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Flinders University acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands on which its campuses are located, spanning across South Australia and the Northern Territory. We honour their Elders and Custodians past, present and emerging. We recognise the three largest Flinders University campuses across South Australia and Northern Territory are located on the lands of the Kaurna (Bedford Park, SA), Arrernte (Alice Springs, NT) and Larrakia (Darwin, NT) Nations.
Social work is the career for those who want to change the world for the better, because they will never accept injustice. Nationally and globally, we struggle with issues of child protection, domestic and family violence, housing and homelessness, racial inequalities and many other social problems. Issues of social inequality have become daily headlines, and we need skilled graduates to work towards social change.

Implement positive changes in the lives of others
Explore a career that makes a positive impact on society. Your career could see you working in child protection or with older people. You could become a disability advocate or a drug and alcohol counsellor. You will enhance the wellbeing of individuals, groups and communities and address inequality and injustice.

A rewarding career
Social work is a large occupation, employing over 30,000 people in 2020.* Projected employment growth for social workers through to November 2025 is also strong, with expected growth of 15.2%**
Starting a career in social work means joining a field with long-term career prospects.
* Source: Job Outlook January 2022
** National Skills Commission 2020 occupation projections

Study for success
With 1,000 hours of industry experience, purpose-built facilities and a highly experienced team of educators, studying social work at Flinders will see you graduate career-ready, with in-demand skills and knowledge.
Bachelor of Social Work

Build a career helping, supporting and empowering people. This degree will equip you with the knowledge, skills and values required for social work practice. You'll graduate prepared to work in a range of contexts, including government, not-for-profit and private organisations.

- You will be prepared to enact the values of the profession, including respect, social justice and professional integrity, and to work in a culturally responsive manner.
- You will learn to apply social work theories, methods and skills to enhance the wellbeing of individuals, groups and communities and to address inequality and injustice. Incorporating knowledge from a range of disciplines, including psychology, sociology and social policy, you will focus on the interaction between people, their environments and broader societal structures.
- This degree provides you with valuable industry experience, including two 500 hour supervised work placements in settings such as child protection services, hospitals, mental health services, aged care services and schools.
- You’ll also gain practical experience in the purpose-built on-campus Social Work Skills and Simulation Lab.
- On graduation, you’ll be eligible for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers.

Career opportunities
Your degree could open up a range of employment opportunities, including:
- direct practice with individuals
- group work
- community development
- research
- social policy.

Areas of employment include:
- child protection
- health
- mental health
- domestic violence
- homelessness.

“Flinders University’s social work course offers all the academic and professional tools needed for students to achieve their goals. The environment of the campus and learning areas are very encouraging. With supportive and helpful teaching staff and endless opportunities, studying social work at Flinders will help you to achieve your goals and help improve people’s lives.”

Danielle Hanson
Bachelor of Social Work

SATAC code
224761

SATAC code (External) 244285

Prerequisites
None

Assumed knowledge
None

2022 selection rank
70.00

Guaranteed entry selection rank
80.00

TAFELink
Dip or above

Adjustment factors
Yes

* Students can choose to enrol in individual topics internally (face-to-face) or externally (online). In accordance with AASW requirements, students are required to attend the Bedford Park campus in South Australia for 20 days of face-to-face learning, focusing on practice skills. This is taught in intensives so that students in regional and remote areas and interstate can travel to attend.

Students are required to undertake a National Police Check as well as screening assessments through the Department of Human Services (DHS) for working with children, in the aged care sector and disability services. Students may also be required to address other industry-specific conditions before commencing placement.
Starting at Flinders

One of the world’s top universities, Flinders offers students a supportive, inclusive education in an unrivalled study environment.

Flinders is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world*

* THE World University Rankings 2022 as a percentage of the total number of universities in the world according to the International Association of Universities
Get more out of your study

**Combined degrees**

Combining your degree with a qualification in another discipline will give you more expertise and expand your career prospects. Studying a combined degree at Flinders will help you stand out from the crowd. 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.

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

**Flinders diplomas**

Flinders’ diploma-level qualifications give you the chance to experience university life without having to commit to long-term study.

