

Alternative Pathways to Higher Education

Diploma of General Studies

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Students who do not meet the normal degree entrance requirements may qualify to enter a degree program by demonstrating satisfactory performance in the diploma.

Depending on their prior level of achievement, international students enrol for either one semester, two semesters or two years.

Avondale College's Diploma of General Studies program is designed to cater primarily for the following groups of people:

- 1 Students who have completed the final year of high school (eg, Year 12 Australia, Year 13 New Zealand) but whose Tertiary Entrance score did not permit entry to their desired course;
- 2 Persons of mature-age (normally over 19 years) who do not hold a Tertiary Entrance score;
- 3 Persons over 19 years of age whose first language is not English and whose English language proficiency score or level are likely to be a barrier to tertiary success;
- 4 Special groups of persons with whose institution or country a specially articulated pathway exists.

Prospective students may, of course, fall within one, two or more of these groups.

Units that form the core of the Diploma of General Studies program are:

EDUC14300	Christian Studies for Teachers
GSCR08100	Christian World View and Contemporary Life
GSFS05000	Foundation English
GSFS06600	English Language Skills
GSFS06700	Academic Skills

Since Avondale College is a small institution, it is able to individualise students' programs to a certain extent, tailoring units to meet students' individual needs and selecting units that are appropriate for those needs. Students are interviewed and undertake a placement test in Week 1 of the semester and individual programs are constructed utilising the Diploma of General Studies units that best meet their needs as indicated in the following examples:

Semester 1

Track G—School leavers and ESL students with low TE and/or less than tertiary-level academic and/or language skills*	GSFS05000	GSFS06700	GSCR08100	GSFS06600
Track 1—School leavers and ESL students deemed able to handle some tertiary work*	GSFS05000	GSFS06700	GSCR08100	100 elective
Track 2—School leavers with some areas of academic strength*	GSFS05000	GSFS06700 or GSCR08100	100 elective	100 elective
Track 3—School leavers with TE generally 50+ but a question over an academic skill	GSFS05000 or GSFS06700 or SCR08100	100 elective	100 elective	100 elective
Track 4—School leavers with TE generally 50+ with good Year 12 English result	100 elective	100 elective	100 elective	100 elective

*Student placement is subject to the assessment of documentation, interview and on-site testing (as required). Students with good performance in language-rich year 12 subjects give evidence of greater readiness to undertake tertiary work.

Semester 2

Students on all five tracks can apply to enter a degree course after passing all four units of their first semester Diploma of General Studies course. The exception is overseas students required to complete one year of Diploma of General Studies before commencing a degree. These students generally take a mix of Diploma of General Studies and degree units in their second semester. In some cases they could be taking three or four degree units in their second semester.

Students opting to complete the Diploma of General Studies need to earn 96 credit points. This can normally be achieved in two years of full-time study, or four semesters. In consultation with the Course Coordinator, they can choose a study load from the available degree units.

NOTE

- 1 A sample list of units suitable as 100-level electives is included in Table 1

