

CHOOSE YOUR CAREER

# KIND OF  
# A BIG DEAL

# HELLO!

Going to university could be your ticket to your dream career and now is the perfect time to start thinking about your future.

We know not everyone has made the big decisions about their future when they're in Year 10. And let's face it, choosing a career (and the uni degree to get you there) is kind of a big deal.

Instead of feeling daunted by the idea of getting your life sorted out, this booklet will help you break down the process into smaller steps. You'll get a better understanding of what uni's like, what courses might suit you, and the subjects you should select for the HSC to help you get there.

Remember, you're not alone in making the big decisions right now. Chat to your friends about their decision-making processes, ask friends and family for advice (remember, you don't have to take it if it doesn't feel right to you!) and if you have specific questions or want to discuss your options, call one of our friendly advisers on 1800 334 733.

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## THINKING OF GOING TO UNI BUT WANT TO LEARN MORE BEFORE MAKING ANY BIG DECISIONS?

**Knowledge is power, and when it comes to university study doing your research by talking to as many people as you can will help you to make the big decisions that are ahead.**

### **Here are some good sources of advice:**

- talk to your school's Careers Adviser about your study options
- attend a CSU MyDay to find out about course information and experience a day in the life of a uni student
- chat with your parents or other family members and get their opinion on study and the workforce
- talk with people in the industry you are interested in to get current advice
- read industry magazines and look online to see what's happening and to spot future opportunities
- take a tour of a CSU campus and talk with current students about what it's like to study at uni, the lifestyle and what you can expect
- try to get some work experience in the areas you are interested in. This will help you to test the waters and see if a particular type of career is right for you
- start to think about the cost of study and saving – the earlier the better!
- give us a call on 1800 334 733 to talk to one of our friendly advisers about all things university from course options and career outcomes, to scholarships and pathways to university.

WHERE DO  
I START?

READ THROUGH THIS GUIDE

▶ WORK THROUGH **THE CHECKLIST** ON THE LEFT

• • THINK ABOUT THE **TYPES OF CAREERS** THAT SUIT YOUR INTERESTS ◀

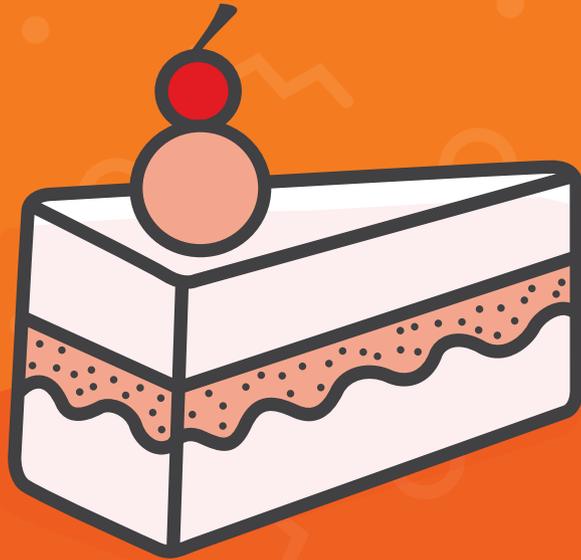
▶ **CHOOSE SUBJECTS** THAT RELATE TO YOUR CAREER CHOICE

• • • • • DO YOUR RESEARCH AND **GET SOME EXPERIENCE** ◀

▶ **FINISH YEARS 11 & 12**

YOUR NEXT STEP

IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE



## WHY CSU?

The ‘wisdom of respectfully knowing how to live well in a world worth living in’ is at the heart of your journey as a student with CSU.

The Wiradjuri phrase “Yindyamarra Winhanganha” brings to life the holistic approach our university will share with you as you build your career and life foundations. Living well and making a meaningful difference in the world in which you work and live is key to CSU’s approach to your learning journey.

We have one of the best graduate employment rates in Australia – and getting into your dream career at the end of your degree is one of the main reasons you’re probably thinking about going to uni. On top of that, you’ll also have plenty of fun along the way. There’s always something happening on campus, and you’ll make friends you’ll have for life!

- **Our grads get jobs** – you’re more likely to land your dream career by studying at CSU as our graduate employment rate is 10 per cent above the national average\*
- **Learn by doing** – you can expect a hands-on learning experience, rich with practical learning opportunities
- **A community of support** – you’ll find a really supportive community at CSU and there’s always someone available to help out with study or personal issues
- **Social life** – with a vibrant social calendar and plenty of events to join, you’ll make friends and memories to last a lifetime!
- **Do what you love** – as a CSU graduate you’ll have the knowledge and practical skills that employers want.