The one-year Diploma in Business, Diploma in Laws, or Diploma in Arts give you the chance to explore a range of interests, and successful completion allows you to apply for up to one year of credit towards a range of bachelor degrees, and guaranteed entry to the following courses:

- Bachelor of Archaeology
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Business Economics
- Bachelor of Creative Industries (Digital Media, Film and Television, Interactive Design, Theatre and Performance, Writing and Publishing, Festivals and Arts Production)
- Bachelor of Disability and Community Inclusion
- Bachelor of Disability and Developmental Education
- Bachelor of Engineering Science
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of International Business (Wine, Spirits and Tourism)
- Bachelor of International Relations and Political Science
- Bachelor of Law and Society
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
- Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice
- Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science

Standard University admission requirements apply.

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

See page 27 for

**Diploma of Disability and Community Practice**

**Diploma of Health Sciences**
Pathways to study

Whether you are a school leaver or returning to study at a later date, there are many ways to gain admission to Flinders University. Explore your options and find the entry path that’s right for you.

If you have secondary education

Year 12 Entry
Most Year 12 applicants enter university via the traditional 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.

satac.edu.au

Guaranteed entry
If you achieve an ATAR equal to or above the published guaranteed entry selection rank (and you meet course prerequisites) you will be guaranteed a place at Flinders. We offer guaranteed entry for most courses.

Indigenous Admission Scheme
The Indigenous Admission Scheme provides an alternative pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who may not have been able to gain entry to university by traditional means, with the opportunity to study at Flinders.

See page 39 for further details.

Elite Athlete Pathway
If you’ve officially represented your school or state at a national level competition, we’ll consider your school’s recommendation about your academic potential when you apply.

flinders.edu.au/study/sport/elite-athletes

Research Project B Pathway
If you have strong results in the Research Project B subject you will be considered for entry into Flinders on the basis of your Year 12 results and Research Project B performance.

flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/year-12-entry/research-project

School Recommendation Program
We may consider your school’s recommendation about your academic performance as part of your admission into Flinders.

uniTEST
If you’re in Year 12, uniTEST is available to enhance your chances of getting into Flinders. We will select students based on their Year 12 results (60% weighting toward the ATAR selection rank) and uniTEST results (40%). Flinders will also consider applicants based on their uniTEST results (100%) as a standalone entry score (subject to SACE completion and any course prerequisites or specific admissions requirements). If you take the test and don’t do well, we will only consider your highest selection rank.

flinders.edu.au/unitest

If you haven’t achieved the results you expected
If you haven’t achieved the results you expected in Year 12, there are a number of pathways to your preferred degree. You can start studying one course and move to another via internal transfer or Flinderslink.

flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/flinderslink
If you have work and life experience

**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.

[flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/foundation-studies](http://flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/foundation-studies)

**Military Pathways**
Use your military service in the Australian Defence Force as a pathway to a Flinders University degree.


**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.

Alternatively, you may wish to consider an undergraduate certificate or diploma. These shorter courses allow you the opportunity to explore your interests and to progress to further study. Certificate courses are Commonwealth supported.


If you have some higher education

**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).

**TAFlink**
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.

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

**TAFE SA Dual Offers**
Flinders University together with TAFE SA offer over 45 dual offer pathways in various disciplines.
Student support

Whatever you decide to study at Flinders, we’re always here to help you succeed.

Careers & Employability Service
The Careers and Employability Service helps give you the edge in your career. CareerHub, our online employment portal, offers personalised job opportunities, career planning, programs to help you broaden your skills and experience, access to employer events and career-related resources. Whatever you are studying, CareerHub can help you find your direction and start your career.

flinders.edu.au/careers

Flinders Connect
Flinders Connect can 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.

flinders.edu.au/flindersconnect

Flinders Library
Our extensive library is more than a book repository. We provide a range of services such as computing and printing, document delivery and one-on-one librarian appointments for assistance with search strategies and finding resources for your assignments.

library.flinders.edu.au

Flinders Living
Flinders is the only university in Adelaide that gives you the opportunity to live on campus, and both University Hall and Deirdre Jordan Village are located within the Bedford Park campus. The wide range of social, sporting and community activities also enhances the student experience at Flinders Living.

