

# SOCIAL WORK



**GO BEYOND**



*Students relaxing in Student Hub and Plaza, Bedford Park*

# At Flinders, it's all about you



Our facilities are purpose-built for your study needs, providing the best the world has to offer.

Plugged into industry trends, professional placements and practical experiences, our teaching is designed to take you from learning to earning.

Our researchers and lecturers are ready to equip you with up-to-the-minute knowledge based on our world-class research. You'll gain specialised skills and knowledge in your chosen field plus develop abilities in independent thinking, communication, collaboration, ethics and creativity – qualities that will prepare you to become an expert and innovator in your field.

Everything we do at Flinders is designed to give you the best possible study experience and prepare you not just to succeed, but to go beyond.

[flinders.edu.au/experience](http://flinders.edu.au/experience)



Flinders Laneway, Bedford Park

## Geographic footprint

**Flinders University's reach extends beyond Adelaide.**

- Bedford Park campus – only 25 minutes from the CBD
- Tonsley centre for innovation and entrepreneurship
- Study certain degrees in the city at our Victoria Square location
- Regional SA locations: Port Lincoln, Barossa, Murray Bridge, Victor Harbor, Renmark
- Regional interstate locations: Victoria and the Northern Territory

## Scholarships

**Flinders University offers over 550 undergraduate scholarships, worth \$2.2M in total.**

A generous range of scholarships is available to new and continuing undergraduate students.

## Flinders Connect

**Flinders Connect is your one-stop-shop for help with everything from enrolment and fees to exams and graduation.**

You can also access Flinders Connect for specialist services in admissions, careers and IT help. A range of support services is also available.

## We're here to help

**Flinders offers a range of services to help you succeed.**

The Transition Office can help make your shift into university study as smooth as possible, and the Student Learning Centre provides a range of services from writing and mathematics support to assistance with study and time-management skills.

## Sports & fitness

**Stay in shape while you flex your mind.**

The Bedford Park campus includes a state-of-the-art Sport and Fitness Centre where you can work out while taking in the best views of any gym in Adelaide. Flinders also has courts and ovals for a variety of sports. Get involved in our sporting teams, clubs and events.

## Work-Integrated Learning

**Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) enables you to gain work experience while you study.**

Flinders aims to provide each and every student with access to a WIL opportunity during their studies through placements, practicums, field studies, and simulated workplace settings and assessment activities.

## Flinders leads the way in SA for graduate skills

Flinders received an overall satisfaction rating of 84.8 per cent in the 2017 Employer Satisfaction Survey, which is above the national average and the highest for a South Australian University.

## Careers & Employability Service

**The Careers and Employability Service helps give you the edge in your career.**

CareerHub, our online employment portal, helps you prepare for and find the job you want. It offers personalised job opportunities, and access to employer events and career-related resources.

## Student Hub & Plaza

**Your Student Hub and Plaza is open 24/7 to help you get the most out of your on-campus experience.**

The award-winning Hub and Plaza brings the best of coffee and street food culture to the heart of the Bedford Park campus, with retail options, innovative study spaces and free wi-fi access.

## Flinders University Student Association (FUSA)

**Flinders has a long history of active student involvement.**

The Flinders University Student Association (FUSA) continues that tradition, and represents the rights and interests of students. FUSA manages social events, non-sporting clubs and societies, the student publication *Empire Times*, and helps with academic, administrative and welfare issues.

## GOING BEYOND STARTS WITH THINKING BEYOND

**Careers are evolving and the workplace and industries of the future will look very different from today's.**

That's why we offer a suite of innovation and enterprise electives and courses to prepare you for the careers of tomorrow.

Powered by the Fox School of Business, a US top ten business school for entrepreneurship\*, and our very own New Venture Institute, these electives will help you to develop what we like to call 'personal enterprise skills'.

These are the skills that employers are looking for. From critical thinking, to problem solving and creativity, and understanding how disruptive technology will impact the world around us, you will become equipped with the ability to adapt to whatever life throws at you, personally and professionally.

Whether you'd like to include innovation electives in your degree or make it your focus, you can customise the program to suit your needs.

[flinders.edu.au/innovation](http://flinders.edu.au/innovation)

\* The Princeton Review, 2017.