\*2014 Graduate Careers Australia

## WHERE IS CSU?

Our campus cities are growing fast, and have plenty to keep you busy outside the classroom, whether you’re into sports, delicious food, shopping or getting involved in community events. We have campuses in Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Canberra, Dubbo, Goulburn, Orange, Parramatta, Port Macquarie and Wagga Wagga, as well as courses offered through partner TAFEs in NSW and Victoria. Each study location offers its own unique experiences, and wherever you choose to study, you will quickly become part of the CSU family.

Check out our full range of campuses and study locations at:  
[futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/campuses](http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/campuses)

## VISIT CSU

If you want to get a feel for life on campus at CSU, you can book a tour and visit one of our campuses with your family and friends. One of our friendly student ambassadors will take you on a personalised tour of the campus facilities, sharing their experiences as a CSU student and answering your questions. If you already have an idea of what you would like to study, you may have the opportunity to meet lecturers who teach in that area and see the learning facilities you would be using. You can schedule a tour by calling 1800 334 733 or book online at:

[futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/campuses](http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/campuses)

## MYDAY

You can see if CSU is the right fit for you by coming along to one of our MyDay events. MyDay will give you the chance to come on campus for an information day about a particular area of study that will give you a taste of living and learning on campus at CSU. You’ll have the opportunity to find out about the courses available, take a tour of facilities and talk with CSU staff who can answer any questions you may have about studying at CSU. For more information about our MyDay events or to register, talk to your school’s Careers Adviser, give us a call on 1800 334 733, or visit: [futurestudents.csu.edu.au/myday](http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/myday)

## LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

Your final years of high school will be busy! There’s study, fun times with friends, and the excitement of planning for the future. It’s a good idea to consider how you would like to approach this next chapter.

You could go to uni right after school, or:

- take a gap year and travel the world
- undertake an apprenticeship
- go to TAFE
- get a full-time job.

Another option is to apply for uni and, once you’ve accepted an offer to a degree, defer\* for up to two years if you decide you’d like to take a gap year. You could even have the option of studying part-time for some courses, or consider single subject study if you want to try out uni study before commencing a full degree.

\*Please note: not all courses can be deferred.

LIFE ON CAMPUS

# IT'S A BREEZE



## LIVING ON CAMPUS

Accommodation on campus lets you live and learn at the heart of the action. You'll be within walking distance of lectures, learning and teaching facilities, eateries, and sports and recreational facilities. All the support and services you need are at your fingertips.

The perks of living on campus:

- instant friends - your uni friends will become your second family
- the social scene - take part in themed uni nights, live bands and events or chill out with friends in social spaces
- be a team player - keep fit while having fun by joining a sporting club, or bond with other students over common interests through a social club
- living on campus means expenses like bills will be taken care of so you can study, relax and enjoy your university experience!

Depending on your campus, we have accommodation options that include cottages, villages, traditional halls of residence and dormitories. You'll always have your own bedroom and study space, but may share lounge areas, kitchens and bathrooms. There's also no stress when you're starting out – CSU guarantees accommodation on campus for first-year students.

## WHAT FACILITIES WILL I USE?

Each of our campuses has its own distinct personality, with facilities built to support the courses on offer.

At CSU you'll find:

- anatomy and physiology laboratories
- biochemistry, chemistry, and science laboratories
- classrooms equipped with the latest technology
- clinical and nursing laboratories
- Community Engagement and Wellness Centres, including podiatry and physiotherapy facilities
- computer laboratories with industry standard software
- dental clinics and teaching facilities
- exercise and sports sciences laboratory
- farm and equine centre
- industry standard media centre with broadcasting radio station
- pharmacy, physiotherapy and rehabilitation science laboratories
- television studios and editing suites
- veterinary science clinics and teaching facilities.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Make the most of your uni experience by joining a sporting or recreational club, or consider one of our social, religious, cultural or study clubs. You could even be a presenter on our very own university radio station at CSU in Bathurst or represent CSU at the University Games.

There's always something happening on campus. Student events could include anything from social sporting events, performances, bar nights, balls and even some friendly competition between residences. From O-Week to themed nights and live bands, there's always something to get involved in. Keep an eye out for shows, events and festivals in the wider community too!

Sporting facilities vary between campuses and may include:

- swimming pool
- gymnasium
- football, soccer and hockey fields
- basketball, squash, netball, volleyball and tennis courts
- walking and bike tracks.