flinders.edu.au/living

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

fusa.edu.au

Health, Counselling and Disability Services
Managing your health is important. We have facilities and services available to help you look after your physical and mental health.

flinders.edu.au/hcd

Horizon Award
The Flinders Horizon Award program sits alongside your academic studies; it is an innovative program that provides further opportunities to develop your professional skills and gain new experiences and insights that will benefit you now and in your future career.

flinders.edu.au/horizon

Transition to university
Starting at university is a big step; let’s make it easier. The Student Learning Centre provides a range of services from writing and mathematics support to assistance with study and time-management skills.

students.flinders.edu.au/study-support/slc

Yungkurrinthi Student Engagement
Yungkurrinthi Student Engagement is committed to increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student access, participation, retention and success at Flinders University. Providing a range of services and supports for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, our team of highly qualified staff is dedicated to supporting you throughout your student journey.

flinders.edu.au/study/indigenous-students
Indigenous Admission Scheme

The Indigenous Admission Scheme provides an alternative pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who may not have been able to gain entry to university by traditional means, with the opportunity to study at Flinders.

Are you eligible?
To be eligible for the Indigenous Admission Scheme you must be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person in accordance with the Commonwealth definition, which requires you to:
• be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, and
• identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and
• be accepted as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which you live or have lived. You may be currently studying Year 12 or be a non-school leaver.

How to apply
1. Apply for the course you want to study through the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC). You will get an application number from SATAC that you will need for your Indigenous Admission application form.
2. Complete the Indigenous Admission Scheme Application form online (flinders.edu.au/indigenousadmissions). If you are having trouble completing an online application, you can request a paper based application via ias@flinders.edu.au or call us on 08 8201 3033.
3. An interview is part of the application process, but you will be notified about this.

Application and interview dates
First round applications close late November and second round applications close early January for semester 1. For our midyear intake to a number of courses, applications close in June.
flinders.edu.au/indigenousadmissions

“I originally chose Flinders as they have one of the best facilities for future teachers and fantastic student engagement. Studying at Flinders has been a wonderful experience that has given me the opportunity to discover what I truly want into the future while also providing me with support in every way imaginable. Flinders and Yungkurrinthi have given me the opportunity to meet others with similar ambitions and goals as myself and find the benefit of an education in places I would never have thought to look. As a proud Indigenous woman, I want to use my degree to work in First Nation communities to help our young people make it through their high schooling experience and onto their own future aspirations.”

Emilee Pyrke
Bachelor of Arts,
Conditional entry to Master of Teaching (Secondary)
Study abroad/scholarships

Over 450 scholarships worth $2.4 million in total – ranging from $1,000 to $20,000.

Take your studies overseas

Why wait until you graduate to explore the world? Flinders’ Learn Without Borders could see you studying overseas, gaining a unique perspective and immersing yourself in a different culture, language and lifestyle. Our global study programs are designed to allow students to take their Flinders study overseas and earn academic credit toward their Flinders program. With 70+ overseas partner universities, why wait until you graduate to see the world?

flinders.edu.au/learn-without-borders

Explore Flinders scholarships

Flinders offers a generous range of scholarships for students in undergraduate courses. With over 450 available scholarships, including scholarships to students from low socio-economic backgrounds, students from rural and regional areas, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, you may be eligible for support that will help you achieve your goals at university.

flinders.edu.au/scholarships

“I always knew I wanted to study overseas at some stage during my degree. A semester exchange gave me the chance to complete topics that weren’t available in my home university and experience life in a city that is very different to my own. Having completed a semester overseas, I now have an edge over the countless other students that are completing the same degree as me and have formed memories that will always stay with me.”

Annelise Smith
Bachelor of Business
(Advanced Leadership)

“The Wyndham Richardson Scholarship Fund has been invaluable to reduce the financial pressure during studies, especially now that I am in the later years of my degree.”