 **Fox School of Business**  
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY\*

 **Flinders UNIVERSITY** |  **NEW VENTURE INSTITUTE**



# 90 PERCENT

Over 90% research rated world-standard or above

Australian Federal Government's most recent Excellence in Research for Australia assessment (2015)

# Contribute to a more just society.

Flinders University's social work degree teaches you to analyse, implement and evaluate social welfare policies and services. Engage with the community intelligently by recognising wider social, cultural, economic and environmental contexts.

## FAST FACTS

Achieve your career goals through our applied degree with strong industry links

Gain practical work experience while you study

Undertake our field education program, staffed by a highly experienced team of educators and coordinators

Develop a diverse range of skills including social policy and planning

Be prepared with practical training in our purpose-built on-campus Social Work Simulation and Skills Lab

Explore your options

[FLINDERS.EDU.AU/STUDY](https://flinders.edu.au/study)



# PROFESSIONALLY RECOGNISED

Open more doors with a degree professionally accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers

*An example of non-deliberative practice theory within social work group work*

# Bachelor of Social Work

Learn how to help, support and empower people.

Get equipped with the practical skills and knowledge you need to work in a wide range of health and social welfare settings. The degree combines traditional social work skills with the broader issues of social policy and planning. You'll develop expertise in the delivery of social services, and in development and monitoring of programs appropriate to current social conditions.

## Bachelor of Social Work

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PREREQUISITES	None
ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE	None
SATAC CODE	224761
2018 SELECTION RANK	71.15
GUARANTEED ENTRY SELECTION RANK	80.00
TAFELINK	Diploma or above
ADJUSTMENT FACTORS	UES, LLM

See the inside back cover for more information on your admission pathways, opportunities to enhance your degree, and how to apply.

Qualifies you to work as a social worker in a wide range of health and social welfare services

Undertake intensive work placements that help integrate social work theory into your practice

Gain a strong foundation in a range of disciplines, including human rights and social development

Indigenous knowledge and issues are integrated into the Bachelor of Social Work with options for Indigenous-focused topics

Be prepared with practical training in our purpose-built on-campus Social Work Simulation and Skills Lab

## STUDY PROGRAM\*

### First year

A typical first year might include:

- core topics in introductory democracy and government, reasons for social work, mental health and public participation, introductory Aboriginal studies, social planning theory, critical thinking and communication, and practice with individuals
- a topic in issues in sociology or sociology of everyday life.

### Second year

A typical second year might include:

- core topics in human social development, community development, social policy practice, cities as human environments, social work with groups, social work with diverse populations, and social work and reflective practice
- a topic in Australian Indigenous politics or Indigenous women's voices: race, gender and colonialism.

### Third year

A typical third year might include:

- core topics in the wellbeing and protection of children and families; practice research; loss and grief in social work practice; understanding addictions; and identity, self and agency
- an intensive field placement.

### Honours

A typical honours year might include:

- core topics in human-rights-based social work practice, ethical issues and critical reflexivity, mental health across the life course, and complexities of contemporary social work practice
- an intensive field placement
- a choice of option topics

A typical honours year includes a social work honours thesis, topics in research principles and practices and human-rights-based social work practice, and an intensive field placement.

\* Intended as a guide only. Check our course web pages regularly for the most comprehensive and up-to-date topic information.

## PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

The degree provides you with practical experience that prepares you for the workforce.

- Undertake two intensive field placements in third and fourth year totalling 500 hours each.
- Placement options include child protection, community health, hospital social work, research, social planning, aged care, social work with migrant groups, correctional services and more.

Prior to your first social work placement, you will be required to complete the following:

- DCSI Screening and Background Check
- National Police Clearance
- Child Safe Environments Training
- Drivers Licence (required for most placements).

## ACCREDITATION

Graduates are eligible for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers. Indigenous graduates and students can join a network of Aboriginal social workers through Indigenous Allied Health Australia, which centres on Aboriginal professional practice.

## STUDY ABROAD

There are opportunities to take your studies overseas with a student exchange program.

## ADMISSION PATHWAYS

There is more than one pathway into this degree. A TAFE SA dual offer pathway is available.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Your degree is the first step towards a range of employment opportunities.

Potential occupations include:

- social worker
- advocate
- assessment officer
- child protection practitioner
- drug and alcohol counsellor.

Potential employers include:

- Department for Communities and Social Inclusion
- Department for Education and Child Development
- Junction Australia
- Anglicare
- SA Health.

The Bachelor of Social Work equips you to work in a wide range of areas related to the provision of welfare services. Social workers may work for government and non-government sectors in largely project and policy-based positions.

