as a minor, with additional minors available to provide further opportunity for specialisation. These include: Curatorial Studies, Event Studies, Food Studies, Healthy Childhood Studies, Sound Production, Welfare State Studies and Human Geography.

The **humanities and social sciences** majors provide an overview of the humanities (or study of the human condition) and the study of human society and social relationships, which contribute to the advancement of human understanding. These majors include: Australian Studies, Communication Studies, Cultural Studies, English, History, Indigenous Studies, International Studies, Politics, Society and Culture and Human Geography.

Majors in the **creative arts** provide opportunities for students to develop practical or theoretical understanding of creativity. These majors include: Media Studies, Creative Arts, Music, Visual Arts and Writing.

Majors are available in **secondary school teaching areas** for students interested in pursuing further studies to become teachers. These majors include: Environmental Studies, English, Physical Geography, History, Indigenous Studies, Mathematics, Society and Culture, and Visual Arts, which students could combine with a major in Education.

Students who choose a major in the secondary school teaching areas and hope to progress to the SCU Master of Teaching (which they would need to complete to become teachers) need to choose very specific majors to qualify for entry into the Masters degree and should contact the School of Education for further advice. Students who specifically want to become teachers should apply for one of SCU's combined education degrees (see our education brochure).

There is an opportunity to combine traditional arts subjects with majors in the **sciences**. These majors include: Environmental Studies, Physical Geography, Human Geography and Mathematics.

Other vocationally oriented majors that could be combined with studies in the arts include: Law and Justice Studies, Tourism Studies and Psychology.

Please note that not all majors and minors are available at each location. For these details, visit scu.edu.au/courses and search 'Bachelor of Arts'.

Professional placement

Professional placement provides students with the opportunity to gain experience in the workplace and to establish contacts. In the Bachelor of Arts, students can undertake learning opportunities in the community through a number of units as well as through assessment opportunities.

Your career

In communication industries, community relations, journalism, cultural policy, management and administration, publishing, public service, multimedia design, creative and cultural industries, politics, social justice, human rights and secondary school teaching (with further study).

Summary

Locations: Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education

Duration: 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time

UAC codes: GC – 333161, L – 333100

QTAC codes: GC – 053161, L – 053001

Total units: 24 | **Indicative ATAR:** 68 | **Indicative OP:** 14

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF ARTS

Offered through SCU College

The **Associate Degree of Arts** is a two-year (full-time or part-time equivalent) entry-level course that prepares students for continuing study and/or participation in a range of areas relevant to the humanities, culture, society and creative arts. Graduates of the Associate degree are guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Arts. They may receive up to 16 units of credit (advanced standing) towards their undergraduate degree (depending on course and units studied). Other pathways to arts-related courses are possible but may require a portfolio of work. All Associate degree students are offered extra support while studying.

For more information, visit: scu.edu.au/scucollege

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF CREATIVE WRITING

Immerse yourself in the world of words and become a confident and skilled creative writer. The Associate Degree of Creative Writing provides students with a broad range of skills spanning several writing genres. It enables students to focus on the practice and theory of writing, along with developing the attributes and skills needed for a professional career in writing.

If you have a way with words or a passion for writing, this degree will help build your confidence and provide professional feedback to assist in becoming published or simply to tell your story.

The course offers a rich mix of creative writing and literary studies across a range of writing modes in fiction and non-fiction, including experimental writing, journalism, life writing, poetry, writing for stage and screen, and writing for young adults.

After completion of the Associate degree, students may choose to apply to study a further eight units to gain a Bachelor of Arts degree. (See page 3.)

The University is the education partner of the Byron Writers Festival, the Northern Rivers Performing Arts (NORPA), and supports the Bellingen Readers and Writers Festival.

Major areas of study

While this course has no majors, studies in fiction and non-fiction writing include:

- experimental writing
- journalism
- life writing
- poetry
- writing for stage and screen
- writing for young adults

Sarah Harvey, Student in Master of Fine Arts (MFA) at Columbia University, New York, USA Bachelor of Arts (major in creative writing)

Sarah Harvey achieved what she considered impossible: a place in Columbia University's highly sought-after writing program in New York, just months after completing an arts degree at Southern Cross University. Sarah studied entirely by distance education while living in Amsterdam.

