The University of Tasmania

Course Selection Guide
For Exchange and Study Abroad Students
What Can I Study?

Which course programs are open to me? What can't I study?

The University of Tasmania has around 140 Bachelor Degrees and 100 Masters Courses on offer in 9 Faculties and Specialist Institutes:

- Arts
- Education
- Health
- Law
- Science, Engineering & Technology
- Tasmanian School of Business and Economics
- Australian Maritime College (AMC)
- Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS)
- Menzies Institute for Medical Research

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Restrictions

Study Abroad and Exchange students are unable to select units within the Schools of Pharmacy or Medicine.

There may be restrictions on class sizes, especially within the Australian Maritime College and the Hunter Street School of Fine Arts.

Some units are taught entirely online. We recommend that you take classes offered on campus and not online, where possible.

If you are studying 4 units one of those units can be taught online. If you are studying three units, all three must to be studied on campus, face-to-face.

Some units have prerequisites needed to understand the content of the unit. See “How Do Pre-Requisites Work’ on page 6.
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<th><strong>Course</strong></th>
<th>This is the name given to the overall program of Study such as a ‘Bachelor of Science’ or ‘Masters of Business’.</th>
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<td><strong>eStudent</strong></td>
<td>Web Portal where you can view your enrolment, change your address details, access your exam timetable, and see your final results.</td>
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<td><strong>Lecture</strong></td>
<td>This is a large room where the Lecturer will present unit content using a variety of means. Students will listen to the lecturers speak and will take notes. They are 1—2 hour blocks and may be compulsory. Lectures are generally recorded and will be uploaded to MyLO after the lecture.</td>
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<td><strong>MyLO</strong></td>
<td>“My Learning Online”. This is our online classroom, supplementing the face-to-face teaching. Students will use MyLO daily as a valuable resource for Unit Outlines, Lecture Notes, Recorded Lectures, Weekly Quizzes, Assessment Information, and your Assessment Submission Drop Box.</td>
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<td><strong>Practicals</strong></td>
<td>Medium sized hands-on classes (~30—60 students) run under the guidance of a demonstrator. These classes will be held in Computer Labs, Chemistry Labs, Outdoors etc. Practicals can be 1—4 hours long and generally run every week.</td>
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<td><strong>Tutorial</strong></td>
<td>Smaller interactive classes (~20 students) in a more traditional classroom setting. Tutors will promote discussion on a specific topic. You will be required to have prepared for discussions by completing weekly readings. Tutorial class registration does not open until week one of semester.</td>
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<td><strong>Unit</strong></td>
<td>Also known as a subject or class. Most students will study 3 or 4 units per semester. Most units are weighted at 12.5%.</td>
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<td><strong>Weighting/ Credit</strong></td>
<td>The maximum credit load allowed per semester is 50% and the minimum is 37.5% for a Study Abroad or Exchange student. Most units are worth 12.5% but some will be larger at 25%.</td>
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<td><em>One 12.5% UTAS unit is equivalent to ~7.5 ECTS</em></td>
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<td><em>One 12.5% UTAS unit is equivalent to ~4.5 US contact hours</em></td>
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<td><strong>Workshops</strong></td>
<td>Workshops often run in place of (or in addition to) tutorials. The teaching styles will vary from unit to unit. Workshops can be 1—4 hours and can run every week, or only on some weeks. Check your timetable on MyLO.</td>
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How Do I Find My Units?

Where can I search for courses? What do the codes mean?

There are few different ways to search for units. Here are step by step guides.

By Searching All Units:

2. Click on “Search All Units” below the search box, as seen here:

3. Enter details that apply to you from the drop down menus and press go.

E.g. Study Period = Semester 1, Location = Hobart, Study Area = Earth Sciences. **Hint:** The broader you make the search the more you will find.

If you are looking for units at a particular level, look at the unit codes. The first three alphabetical digits refer to the school the unit belongs to, and the last three numerical digits denote the unit’s level.