## FURTHER STUDY

Options include:

- Graduate Certificate in Loss, Grief and Trauma Counselling
- PhD (Research)
- Master of Social Work – graduates of the Bachelor of Social Work are given one year of credit.

## A WORD FROM ONE OF OUR STUDENTS

*"The placement experience and learning opportunities within the degree will focus your strengths and skills, increasing your confidence and enabling you to become an advocate for human rights and equality for all."*

Pieter Verdonk  
Social Work student



# 2016 ACH Group Student of the Year

Flinders social work student Hayley Chenoweth was named an ACH Group Student of the Year in 2016.

**The award, given to students who have completed a placement with ACH, recognises how well the students aligned with ACH's culture and values.**

ACH Group is a not-for-profit organisation that promotes initiatives and services for older people.

"My social work degree has prepared me for my career in several ways and equipped me with numerous theories and tools that I can incorporate into my future practice when working with clients.

I completed my first placement with ACH (Aged Care and Housing) where I had the privilege of working within a multidisciplinary team with some extremely passionate, inspiring, hardworking professionals. Working in their team allowed me to understand my role as a social worker and, consequently, assisted me in developing my own social work identity.

I learnt more than I could have ever anticipated. The thing I did not anticipate was how much my clients taught me. They taught me many life lessons that have helped me grow as a person – that is something I will treasure forever and I hope to incorporate them into my personal and professional life."

Hayley Chenoweth  
Bachelor of Social Work student and 2016 ACH Group Student of the Year

# THE ADVOCATE



Associate Professor Lorna Hallahan  
Head and Teaching Program Director, Social Work

Lorna Hallahan is committed to fundamental rights, decency and an understanding of the challenges faced by marginalised people in the community.

## The chance to teach and research in the social work discipline brought Associate Professor Hallahan to Flinders in 2006.

Her passion for advocacy and experience in the disability sector has subsequently led to a range of state and national roles – most recently being appointed by the Federal Government as one of four people overseeing a formal evaluation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

She first became aware of disability issues when diagnosed with cancer at the age of 16. By the time she had turned 18, she had endured aggressive chemotherapy, the loss of one leg and nine months in a residential rehabilitation facility. With a despised (and soon discarded) prosthetic leg, she eventually regathered her mobility. The experience ultimately inspired her.

"Disability is not a core part of my identity but it is a core part of my life experience and shapes my view of the world," Associate Professor Hallahan said.

"I knew once I left the rehabilitation clinic I would be back with my family and would continue with my education, but there were a lot of people who had been knocked off track, who wouldn't ever have the benefits of an income or the opportunity to feel they were contributing to the wider community," Associate Professor Hallahan said.

"When I left there in that terribly solemn way that 16 and 17 year-olds do, I thought I can walk away from them but I am not going to leave them behind.

"I am in that less than one per cent globally of people with access to all the good things in life, so I have no story of oppression of my own; but I have seen the lives of people who don't have that option.

"My experience with witnessing poverty, disability and other life hurdles that other people have encountered has been critically important in shaping my understanding of effective social policy."

## How to apply

Applicants need to apply through the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC): [satac.edu.au](http://satac.edu.au)

To find out more about your admission pathways to Flinders, visit: [flinders.edu.au/pathways](http://flinders.edu.au/pathways)

### ADMISSION PATHWAYS

At Flinders we recognise that every prospective student is an individual and that what works for one might not be right for another.

That's why we provide various admission pathways into Flinders University and your preferred degree. You're encouraged to explore your options and find the entry path that's right for you.

#### Year 12 entry

The majority of Year 12 applicants enter university via the traditional competitive entry method, where offers are made to eligible applicants with the highest selection rank until all places in the degree are filled. Your selection rank is used by Flinders to assess your admission to a course, and is based on your ATAR plus any adjustment factors for which you are eligible. The 2018 selection rank shown for each degree indicates the lowest rank for which an offer was made to an applicant in that degree for that year (including any adjustment factors). It is provided only as a guide for 2019 entry as it may change from year to year.

#### Adjustment factors

Adjustment factors (formerly referred to as bonus points) may be used in combination with your ATAR to derive your course selection rank. Adjustment factors may be available for South Australian Year 12 students applying for entry to Flinders in 2019: the SA Universities Equity Scheme (UES) and the SA Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme (LLM).

#### Guaranteed entry selection rank

Achieve a selection rank equal to or above the published guaranteed entry selection rank and you'll be guaranteed a place at Flinders. All you need to do is ensure you have listed Flinders degrees first in your preferences and you will be offered a place in the highest Flinders degree preference that you are eligible for in 2019.