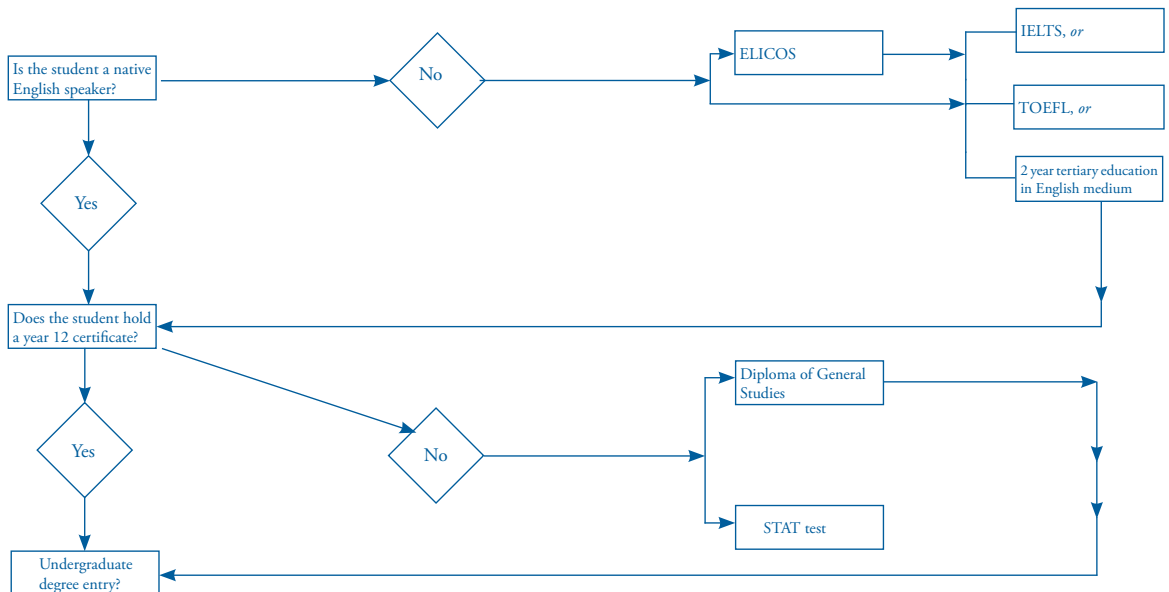
Table 1

Sample List of 100-level Electives

ACCT16300	Introduction to Accounting
BBBL16000	New Testament Greek IA
BBNT16000	Gospels A
BBNT17000	New Testament Epistles A
BIOL16000	Biology I
CCCR11500	Writing for Media
CCCR16000	Media Interpretations

CHEM16300	General Chemistry	ICTM16400	Introduction to Information Management
CSTD14300	Christian Studies I	ICTM16800	Introduction to Programming
DTFN11100	Food, Nutrition and Health	MATH16300	Business Statistics
EDEP10000	Professional Development and Experience IA	MATH16400	General Mathematics
EDPP17000	Professional Development and Experience IA	MNGT14500	Organisations in Business Context
EDSP17000	Professional Development and Experience IA	MUPF10000	Performance and Music Skills 1A
EDUC15600	Communication and Information Management	PSYC16500	General Psychology
GEOH11000	Global Issues and Humanitarian Responses	SCAP16200	Anatomy and Physiology
GEOH12000	Environmental Issues	THCH16500	SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White
HEPS11900	Introductory Psychology and Sociology	THSY16100	Introduction to Theology
HESC14800	Health Science II	VISC12000	Painting and Drawing I
HIST16300	Australia: Prehistory to Present	VISC12300	Photography and Sculpture
HIST16400	The Ancient World	VISC13000	3D Studies
HPPD10100	Movement Studies I	VISC14000	Design Principles and Practice
HPPD10300	Fitness and Food for Health		
HUMA15600	Communicating in the Arts		

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The Diploma of General Studies is an accredited course offering a wide variety of units to students who aim to extend their educational qualifications.

Duration

Two years full-time or equivalent part-time

Credit points

96 credit points

Mode of delivery

On campus

Abbreviation of course title

DipGenStuds

Accreditation

The diploma is accredited by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Entry requirements

The standard entry requirements are stated in the Academic Policies section of the Handbook, and the most recent version is located on the Avondale College website. Alternative pathways to admission are also available.

Course structure

Students choose units to suit their educational needs from the following list of units. Consultation with the course coordinator prior to enrolment is required.

Units that form the core of the Diploma of General Studies course are:

CSTD14300	Christian Studies I
GSCR08100	Christian World View and Contemporary Life
GSFS05000	Foundation English
GSFS05200	Foundation Mathematics
GSFS05600	Tutoring English
GSFS06600	English Language Skills
GSFS06700	Academic Skills
GSFS08700	Intensive English II
GSFS08800	Intensive English II

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ACCT16300	Introduction to Accounting
ACCT16500	Financial Accounting and Reporting
BBNT16000	Gospels A
BBNT17000	New Testament Epistles A
CCCR16000	Media Interpretations
CCCR11500	Writing for Media
CHEM16300	General Chemistry
DTFN11100	Food, Nutrition and Health
GEOH11000	Global Issues and Humanitarian Response
GEOH12000	Environmental Issues
HEPS11900	Introductory Psychology and Sociology
HESC14800	Health Science II
HIST16300	Australia: Prehistory to the Present
HIST16400	The Ancient World
HPPD10300	Fitness and Food for Health
HPPD10400	Biomechanics for Physical Educators
ICTM16400	Introduction to Information Management
ICTM16800	Introduction to Programming
MATH16300	Business Statistics
MATH16400	General Mathematics
MNGT14500	Organisations in Business Context
MUPF10800	Performance and Aural IA
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