GIVE YOURSELF THE BEST CHANCE

YOU'RE OFF TO A FLYING START



## PLAN AHEAD

With your senior years in sight, now is the perfect time to start planning for uni. There are things you can be doing right now to help set yourself up for success at uni and that could even give you the edge when you're applying for scholarships or jobs.

## GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Getting some work experience related to the course of your choice can really help you stand out from the crowd when applying at CSU as it demonstrates your enthusiasm and commitment.

Work experience allows you to be part of your chosen profession and provides the perfect taste of a career area before you commit to university study. The key to making the most of work experience opportunities is to work in different industries so you can compare career areas and find out which one best suits your interests.

It's also important to ask lots of questions and try your hand at as many different aspects of the job as you can during your work experience. You'll get a better sense of all the possibilities in your chosen field, and might even find out about career paths you've never considered!

## GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

At CSU, we care about making a difference, and we love to see students contributing their time, effort and skills through community service. Giving back to the community by becoming a volunteer, lending your time to charity or assisting with a community organisation is rewarding, but also sets you apart from other students and graduates.

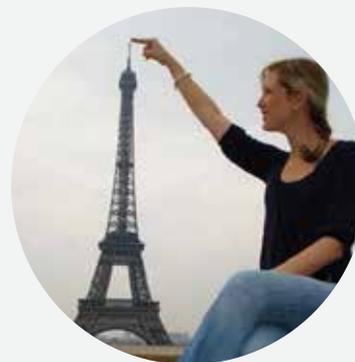
There are many ways you can serve your community, whether you lend a hand on Clean Up Australia Day, participate in Relay For Life, or contribute articles to your local newspaper.

There are strong connections between CSU and our campus cities. Our students conduct practical placements in local hospitals, newsrooms, schools and small businesses, gaining the skills they need to enter the workforce while at the same time helping out the community where they are studying. We also encourage the community to join us on campus for activities like tree-planting.

## TRAVEL THE WORLD WHILE GETTING YOUR DEGREE

Imagine if you had the opportunity to travel the world while getting your degree. Well, you can with CSU Global. If you want to be a truly global graduate, why not look into studying overseas on an exchange program, study tour, international internship or volunteer work to give your degree an international flavour and yourself a cultural experience, with memories to last a lifetime. There is a range of scholarships and loans available from CSU Global and the Australian Government to help fund your study adventure.

Our students have travelled and studied across the globe to places such as Canada, China, England, France, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, the Republic of South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA, and the list is always growing. Visit: [www.csu.edu.au/csuglobal](http://www.csu.edu.au/csuglobal)



"If you have the opportunity to go on exchange, I would definitely recommend that you take on the challenge. For me, every moment was unbelievable. I challenged myself, I took myself out of my little box in Australia, made new friends, got to travel and grew personally as well as academically from this experience."

**LAUREN STEPHENSON**  
CSU STUDENT EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT

PATHWAYS TO CSU ARE EASY AS

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## GETTING INTO UNI

Once you've completed your final Year 12 exams, your hard work will be rewarded with an ATAR. Your ATAR is one of the main tools used to decide whether you'll be offered a place in a particular university course, however you may also be admitted on the basis of strong performance in subjects relevant to your course preference. Some courses have other selection processes such as interviews, auditions and/or completion of questionnaires in addition to standard entry requirements. Check out our online course brochures for specific admission requirements at:

[www.csu.edu.au/courses](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses)

## PATHWAY PROGRAMS

Getting into uni isn't just about your marks at school. We have a range of pathway programs that can help you get a degree, even if you don't get into your preferred course straight away. You may be eligible for special consideration based on your circumstances during high school, be allocated bonus points for living in a regional area, or be able to apply through programs like the Schools Recommendation Scheme.

Our pathways and study preparation programs also include:

- STUDY LINK, which offers short courses to prepare you for university study before you even start your course
- our Diploma of General Studies, which is a great option if you don't meet the entry criteria or if you require further preparation
- a range of CSU and TAFE articulated and integrated programs.

Visit: [futurestudents.csu.edu.au/study-options/pathways](http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/study-options/pathways)

## EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

The Schools Recommendation Scheme through UAC gives you a chance to be offered a place to study at CSU even before your marks are in from your final exams. It is an early entry scheme designed to attract talented students from high schools and TAFEs in NSW, ACT and non-metropolitan areas in Victoria. Note: there are some courses to which early entry does not apply.