#### uniTEST

If you're a school leaver, uniTEST is your chance to increase your options to gain a place in your preferred degree. uniTEST is designed for school leavers and complements existing selection criteria by enhancing your overall selection rank.

#### Flinders UniLeap

Flinders UniLeap can help you qualify for entry into a Flinders University degree in four weeks. It's a free intensive four-week program that has been designed for school leavers, to develop their independent learning skills and prepare them for university study.

### CONTACT US

Our friendly staff are available to answer your questions:

1300 354 633 (local call cost) | [askflinders@flinders.edu.au](mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au) | [flinders.edu.au/ask](http://flinders.edu.au/ask)

International students should contact:

+61 8 8201 2727 | [flinders.edu.au/international](http://flinders.edu.au/international) | [internationalapply@flinders.edu.au](mailto:internationalapply@flinders.edu.au)

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### Foundation Studies

The Foundation Studies program has been designed to introduce you to university study in a supportive learning environment. Open to people from all backgrounds, Foundation Studies provides a pathway to gain entry to most degrees at Flinders and offers guaranteed entry into some degrees.

#### TAFELink

Flinders offers guaranteed entry to selected degrees for applicants who have completed a TAFE/VET certificate IV or higher-level qualification, as long as degree prerequisites are met. Importantly, your TAFE/VET qualification does not need to be related to your selected area of study at Flinders.

#### TAFE SA dual offers

You can apply for a TAFE SA# diploma or advanced diploma that is linked to a Flinders degree. You'll receive an offer to both TAFE SA and Flinders University and, on successful completion of the TAFE course, you'll have secured an offer for a Flinders degree. TAFE SA dual offers are available for a range of Flinders degrees.

# TAFE SA RTO Code: 41026

#### Adult entry

The adult entry scheme enables people aged 18 years and over to apply to study at Flinders via the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). Applications are made via SATAC.

#### Tertiary transfer

If you have completed at least one semester of full-time equivalent study at university, you may be able to transfer to study at Flinders University using your grade point average (GPA).

### BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

The Bachelor of General Studies is a flexible degree that provides a sound basis of knowledge in an area of your choice. It is designed to prepare you with communication skills, a firm grasp of ethics, and the confidence to make connections across geographical, disciplinary, social and cultural boundaries. Successful completion of the first year to the required standard also provides you with guaranteed entry into a range of our degrees.

### GET MORE OUT OF YOUR DEGREE

Whatever you're studying, Flinders gives you the opportunity to do more with your degree, giving you a competitive edge with a minimum of extra time spent studying.

#### Combined degrees

A combined degree is a combination of two Flinders bachelor degrees. As a combined degree graduate you will have two qualifications in just one to one-and-a-half years of extra study.

Our combined degree programs are designed to enhance your educational, academic and professional qualifications while minimising the cost and length of your studies. Flinders combined degrees allow you to undertake in-depth study in exciting combinations that aren't usually available in single degrees. Many graduates believe that a combined degree gives them an advantage for employment.

#### Bachelor of Letters

The Bachelor of Letters is available to study alongside any degree at Flinders and enables you to graduate with two qualifications.

The Bachelor of Letters is available in the following disciplines:

- Creative writing
- Criminology (online)
- English
- French
- Health
- Indonesian
- Innovation and enterprise
- Italian
- Mathematics
- Modern Greek
- Spanish
- Sports performance coaching.

The Bachelor of Letters is normally undertaken part-time over three years to allow concurrent study with your primary bachelor degree, adding one year to your overall study program.

#### WHEN CAN I START?

Flinders offers two admissions cycles each year for undergraduate degrees.

Semester 1 – February start. Applications open in August for commencement the following year.

Semester 2\* – July start. Mid-year applications open in August for commencement in July the following year.

\*Not all degrees are offered for semester 2 entry. Check our midyear site for details: [flinders.edu.au/midyear](http://flinders.edu.au/midyear)



**Flinders**  
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The Flinders experience gives you the space and flexibility to choose your path and the confidence to build your own future.

Your journey will be undertaken in state-of-the-art facilities that stimulate learning and encourage you to share ideas with like-minded individuals who support and challenge you.

For a taste of the Flinders experience and to discover our campuses, take our virtual reality tour.

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*Open Day in the Student Hub and Plaza, Bedford Park*