ABOUT UNISTART

UNISTART is a new program designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people wishing to gain entry into a university degree. A student-centred program, UNISTART offers you total development – culturally, personally and academically. At no cost to you.

UNISTART will ease you into campus life and give you a realistic taste of what uni is all about.

You may want to consider UNISTART if you:
> are mature aged with a wealth of life and work experience and you’re looking for new opportunities
> have completed TAFE or vocational qualifications and are looking for further study opportunities
> have not completed year 12
> have completed year 12 but do not have a university entrance score

ENGAGE IN UTS ACADEMIC AND STUDENT LIFE

You will engage in faculty-based elective subjects that gain you credit towards your degree of choice - just like any other first year UTS student. And you can access all the support services and benefits that all other UTS students receive.

A LIGHTER COURSE LOAD AND A GREATER AMOUNT OF ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL SUPPORT

You also study UNISTART core subjects at Jumbunna with a group of Indigenous people who have similar experiences and ambitions as you. And you are individually supported in all your studies by Indigenous student peers and Jumbunna staff.

WE BUILD ON YOUR EXISTING STRENGTHS AND SUCCESSES

You bring a whole range of life experiences and skills to your studies. We work with you to tailor your program to your interests and career aspirations. You only study subjects that relate to the degree you’d like to enter. And if you’re not sure exactly which direction to take, we’ll help you explore your strengths and find your passion. You’ll receive individual, group and class tutoring. You’ll learn new skills that will help you shape your future. From our experience, your determination to study will be the greatest factor in your success.
MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER NUMBER

When you’re starting out at uni it’s easy to feel like you’re just another number. Being part of the UNISTART program means you get the benefit of experiencing all that UTS has to offer, while also being nurtured among a small group of people who have the same goals as you – people who may become friends for life.

GET A TASTE OF WHAT UNI LIFE IS LIKE

UNISTART is the low risk way to get into the swing of study. You don’t have to commit to a three-year degree, take a huge financial risk or tackle an intensive course load. In a supportive environment, you’ll be able to explore academic life and make informed choices about the direction your education should take.

AFTER UNISTART

When you successfully complete UNISTART, you can enter the UTS undergraduate course of your choice. You’ll have already gained credits in some elective subjects and our UNISTART core subjects will have prepared you for the challenges of degree study. Once you enter your chosen degree, we will continue to support you in your academic and personal journey at UTS.

ABSTUDY

UNISTART is Abstudy and Centrelink approved.
The university year is divided into two semesters, which are fourteen weeks long. At UNISTART you will study four subjects of core subjects and electives, with three core and one elective in first semester and two core and two electives in second semester.

### CORE PROGRAM

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<td>Balancing World Views: Introduction to Aboriginal Cultures</td>
<td>Explores Indigenous and non-Indigenous people’s worldviews through Australian and international colonial and current experience. Drawing on Indigenous studies, history, anthropology and sociology, students learn to appreciate different ways of knowing, being and doing.</td>
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<td>Academic Cultures and Practices 1 &amp; 2</td>
<td>Gain confidence in the academic systems and language required for success at uni. Learn how to understand subject outlines and assessment instructions, the difference between various essays, short answer assignments and academic reports, how to reference published information and how to use the UTS ‘Harvard’ system. You will also learn general academic writing skills.</td>
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<td>Introduction to Social Theory 1 &amp; 2</td>
<td>For students studying Architecture, Design, Communication and Law, these subjects will develop your skills in reading difficult texts. You will learn strategies such as skimming and scanning in order to cope with the quantity of reading required in these degrees.</td>
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<td>Mathematics 1 &amp; 2</td>
<td>For students studying Primary Education, Business, Construction Project Management, Built Environment, IT, Engineering, Science, Nursing, Midwifery, Human Movement and Health.</td>
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<td>Course-specific subjects</td>
<td>Over the year you will be able to choose three subjects from your preferred degree.</td>
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## KEY INFORMATION: UNISTART

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<th>Where:</th>
<th>UTS City campus</th>
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<td>When:</td>
<td>Last week of February – end November</td>
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<td>How:</td>
<td>Full-time (Approx 16 contact hours a week, including independent study time, around a 40 hour commitment p/week)</td>
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<td>Location:</td>
<td>UTS Broadway Campus, Ultimo, Sydney. (Some electives are held at the Kuring-gai campus)</td>
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| Eligibility: | Applicants must:  
  > Be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander  
  > Age 17 +  
  > Successfully participate in the Jumbunna testing and assessment program |
| Application closing date: | December 31 of each year. |
| Unistart assessment and testing: | December/January of each year. |
| Notification of successful admission: | Early February of each year. |
| Classes start: | Late February of each year. |

### ORIENTATION CAMP

UNISTART students will be given the opportunity to attend a two-night residential camp and orientation prior to the start of semester where you can meet your fellow students and get to know Jumbunna staff.

### CONTACT:

Call our Outreach Officers  
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FAQ’S:

WHO IS THIS PROGRAM FOR?
UNISTART is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may have not studied for some time and are interested in getting a uni degree. You may have left school early and worked for a few (or many) years, you may have been a carer or raised a family, you may have undertaken some initial studies at TAFE, Tranby or Eora and are looking for the next step. Whatever your background, we’re interested in talking to you.

HOW MANY CONTACT HOURS ARE REQUIRED PER WEEK?
Approximately 16 contact hours a week. But you also need to set aside time for independent study. We feel you will need to devote around 40 hours a week to the entire UNISTART program.

HOW MUCH DOES UNISTART COST?
UNISTART is a fully funded program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. All course materials for core subjects are supplied. However, dependent on which electives you choose, you will be required to purchase textbooks and workshop materials for your elective subjects. Jumbunna also provides 24/7 access to a student computer lab and services such as free printing.
DOES UNISTART PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT?
If accepted into the UNISTART program, you are eligible to access all of UTS’s support services including, medical, counselling, careers advice, library, computer lab access and academic learning services. Jumbunna staff will also provide additional cultural, academic and personal support as required.

IS UNISTART ABSTUDY APPROVED?
Yes. UNISTART is Abstudy and Centrelink approved.

AM I GUARANTEED A PLACE IN THE DIRECT ENTRY PROGRAM IF I COMPLETE UNISTART?
On successful completion of the UNISTART program, you can apply for undergraduate study via the Direct Entry Program, with the knowledge that any successfully completed electives will be credited towards your degree.

WHAT IS THE DIRECT ENTRY PROGRAM?
Jumbunna’s Direct Entry Program is your direct pathway to undergraduate study at UTS. The Direct Entry Program offers recent school leavers (with or without an ATAR) an opportunity to illustrate their capability for higher education via a testing, assessment and interview process. Selection is also based on factors including previous life, education and work experience. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people do not have to participate in the Jumbunna Direct Entry Program if they are confident they can achieve the required ATAR for their undergraduate degree of choice.
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