"When I was searching universities in the Netherlands, England and Australia for the right writing degree a few years ago, many weren't offering a major in creative writing. SCU did.

"The clever and flexible structure of the distance study program meant it was easy to stay on track. Discipline was part of it but I certainly didn't find myself struggling online. In fact, I found it quite liberating. I built up good relationships with academics in the School of Arts and Social Sciences. I really felt that they took me seriously as a student and as a writer and took an interest in my development.

"I received an excellent foundation at SCU which has prepared me for the challenges of the Columbia MFA."

Sarah's untitled novel, which forms part of her Masters' thesis, is about a female academic who is unmasked as a fraud at the height of her career. "It's about ethics, academia and the clash of various feminisms. I developed the story throughout my final year of study at SCU."

Sarah, who now lives in New York, is still shaking her head about being accepted into Columbia's two-year Master of Fine Arts.

"The faculty members here at Columbia are Nobel Prize and Pulitzer Prize winners. Not only did the strength of the first couple of chapters of my book impress them, I was also awarded a substantial scholarship for the program.

"When I was younger I didn't see writing as a viable career. Often you are encouraged to develop a fallback position. I did that as well, but as I got older it occurred to me that writing was the direction in which I wanted to go."

Professional experience

Opportunities exist for writing students to undertake internships or work placements with Northern Rivers Performing Arts (NORPA), the Byron Writers Festival, and Bellingen Readers and Writers Festival. Students can choose a professional placement unit during which they spend 70 – 100 hours in an appropriate organisation using their knowledge and skills.

Your career

As a writer of novels and scripts; food, nature, art and travel writer; feature journalist; critic and reviewer; essayist; poet; editor and publisher; or writer for marketing and public relations, the public service and arts-related industries.

Summary

Locations: Lismore, Distance Education

Duration: 2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

UAC code: 333301

QTAC code: 053301

Total units: 16 | **Indicative ATAR:** 63 | **Indicative OP:** 15



BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Bachelor of Social Science provides students with an understanding of society and its institutions, and the way in which they impact on people and their lives. It actively promotes the values of social justice, human rights, environmental sustainability, and cross-cultural awareness.

The degree develops students' capabilities to analyse social arrangements critically, to identify social problems and to envision strategies for change. It also enables students to gain skills in working effectively with people from diverse backgrounds and in many different organisational settings.

Majors

Sociology examines the many forces that affect how people experience society and provides an understanding of how particular groups within society may be disadvantaged. It examines the operation of key social institutions, such as the family, religion and the economy. Students develop skills in critical analysis and social research and apply these to contemporary issues and debates. They have the opportunity to undertake independent studies in sociology, as well as participating in work-integrated learning.

Politics and Government offers a range of Australian and international politics and policy units. Students are introduced to ideas of power, resistance and social justice by studying institutions of government as well as non-government organisations and political forces that challenge the formal structures of power. The major enables students to develop high level skills in critical analysis by exploring the role of ideology, ideals and political culture, and how these shape outcomes that impact at the family, community, national and global levels. It includes an examination of policy-making processes and offers skills in social research methods. Students also have an opportunity to apply their learning at a practical level as well as pursuing their particular interests through independent study.

Streams: These include development studies, which addresses local and global community development strategies and issues; cultural studies, which engages with various understandings of identity, power and place; and welfare studies, which enables students to understand the processes involved in the planning and delivery of community services.

Southern Cross University also offers the AASW-accredited Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying) for graduates who have undertaken prior study in the social sciences, psychology, or related fields. Graduates of this Masters degree will qualify as social workers in Australia and may also be eligible to apply to work as social workers overseas.

Please note that some units in this course are only available to study by distance education.

Professional placement

Students can undertake an optional professional placement unit towards the end of the degree, to gain on-the-job experience in their chosen field and advance their career goals. Placements can be undertaken in many types of establishments or organisations such as government departments and non-government community organisations. Typical activities during placement may include policy development, specific projects, community engagement, research or grant applications.

Your career

In private and government agencies including departments of family, community and human services; local government community development units; child safety and disability services; immigration; in political parties; and in non-government organisations such as aid agencies or advocacy groups.