Ryan Rowston
Bachelor of Computer Science
Wyndham Richardson Scholarship Fund recipient
Check the application dates
Applicants need to apply through the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC)
satac.edu.au

Read the course information
• check the admission criteria
• check the prerequisites
• check assumed knowledge and additional admission criteria
• consider combined degrees
• consider pathways to your degree

Visit us
• attend Flinders Open Days
• check other upcoming events at events.flinders.edu.au

Contact us if you have any questions
• call 1300 354 633 (local call cost)
• email askflinders@flinders.edu.au

Apply
• apply through SATAC at satac.edu.au
• apply for scholarships at flinders.edu.au/scholarships
• lodge separate Indigenous Admission Scheme (if applicable) at flinders.edu.au/indigenousadmissions

Accept your offer
Enrol in your subject/topics at students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/enrolment

Semester 1 – March 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.

Key dates
Flinders Open Days: August 2022
Semester 1 2023 start date: 27 February 2023
Semester 1 Orientation week: 20 February 2023
Semester 2 2023 start date: 24 July 2023
Semester 2 Orientation week: 24 July 2023

Fees and charges
Your course fees – Commonwealth support
All our courses list indicative fees, but as an undergraduate student your course is Commonwealth supported provided you’re an eligible Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
Your course being Commonwealth supported means that your course fees are shared between the Australian government and you – with your portion being the student contribution amount.

HECS-HELP loan
You won’t have to pay your fees up-front if you’re an Australian citizen or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa. You can get a HECS-HELP loan for your student contribution portion of your uni fees. Find out more about costs to plan for while you’re at uni at flinders.edu.au/fees
Glossary

There are many terms used within a university that may be unfamiliar or confusing. Below are a few terms that may need explanation.

**Admission pathway**
Any one of the options available to a prospective higher education student that will enable them to meet the entry requirements of their chosen courses.

**ATAR**
The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a ranking from 30 (lowest) to 99.95 (highest) agreed by COAG as a nationally equivalent measure of a person’s relative academic ranking within their complete age cohort in the year they graduated from senior secondary school.

**Adjustment factors**
Often referred to previously as ‘bonus points’, these are additional points that may be used in combination with an applicant’s ATAR to derive a person’s course selection rank.

**Defer**
Delaying the start of a course of study by one year (commencing students only). If you have already enrolled, then you need to withdraw from topics before you can defer.

**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.

**Major**
A sequence of topics required to be taken as defined in your course rule, normally across all years of a course.

**Minor**
A sequence of topics required to be taken as defined in your course rule, generally as part of a major.

**Offer round/s**
Refers to the series of dates on which offers of higher education places are issued to applicants throughout the year, whether through a tertiary admission centre or directly by a higher education provider.

**Selection rank**
The ranking that tertiary admission centres and most universities actually use to assess admission to a course. A person’s course selection rank can include their ATAR, any adjustments they are eligible for, such as equity or subject adjustments, other contributions calculated on the basis of work experience or previous non-secondary study, portfolio assessments, results of the Special Tertiary Admissions Test, other supplementary tests, etc.

This is Flinders

Flinders’ huge main campus features an award-winning hub and plaza, with retail, food outlets and a state-of-the-art sport and fitness centre. Take a virtual tour of Flinders University and explore our amazing locations. It’s the next best thing to being here!

flinders.edu.au/vr

The Flinders railway line is now open

The new Flinders train line has made travel easier and more convenient than ever, linking Bedford Park to our Tonsley campus and the Adelaide city centre, now just 22 minutes away.
Key

- Flinders University Campus Locations
- Hospital
- Buses (including loop buses)
  - Flinders campus loop: 16 minutes
  - Tonsley loop to Bedford Park: 15 minutes
- Tonsley Station (20 minutes to CBD)
- Flinders Station (22 minutes to CBD)
- Train Lines
- Main Roads (25 minutes to CBD)
- Shopping Centre
Flinders for Social Work

Contact us

Our friendly staff are available to answer your questions:
1300 354 633 (local call cost) | askflinders@flinders.edu.au | flinders.edu.au/ask

International students should contact:
+61 8 8201 2727 | flinders.edu.au/international | INTLAdmissions@flinders.edu.au

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