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passion

Diploma in General Studies

Are you looking to study abroad for one or two semesters, and want to receive an Australian qualification while you study?

If your answer is yes, then USC's Diploma in General Studies may be the program for you!

USC's Diploma in General Studies is a recognised 1-year (96 units) Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) award program.

This program is a great option if you have just finished high school and want to study abroad without committing to a 3- or 4-year degree program. It is also a good option, if you are currently enrolled at an overseas institution and only want to study abroad for a short time, while possibly earning an AQF qualification to use towards your home degree*.

* Subject to home institution approval.

Course flexibility while studying amongst the locals

To be eligible to graduate from this program, you are required to successfully complete 8 courses (96 units) over two semesters.

Each semester you will be required to enrol in 4 courses (or 48 units) from USC's extensive course catalogue.

The courses on offer are taken directly from within several of USC's undergraduate programs, which means you have the opportunity to enrol in classes with the locals,

while having the flexibility to choose your preferred courses.

Head to the What will I study? tab to see all the courses you can choose from.

Graduate with an award and celebrate your achievements

Students who successfully complete the Diploma in General Studies program are eligible to

- Graduate with an (AQF) Diploma
- Participate in the USC Graduation ceremony, and/or
- Participate in the International Ceremony of Completion

Apply for credit and complete your program in one semester

USC offers eligible students the opportunity to apply for the Diploma in General Studies with up to 50 percent credit transfer, which gives students the opportunity to complete the program in one semester.

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To be eligible, students with recognised prior tertiary studies must apply for and receive credit transfer into the Diploma in General Studies.

- Students can apply for credit for up to 4 courses (or 48 units)
- If 4 courses of credit transfer are granted, students will be required to successfully complete the remaining 4 courses (48 units) at USC to graduate

MORE INFORMATION

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Note: Study options and semester of offer can vary depending on the study location. For full details, visit usc.edu.au.

- Eligibility of credit transfer can only be assessed once an application has been received

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

To be awarded the Diploma in General Studies, students are required to successfully complete 8 courses (96 units).

Students will undertake 4 courses (or 48 units) per semester and can choose from the:

- Undergraduate elective course options

Note: Any courses that have pre-requisite courses will need to be assessed and approved by USC International.

How to choose your courses

- Select your preferred courses from either of these lists
 - Study Abroad courses
 - Undergraduate elective course options
- Please ensure you read the elective courses and requisites information carefully.
- When you apply to USC, nominate the courses that you wish to undertake in your first semester.

The standard course load for this program is 4 courses (or 48 units) per semester. We recommend you choose more courses at the point of application, to be prepared for possible timetable clashes.

Course approval

When we receive your complete application with your nominated courses, we will assess your eligibility and let you know by email which courses have been approved.

Remember, any course that is on the pre-approval list has already been approved by USC and you do not require further approval from us prior to enrolment.

For students applying via their home institution:

If you are currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, you need to check with your home institution about the possibility of credit transfer for courses studied at USC.

Choose your courses and have them approved by USC and your home institution before you arrive.

Note: Program structures are subject to change. Not all USC courses are available on every USC campus.

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