To lead, inspire and support success
Indigenous Higher Education Units

Indigenous Higher Education Units (IHEU) on each campus offer academic, personal and cultural support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. We are committed to our students throughout their educational journey and beyond. The IHEU also provides a welcoming and culturally safe space for students to study, gather their thoughts, rest and reflect.

If you are interested in studying at ACU please contact staff at one of our Indigenous Higher Education Units and they will assist you with further information on our courses and the multiple pathways to becoming an ACU student.
Why study at ACU?

INDIGENOUS TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE

The Indigenous Tutorial Assistance is a government initiative that enhances the educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at ACU.

The program matches suitable tutors with students to assist with a broad range of program areas. Tutorial assistance is tailored to meet the particular needs of the individual student or group of students, with a focus on course success. The tutoring is free of charge.

AWAY FROM BASE

The Away From Base (AFB) program is a practical option for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. AFB involves studying via online learning combined with intensive residential blocks twice a semester. Government funding supports travel, accommodation and meal costs for students participating in the residential block.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement is a key part of a student’s education at ACU. There are many activities embracing spirituality, Indigenous ways of knowing and cultural traditions across all campuses.

In every course and faculty, community engagement is part of the curriculum. This gives students the opportunity to widen their horizons, learn new skills, improve their resume and contribute to their communities.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

We build and maintain strong links with our communities and industries to produce highly skilled professionals who are leaders in their field.

Throughout their studies, students undertake professional placements, volunteer work and community service – with many securing excellent jobs before they graduate.

YOUR SUCCESS

We understand that success means different things to different students. In addition to the support provided by the Indigenous Higher Education Units, ACU’s Office of Student Success offers personal and academic skills advice, career development and counselling services and support for people with special needs or disabilities on each campus.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Alternate Entry Scheme

For people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, a number of factors may be taken into consideration when applying to ACU. No separate application is required provided you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander through the online Tertiary Admissions Centre (TAC) application process. You may be required to attend an interview.

Go to acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/pathways_and_entry_schemes/atsi_special_entry_scheme

Pathway programs

At ACU, our pathway programs are designed to help you develop skills that make the transition to university as easy as possible. Our pathway programs include associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Depending on the course you choose, you may also have the opportunity to fast-track your studies, saving you both time and money.

When you successfully finish a pathway course you may then be eligible to gain entry into ACU bachelor-level courses.
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ACU is a public not-for-profit that welcomes people from all beliefs and backgrounds. We empower our students to think critically, ethically and to bring about change in their communities and professions. We are committed to social justice and community engagement and we work collaboratively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to achieve their goals.

We are a national university with campuses in Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Ballarat and Adelaide, and we also have an international campus in Rome, Italy. In addition to general admissions to undergraduate courses, we promote flexible pathways to enable access to university education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

At ACU we have a wide range of institutes and centres as well as four faculties:

Education and Arts – areas include education, arts and humanities, global studies and international development studies, media communications, social science, youth work, and creative arts, visual arts and design.

Health Sciences – areas include counselling, environmental science, exercise and sports science, biomedical science, midwifery, nursing, occupational therapy, paramedicine, physiotherapy, public health, psychology, social work and speech pathology.

Law and Business – areas include commerce, business administration, accounting and finance, information technology, human resource management, law, marketing, supply chain management, occupational health and safety and logistics.

Theology and Philosophy – both these disciplines encourage students to search for wisdom, knowledge and truth.

We also offer postgraduate study opportunities.

Contact 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228) for further information about your options.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholarships and bursaries

ACU offers a wide range of scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

View a full list of scholarships on our website:
acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/fees_And_scholarships/scholarships_and_financial_support
We acknowledge the traditional peoples, the custodians of the land, seas and waterways on which ACU campuses are located. We pay respects to our Elders past, present and emerging.

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