

# EXTENSION STUDIES INFO PACK

The Extension Studies Program provides a taste of university life for high-achieving South Australian and Northern Territory senior secondary school students while also giving the opportunity to complement and extend their SACE/NTCET studies.

## 2025/2026 KEY DATES



### What to do before applications open?

1. Consider expectations of program and suitability to adult learning environment
2. Talk to your School about your suitability
3. Talk to Parents about your suitability
4. Explore topics on website\*
5. Keep an eye out for follow up email with recording and resources
6. Note application key dates in your calendar

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How does Extension Studies fit in with my school timetable?**

You will need to investigate class options when 2026 class dates are released and ensure that your selected topic's classes are able to fit around your school timetable using the Flinders Handbook (this is discussed in detail in the info session).

## **What are the University exam periods?**

In 2026, these dates are:

- 22 June - 3 July for semester 1 topics
- 9 November - 20 November for semester 2 topics

## **If something happens and I am no longer able to do Extension Studies what are the last dates to withdraw?**

In 2026, these dates are:

- 3 April 2026 for semester 1 topics
- 28 August 2026 for semester 2 topics

Withdrawing after this date is possible, but you will still need to pay for the topic fees.

## **What is the support available for Extension Studies Students?**

Extension studies students get access to a range of support (this is covered in detail in the info session). Academic support includes topic specific support (e.g. Drop in sessions), and via the Student Learning Support Service.

## **What happens if I get sick and can't go to a class?**

You will need to inform your topic coordinator directly. You will be able to view their contact details on your topic page on the Flinders Learning Online Platform (Canvas).

## **What are the subject preclusions?**

Subject preclusions can be seen on the "topics available to study" drop down. Subject preclusions for 2026 will be visible from early November.

*Have a question that isn't covered here on the in the info session?*

## **Contact Us**

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# Advice from Past Students



## Aafreen's Advice

*Current Bachelor of Medical Science Student*

*Completed Extension Studies in 2024*

- MDSC1102 Skills for Medical Scientists (High Distinction)
- MMED1007 Histology: The Building Blocks of the Human Body (High Distinction)

### **What advice would you give to a student considering Extension Studies?**

*Stay on top of your work - it's so easy to fall behind, and catching up is tough. Go through resources before class and definitely go to in-person sessions if you can - they make a huge difference. Don't be afraid to reach out for support and use the chance to build connections. For me, those connections actually led to job opportunities before I even started uni!*

### **What subject did you take, and why did you choose it?**

*I took Skills for Medical Scientists 1 and Histology because I've always loved medical research and hands-on science. They gave me an early taste of uni life, confirmed medical science was the right path for me, and even helped with my SATAC choices. Plus, since they counted toward my degree, I started first year with a lighter load, which made things way less stressful.*

### **Did Extension Studies change the way you approached Year 12?**

*Definitely. I actually found it less stressful than school subjects - it just suited how I learn. It taught me independence, time management, and how to juggle clashing timetables and holidays. It also boosted my understanding of Year 12 Biology and gave me confidence heading into uni. Honestly, it was the highlight of Year 12: It shaped my pathway, opened up opportunities, and helped me figure out a system that works for me.*

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## William's Advice

*Current Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences (Honours) and a Bachelor of Science (Physics) Student*

*Completed Extension Studies in 2024*

- ENGR1711 Engineering Design (High Distinction)
- MATH1121 Mathematics 1A (High Distinction)

### **What advice would you give to a student considering Extension Studies?**

*It was an amazing experience for me as it opened my eyes to a taste of the reality of uni life. Extension studies is an opportunity to try a subject to know if the degree you want to study is for you. If a subject you really want to do clashes with your school timetable, consider looking for another uni subject because your school class time is more important. There are lots of uni subjects to choose from so there will be another enjoyable to do instead. It is important to be self-motivated and manage time well so that you can stay on top of your studies and assignments.*

### **What subject did you take, and why did you choose it?**

*I took Engineering Design and Maths 1A at Flinders. I choose Engineering Design in the first semester because at that stage I was considering an engineering degree post year 12. For my second semester I was going to do Essential Legal Skills, but it clashed with my school timetable too much. So, I switched to Maths 1A for the second semester because I looked at the syllabus and it seemed to support the Method Maths and Specialist Maths that I was studying at school. I decided to use it as a way of furthering my interest in maths and it has led me to studying a maths degree at Flinders.*

### **Did Extension Studies change the way you approached Year 12?**

*It very much changed the way I approached year 12. Uni was very different from my school subjects because the learning was delivered differently; online lectures and more independent learning outside of class. This meant that my personal study blocks in school were used for university work so that I could keep on top of my work. As I only had three school subjects, along with my university subject, I felt that I had less work overall. However, my university subjects were harder and did require more effort and self-motivation. I became a confident independent learner which helped develop the skills I need for uni life.*