- XXX100 — Introductory / First Year
- XXX200 — Intermediate / Second Year
- XXX300 — Advanced / Third Year
- XXX400 — Honours / Fourth Year
- XXX500 — Postgraduate / Masters
- XXX600 — Postgraduate / Masters

4. Select a unit you wish to view and open in a new tab.

5. Make sure the unit is available under the “Availability Section”. This will list ALL availabilities for this unit. On the right hand side of the page make sure it says “You are currently viewing the 2017 unit entry details”. See page 5.
Need to Know Points

1. Introduction: A brief summary of what you will study in the unit
2. Unit Name and Unit Code: You’ll need these to apply for the units
3. Credit Points: How the unit is weighted
4. Level: Introductory/ Intermediate/ Advanced
5. Availability: Which campus it is taught on and which study period it is taught in. If it says “This Unit is Currently Unavailable” then there is no chance the unit will be taught that semester.
How Do I Find My Units?

But I need more ways to search...

Here’s your second search option:

By Searching Through Degree Programs

2. Once the new page loads, scroll down until you see “Course List” and select the course that you want.
3. When the course page loads, you can scroll down again to “Course Structure” where you can use the drop down menus to browse available units in that particular course stream.
4. Make sure to check the availabilities as shown on page 5. You will only be able to select units from the Teaching Periods “Semester 1” and “Semester 2”.

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You will need to select at least 3 or 4 units for assessment, but it’s always a good idea to select up to 6 — just in case one of your options doesn’t work out.

How Do Pre-Requisites Work?

Some units have specific prerequisites that UTAS students must have completed before registering for the unit. For most courses, exchange students are not required to prove that they meet the prerequisites of a particular unit. For units that do need evidence, assessment will be based upon your submission of your official academic transcript and your previous study at your home institution. The Course Coordinator will determine whether you have enough background knowledge to complete the unit.
There are many reasons why a student may have to change their units and it is your responsibility to ensure that your enrolment is accurate.

If you find that you need to withdraw from and/or select a new unit there are some steps you will need to follow:

1. Make sure it is okay with your home institute to drop the subject/s you intend on withdrawing. You will need to make sure you have email confirmation that you can change these units.

2. Contact the GLOW Lounge via email or in person to obtain a “Withdrawal Form”. In the email tell us which unit/s you wish to drop/change/pick up and we will be able to either; 1. Organise it for you, or 2. Provide you with a “Unit Withdrawal / Change of Enrolment Form”.

3. **Unit Withdrawal / Change of Enrolment Form**

   This form will need to be filled in with your personal details, the unit information for both withdrawal and the new enrolment (unit code, unit title, study period, unit credit weighting). If you are required to seek approval from a lecturer to take the unit (we will let you know if you do) then you will need to obtain the lecturers signature. You will be provided with more detailed steps together with the form.

   Once the form is complete you will need to hand it in to the GLOW Lounge and we will process it for you as soon as possible. It is your responsibility to check your eStudent account to make sure that this has occurred and that your course enrolment is correct.
How am I Assessed?

What score do I need to get to pass?

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<td>Pass with High Distinction 80% - 100%</td>
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<td>DN (Distinction)</td>
<td>Pass with Distinction 70% - 79%</td>
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<td>CR (Credit)</td>
<td>Pass with Credit 60% - 69%</td>
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<td>PP (Pass)</td>
<td>Pass Grade 50% - 59%</td>
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<td>NN (Failure)</td>
<td>Failure 0% - 49%</td>
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<td>AN (Absent Deemed Failed)</td>
<td>Student did not attend examination or complete major assessment.</td>
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<td>NS (Failure, Supplementary Exam Granted)</td>
<td>Faculty can grant Supplementary Examinations after a student has failed an ordinary exam, where the fail was close to a pass mark and the student has an otherwise good record.</td>
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Your final grade will be determined based on a combination of written and oral assignments, tests, project work, tutorial and workshop participation, and final exams.

All examinations are conducted in English (not including language units). English dictionaries are available in the examination venue. If you wish to use a dictionary during the exam, you will need to raise your hand and a supervisor will assist you. You can apply to use a bilingual dictionary if you are an international student. Application forms are available from the Student Centre and you must take your dictionary with you when you apply.

If you have a disability, alternative exam arrangements are available to reduce the impact of your condition on your exam performance. Make sure to contact the Student Centre and make an appointment to speak to a Disability Advisor. The staff at the GLOW Lounge can help you set up a meeting if required.

Your semester results will be released a few weeks after exams have concluded. You will be able to view your results on your eStudent account. To view your results you will need to log into your eStudent and find them listed separately under each course you are studying.