GNIBI COLLEGE OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN PEOPLES

Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples at Southern Cross University is committed to delivering culturally safe, dynamic and innovative Indigenous studies. Undergraduate and postgraduate degrees are offered at Lismore campus and by distance education to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Students experience a teaching and learning process that is founded on principles of social justice, cultural integrity, inclusion and healing.

Southern Cross University provides quality learning and academic support to Indigenous students through Indigenous Australian Student Services (see scu.edu.au/iass).

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, interactive 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.

Why study with us?

- Courses reflect an Indigenous world view.
- Teaching is founded on the principles of social justice, cultural integrity, inclusion and healing.
- High level of individual support provided to students.
- On-campus and distance education study options.

Matthew Trindall
Clinical Coordinator Aboriginal Mental Health
South East Sydney Local Health District
Bachelor of Indigenous Studies

As clinical coordinator Aboriginal Health for South East Sydney Local Health District, which serves more than 830,000 people, Matthew Trindall oversees the district’s Aboriginal mental health programs.

He says the Bachelor of Indigenous Studies helped him get to where he is today. “The degree was really beneficial because I was able to take on Aboriginal people’s cultural background, and understand their principles and practices, while also finding that balance of working with mainstream services and meeting the department’s expectations. Having the background in both systems has helped me to achieve a senior role in a short period of time.

“My parents always told me that education was a pathway for Aboriginal people. Getting access to education for Aboriginal people was something they and my grandparents fought for.”

Matthew now holds three degrees, but the Bachelor of Indigenous Studies was his first. “Being able to study something that helped me identify with my culture and identity was the most rewarding part. At school I was learning things that didn’t have any relevance to my culture.”
BACHELOR OF
INDIGENOUS STUDIES

The Bachelor of Indigenous Studies is specifically designed to communicate and generate a better understanding of Indigenous world views by exploring past and present histories in a culturally diverse and supportive environment.

The degree increases awareness of Aboriginal and other Indigenous peoples’ histories, ways of living, and social commitments while raising understanding between all people of matters relevant to a shared and valued future. It prepares graduates for all workplaces but particularly for employment with government, communities and organisations working with Indigenous peoples.

Majors
Students can select majors to suit their areas of interest from disciplines across the University including:

• Communication and Cultural Studies
• Indigenous Australian Studies
• Law and Justice
• Organisational Management
• Sustainability
• Trauma and Healing

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Your career

Graduates can pursue a range of careers in areas where a deeper understanding of Indigenous issues is required. Depending on the units completed in the degree, graduates may be suited to positions in project management or administration with Indigenous organisations or in private or public sector areas such as health services, education and training, paralegal and social work, environmental management, humanities and the arts.

Summary

Locations: Lismore, Distance Education
Duration: 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time
UAC code: 337100
QTAC code: 057001
Total units: 24
Indicative ATA R: 68 | Indicative OP: 13

BACHELOR OF
TRAUMA AND HEALING

The Bachelor of Trauma and Healing responds to the increasing interest within both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities regionally, nationally and internationally, for courses which address the effects of trauma and which facilitate skills to support healing. Students will be provided with an informed education of the origins and effects of trauma. They will also be provided with a learning pathway to develop the skills and insight to deal with social and emotional trauma in various interpersonal and professional contexts.

Majors
Several majors from across the University are available that complement the core units of this degree, enabling students to tailor the course to suit their area of interest. Students can also select units to complete specialisations in counselling, cultural studies and environmental science.

Majors include:

• Communication and Cultural Studies
• Indigenous Australian Studies
• Law and Justice
• Organisational Management
• Psychology
• Sustainability

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Your career

Graduates will be skilled to work in a diverse range of community-based and government organisations in areas linked to trauma and healing work and where an understanding of Indigenous and diverse humanitarian issues may be required. Depending on the units and majors completed in the degree, employment options include cross-cultural social work, health, community services, international aid work, or working with Indigenous Australian and diverse communities and peoples.

Summary

Location: Lismore
Duration: 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time
UAC code: 337101
QTAC code: 057101
Total units: 24
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Key dates for 2016 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. Please refer to their websites. Visit: www.uac.edu.au
www.qtac.edu.au

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

Applying to study on campus
For full details go to: scu.edu.au/howtoapply
To study on campus, either as a full-time or part-time student, you will need to apply online through either the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) or Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) – either can process your application.

Applying to study by distance education
To study by distance education, you can apply online direct to Southern Cross University. scu.edu.au/howtoapply
E: futurestudent@scu.edu.au
Freecall: 1800 626 481

International students
Southern Cross University welcomes international students. This guide however is not intended for their use. International students should contact SCU International.
W: scu.edu.au/international
E: intoff@scu.edu.au
T: 02 6620 3876

5 steps to SCU

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2. **Find out more**
   - campustours@scu.edu.au

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4. **Accept your offer**
   - scu.edu.au/gettingstarted

5. **Enrol in units**
   - scu.edu.au/enrol

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