Cross-Institutional Study Guide for Students

Cross-institutional study offers Flinders University students the opportunity to study units at other universities in Adelaide as part of their academic program that otherwise might not be available to them ordinarily. This can be hugely beneficial yet there are a few things to consider when you embark on a path of cross-institutional study such as:

i) How will it benefit your overall degree? Put some research into your own degree and see if Flinders doesn’t offer an equivalent course.

ii) Timetable clashes with Flinders University. Be warned that if you choose to study at another institution, they will make some allowances for you, but they WON”T reschedule the lecture/class for a minority of students.

iii) Travel between institutions, do you have the money, time and transport?

iv) Fees to be paid at both of the institutions (usually part time at one or both).

v) Methods of assessment and academic policy differences.

If the above list hasn’t discouraged you from choosing to study cross-institutionally, here’s how to approach the issue.

i) Check your program of study at Flinders first and get a timetable of the compulsory core units of study for that year and what units you are able to study at another institution within your degree.

ii) Research units as they are offered by the secondary institution you wish to study at and obtain a timetable and the correct codes for that university. Be sure to contact the secondary university as close to possible before enrolment day at Flinders and confirm the above aforementioned codes.

iii) Organise two programs of study for that year, a program that takes into cross-institutional study and one to fall back on if things don’t go according to plan.

iv) On enrolment day at Flinders, take your planned academic program and seek approval from your course coordinator. Get the necessary approval forms/paperwork from Flinders before you approach the secondary institution to make life much simpler.

v) Approach the faculty/school of the secondary university and acquire the necessary forms to enrol which is essentially the same as enrolling at Flinders. You will have another student number at this institution and quite possibly asked to put down X-institutional arts down as your degree there. Ask for help if in doubt.

vi) Present your approval from Flinders, filled out paper work and hopefully they’ll allow you to enrol!