

Study Abroad (1 Semester) vs Diploma Programs (1 Semester[#])

This comparison is for students who are interested in our Study Abroad (1 Semester) program. UniSC now offers eligible students the opportunity to apply for the Diploma program with up to 50% credit transfer[#], which gives students the opportunity to complete the Diploma program in 1 semester.

Option 1: Study Abroad Program

- [Study Abroad](#) (1 Semester) program
 - 1 Semester = Feb – June (Fall) or July – Nov (Spring)
- Study Abroad (1 Semester) program enables students to undertake 3 – 4 courses (36 – 48 units)
 - students undertake 3 or 4 courses (36 – 48 units) each semester
- The [cost](#) for Study Abroad (1 semester – 4 course option) is the same as a Diploma in General Studies when commencing in 2023
 - the fees are program based, therefore for the purpose of this comparison document the cost of the 4-course study abroad option has been used. Refer to home university.
- The courses can be selected from the [Study Abroad course](#) list
 - the courses are taken within UniSC's undergraduate programs
 - this means international students will be enrolled in classes with local students
- Students complete the Study Abroad (1 semester) program, and receive a transcript of their grades
 - this is a non-award program; therefore students do not graduate from this program but rather participate
 - students are not eligible to attend the graduation ceremony
- Students are not eligible for the student discount on Queensland's public transport

Option 2: Diploma

- [Diploma](#) is a recognised 1-year (96 units) Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) award program
 - click [here](#) for more information about AQF qualifications

However, it can be completed in 1 semester[#] when:

- Students with recognised prior post-secondary/university studies apply for and receive [credit transfer](#)[#] into the Diploma program
 - students are eligible to apply for up to 4 courses credit (or equivalent 48 units)
 - if 4 courses credit transfer is granted, this will reduce the required 8 courses (96 units) and will mean students are only required to successfully complete the remaining 4 courses (48 units) to graduate
 - eligibility of credit transfer can only be assessed once an application has been received a credit transfer section ticked 'yes'
- UniSC offers 9 different Diplomas – required courses within the diplomas differ slightly, this document refers to the Diploma in General Studies
 - the [Diploma in General Studies](#) provides the most flexibility. Similar to Study Abroad, students who choose this diploma and receive 50% credit transfer towards the program can choose the remaining 4 courses from [here](#)
- The [cost](#) of the Diploma program for 1 semester is the same as the Study Abroad 4 Course option when commencing in 2023. Refer to home university.
- The program enables students to undertake 4 courses (48 units) each semester
 - the cost[^] is calculated on the total number of courses undertaken – 4 courses (or equivalent 48 units) per semester
- Students who successfully complete the Diploma program are eligible to:
 - graduate with an [\(AQF\) Diploma](#)
 - attend the wider UniSC Graduation ceremony, and/or
 - attend the international ceremony of completion
- Diploma students are eligible for the student discount on Queensland's public transport (up to 50% off public transport in QLD)

^{*} This fee is calculated using 2023 fees. This fee is correct at the time of the providing, but the most relevant fees will be provided at the point of offer and via our [cost](#) page. Any fees listed in this email/attachment are estimates only. [^] This fee is calculated using 2023 fees and excludes the Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies and Diploma in Animal Ecology. [#] The criteria for credit transfer is outlined on our [credit for prior learning](#) pages. Eligibility of credit transfer can only be assessed once an application has been received and credit transfer is indicated.