Summary

Locations: Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education

Duration: 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time

UAC codes: GC – 331161, L – 331101

QTAC codes: GC – 051161, L – 051011

Total units: 24 | **Indicative ATAR:** 68 | **Indicative OP:** 14

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE

The Bachelor of Social Welfare provides the theoretical and practical foundation for work in the human services industry. During their studies students will gain skills in case management, community development, counselling, social research, policy work, advocacy, and grief and loss counselling. Particular emphasis is placed on social justice and human rights as the basis for social welfare practice.

The course articulates with a range of VET awards. It can also provide a pathway to the University's Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying), which is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). The Masters degree is for graduates who have undertaken prior study in the social sciences, social welfare, psychology, or related fields. Graduates of this Masters degree will qualify as social workers in Australia and may also be eligible to apply to work as social workers overseas.

Majors

Children and Young People provides students with a comprehensive introduction to social welfare practice with children and young people in a range of organisational settings including government and non-government agencies. The latest research is explored to understand the ways in which children and young people are conceptualised and identified as a target population for human service practice.

Health and Disability examines health and wellbeing as they impact on people and their life opportunities, as well as issues for social welfare workers negotiating the health and disability care systems.

Indigenous Studies assists students to gain a deeper understanding of Indigenous world views and history, as well as identifying culturally appropriate ways of working with Indigenous communities. Students gain an appreciation of the origins and effects of trauma across generations and within particular communities.

Please note that some units in this course are only available to study by distance education.

Professional recognition

The course is accredited by the Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA). Graduates are eligible to join ACWA.

Professional placement

In line with ACWA requirements, students undertake 400 hours of supervised on-the-job training. This is completed in two separate organisations in different fields of practice so that students gain a diversity of experience.

Placements may include working across a variety of client groups, such as older people, or young people and families at the individual, group, organisational or community level of practice. The social welfare settings such as child protection, drugs and alcohol, criminal justice, community education, housing, emergency relief, family interventions and domestic violence.

Your career

As welfare and community workers in various roles within the community services sector. These include government and non-government positions in fields such as child protection, disability services, housing services, youth work, aged care, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, community engagement, mental health services, and domestic violence services.

Summary

Locations: Gold Coast, Distance Education[#]

Duration: 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time

UAC code: 331162

QTAC code: 051361

Total units: 24 | **Indicative ATAR:** 68 | **Indicative OP:** 14

[#]Distance education students are required to attend one three-day residential school at the Gold Coast campus.



Canditta Gorry

Youth Outreach Drug and Alcohol Counsellor, Lives Lived Well

Bachelor of Social Welfare

Currently studying a Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying)

"I grew up in a low socioeconomic welfare housing estate in NSW where the prospect of university was just a dream. I was expelled from high school before my 14th birthday and decided the welfare and education system had failed me. I wanted to implement change within the realm of social welfare but paradoxically, realised I required a sound education to do so.

"From my field placement at Lives Lived Well (LLW), I gained casual employment at their residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation treatment facilities in Logan, near Brisbane. My role there was as a therapeutic community worker and involved counselling, case management and facilitating group therapy sessions. Just before graduation, I was offered a position facilitating a pre-release drug offenders' intervention treatment program at a maximum security prison for men in Wacol. For 18 months, I case-managed forensic clients with addiction and behavioural issues, maintained case notes and wrote progress reports to our funding body, the Queensland Department of Health and Ageing. Now I work as a youth outreach drug and alcohol (YODA) counsellor with LLW."

DOUBLE DEGREES

Double degrees give students the opportunity to study two disciplines concurrently. Students who undertake a double arts or social science degree with law or business are candidates for both degrees.

By electing to study your arts degree as a double degree with business, selected majors are available and are accredited with major industry bodies.

The Bachelor of Laws fulfils the academic requirements for admission to the legal profession. Professional admission authorities also require law graduates of all universities to complete practical legal training or similar to be eligible to practise as a lawyer. Students who intend to practise law outside Australia should check with the relevant country's admission body to confirm their practising requirements.

Applicants who do not have the required entry mark for a double degree with law are encouraged to apply for the single, partner degree. If those students achieve the required grade point average during that course, they may then apply for transfer into the double degree.

Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws

Career opportunities that combine knowledge of arts and law; and those specific to each discipline. For arts: communication industries, community relations, journalism, cultural policy, management and administration, education, publishing, public service, multimedia design, creative and cultural industries, politics, social justice and human rights. For law: barristers or solicitors; or in law-related areas in private, corporate, or government organisations.

Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Arts

Career opportunities that combine knowledge of business and the arts; and those specific to each discipline. For business: advertising, marketing, public relations, product management, management, international business, human resource management, investment, banking, accounting and finance. For arts: communication industries, community relations, journalism, cultural policy, management and administration, education, government, publishing, public service, multimedia design, creative and cultural industries, politics, social justice and human rights.

Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Laws

Career opportunities that combine knowledge of social science and law; and those specific to each discipline. For social science: professional roles in social welfare, community development, or in policy-related areas of government departments and the private sector. For law: as barristers or solicitors; or in law-related areas in private, corporate, or government organisations.

Summary

Degree	Locations	UAC codes	QTAC codes	ATAR and OP	Duration
Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws**	Gold Coast ⁺ , Lismore, Distance Education	GC – 336160 L – 336104	GC – 053261 L – 056041	Indicative ATAR: 89 Indicative OP: 6	5 years full-time or 10 years part-time.
Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Laws**	Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education	GC – 336162 L – 336113	GC – 056561 L – 051071		
Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Arts*	Lismore, Distance Education	332105	052051	Indicative ATAR: 65 Indicative OP: 14	4.5 years full-time or 9 years part-time

Please note that some majors and units may not be available at each location. Unit availabilities are published for each study period and may vary from year to year.

⁺GC location pending University approval.

^{*}Please note that some units in this course are only available to study by distance education.

[^]Both distance education and on-campus students attend compulsory workshops for some law units. Visit: scu.edu.au/lawworkshops



Scout Symons Risk and Compliance Officer, Summerland Credit Union Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Laws

“I’ve always been really socially conscious and interested in social justice, so studying law and social science at SCU was the perfect combination for me to gain the knowledge and skills to better assist my community and understand the challenges different groups in our society face.

“I am currently using more of the law side of my degree, working in compliance at Summerland Credit Union. I am responsible for all of the credit union’s deceased estates, garnishee orders and powers of attorney involving our customers. I’ve also been involved in special projects such as writing policy and procedure.

“I’m continuing my studies this year with a Master of Legal Practice, focusing on humanitarian law and human rights. Long term, I plan to become a great lawyer and continue to be active in advocating for social justice.”

Key dates for 2017 entry

SCU has a teaching calendar of three sessions. Depending on the course of study, this can enable students to spread their study load, or to accelerate and complete their degree in less time than the usual duration indicated on the course pages.

All dates in the table opposite are provisional only and may be subject to change. For the most up-to-date information visit the SCU teaching calendar page at: scu.edu.au/teachingcalendar

UAC and QTAC dates may also be subject to change. For the latest information visit:

www.uac.edu.au

www.qtac.edu.au

Also note that late UAC and QTAC applications incur an extra fee.

CAMPUS TOURS AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND

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Rising Stars Scholarship applications for 2017	Open July 2016 Check website for closing dates scu.edu.au/scholarships
UAC and QTAC on time applications for 2017 entry (Session 1)	Open early August 2016 Close late September 2016
STAR Entry Scheme opens	Early July 2016
STAR Entry Scheme offers	Early December 2016
SCU Info Days	2, 7 and 9 December 2016
UAC and QTAC main round offers	Mid January 2017 <i>For the full list of offer rounds visit the UAC and QTAC websites</i>
Session 1 teaching dates	27 February – 26 May 2017
Orientation	22 – 24 February 2017
Session 2 teaching dates	10 July – 6 October 2017
Orientation	5 – 7 July 2017
Session 3 teaching dates	6 November 2017 – 31 January 2018
Orientation	1 – 3 November 2017

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1 Choose a course



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2 Find out more



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3 Apply



To study on campus (full-time or part-time) apply via UAC www.uac.edu.au or QTAC www.qtac.edu.au
To study by distance education, apply online direct to SCU
scu.edu.au/howtoapply

4 Accept your offer



scu.edu.au/gettingstarted

5 Enrol in units



scu.edu.au/enrol

International students

Southern Cross University welcomes international students. This guide however is not intended for their use. International students should contact SCU International.

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