Visit: [www.uac.edu.au/srs](http://www.uac.edu.au/srs)

## REGIONAL BONUS POINTS SCHEME

The Regional Bonus Points scheme adds an extra five points to your university admission score (ATAR) if you live in a regional area. It also applies to non-Year 12 applicants residing in the University's regions who will have their entrance rank increased by five points. It's designed to ensure regional and rural students have the same opportunities as those studying in larger cities, and you can find more information at: [futurestudents.csu.edu.au/study-options/pathways/regional-bonus](http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/study-options/pathways/regional-bonus)

## ELITE ATHLETE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY

We are an Elite Athlete Friendly University as recognised by the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport and the NSW Institute of Sport. Elite athletes or performers who have represented at national level, and whose training or competitive commitments have significantly affected their preparation for application to university, should consider applying for Special Consideration for Admission in the elite athlete category.

Visit: [futurestudents.csu.edu.au/study-options/pathways/access/athlete-friendly](http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/study-options/pathways/access/athlete-friendly)

## INTERESTED IN TAFE STUDY FIRST?

If you're interested in attending TAFE after you finish school, university could still be an option down the track. Many TAFE courses provide a pathway to CSU degrees by offering credit for previous TAFE study, or you can complete an integrated program where you study through both TAFE and CSU at the same time, and graduate with two qualifications.

CSU has established partnerships with many TAFEs across NSW, ACT, Victoria and Western Australia and set up pathways across a range of fields including Accounting, Agricultural Business Management, Business Studies, Education, Graphic Design, Information Technology, Nursing, Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism, and Social Work. CSU offers special scholarships for TAFE Diploma graduates too.

Visit: [futurestudents.csu.edu.au/study-options/pathways/tafe](http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/study-options/pathways/tafe)

GOING TO UNI

MAY THE FUNDS BE WITH YOU



## COST OF STUDY

Going to uni does cost money, but if you start planning now, you've still got plenty of time to save money for the future.

Some of the expenses you may need to think about include:

- tuition fees
- accommodation if you're moving away from home
- textbooks and study supplies
- living costs like groceries, transport and entertainment.

If you start planning early, and save money each week from part-time work in years 10, 11 and 12, it will add up to some great savings to get you started at uni. Some of the perks of studying at CSU compared to other universities include free parking on our campuses, lower living costs in regional cities, and excellent demand for our graduates. In fact, a CSU degree is more likely to get you a full-time job, and our graduates earn 10 per cent more than the national average in their first job\*.

## HELP WITH COSTS

The Federal Government's HECS-HELP scheme lets you get your degree, then pay your tuition after you've graduated. For Commonwealth-supported students (generally all Australian students enrolled in undergraduate degrees at CSU), the cost of study is subsidised by the government, leaving a student contribution. You can pay this student contribution upfront each session, or defer your fees through HECS-HELP. This means the government will pay your fees for you and record the debt against your tax file number. Once you start earning a high enough salary, you'll start repaying the debt through the taxation system.

You can also check whether you're eligible for payments like Youth Allowance, which provides funds for young people studying full-time.

Find out more at: [www.studyassist.gov.au](http://www.studyassist.gov.au)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

A scholarship could really help you out financially, and now is the time to start planning. With our wide range of scholarships including course-related, accommodation, equity or excellence scholarships, there's bound to be more than one that you should apply for. There are scholarships based on academic achievement, as well as a wide variety of criteria including motivation to succeed, commitment to school, university or community life, or coming from a particular area. Scholarships may include other criteria set by industry donors, or be aimed at students experiencing educational disadvantage or financial hardship.

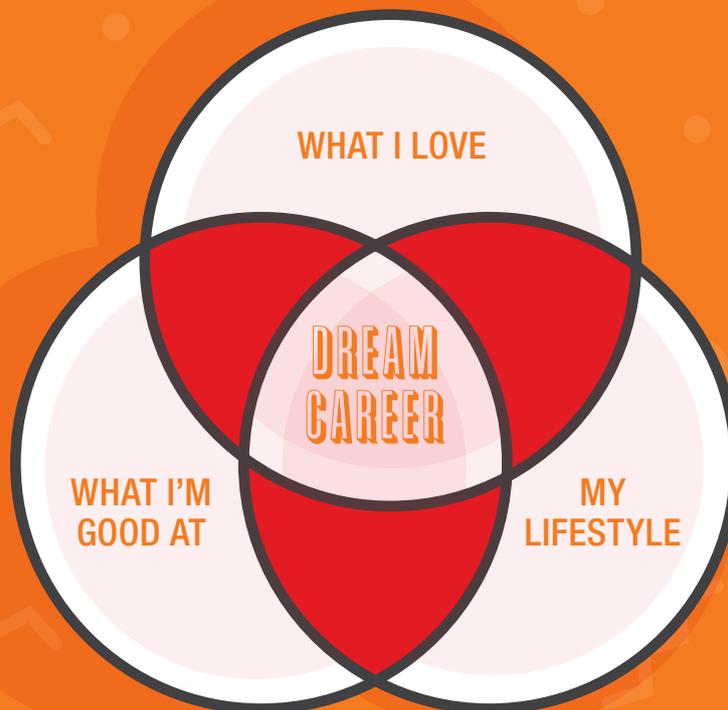
For more information about scholarships and to help you start thinking about how you can improve your chances, visit:

[futurestudents.csu.edu.au/help-with-costs/scholarships](http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/help-with-costs/scholarships)

\*81.1% of domestic graduates of CSU found employment within four months of completing their bachelor degree (national average 68.1%), 2014 Graduate Destination Survey. CSU's graduate starting salary was \$58,000 (national average \$52,500), 2014 Graduate Salaries. Graduate Careers Australia. These are average statistics and outcomes will vary between graduates with different degrees. Variability in the Australian labour market may also affect these outcomes in future.

CHOOSING YOUR SUBJECTS FOR YEARS 11 AND 12

# DO WHAT YOU LOVE



## CHOOSING YOUR SUBJECTS

The subjects you choose for Years 11 and 12 should reflect your strengths and passions, and support your career aspirations. You're more likely to achieve the ATAR (the entrance ranking for courses) you need to get into your chosen course if you enjoy what you're studying! If you're a creative person, selecting Arts subjects would be a good choice, just as choosing Science subjects would be beneficial if you want to work in health care or science-related industries.

It's also important to find out if there is any assumed knowledge or recommended studies for the course you're interested in. Check the UAC Guide for more information. Choosing these subjects will benefit you when you're at uni, as you will already have a background and general understanding of certain topics relevant to your course.

## STILL DECIDING ON YOUR CAREER?

If you're not sure what you'd like to study at uni just yet, or if you change your mind after you start, it's completely fine, because:

- some CSU degrees have similar subjects in the first year, allowing you to start one course and apply to transfer to another course for the following year if you have a change of mind. Credit may be available for some completed subjects
- you can tailor your study to suit your needs and interests with one of our general courses such as the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Studies, Bachelor of Educational Studies, Bachelor of General Studies (Science) or Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Arts)
- you could study one subject at a time through single subject study, which is a great way to sample university study before beginning your degree.

## WHAT WILL I STUDY AT CSU?

You can study something as focused as photography, dentistry, accounting, veterinary science, teaching or physiotherapy, or a broader course in Arts, Business, Education or Science to try a range of subjects and find your strengths.

Visit our course search page to find out more information on the courses available across 18 career areas:

- Agricultural and Wine Sciences
- Allied Health and Pharmacy
- Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- Business
- Communication and Creative Industries
- Engineering
- Environmental Science and Outdoor Recreation
- Exercise and Sports Sciences
- Humanities, Social Work and Human Services
- Information and Library Studies
- Information Technology, Computing and Mathematics
- Medical Science and Dentistry
- Nursing
- Policing, Law, Security and Emergency Management
- Psychology
- Science
- Teaching and Education
- Theology and Religious Studies

As we are continually reviewing and adding to our course profile, check the course search page on our website regularly over the next couple of years: [www.csu.edu.au/courses](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses)



## AGRICULTURAL AND WINE SCIENCES

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** agricultural scientist; farm manager or farmer; soil conservation officer; manager in landcare, feedlots, irrigation services, vineyards or wineries; water policy adviser; agricultural fields such as business management, finance / banking, supply and logistics; agricultural resource economist; agronomist; crop physiologist; viticulturalist; wine maker or wine marketer; horticulturalist.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** agriculture, biology, chemistry, English, food technology, mathematics, primary industries.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/agricultural-wine-sciences](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/agricultural-wine-sciences)



## ALLIED HEALTH AND PHARMACY

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** ambulance officer, paramedic; podiatrist; occupational therapist; physiotherapist; speech and language pathologist; practitioner in complementary medicine; pharmacist; pharmaceutical industry sales and marketing; diversional therapist; rehabilitation specialist; health promotion officer.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** biology, chemistry, community and family studies, English, PD/H/PE, physics.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/allied-health-pharmacy](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/allied-health-pharmacy)



## ANIMAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCES

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** veterinarian; animal scientist; manager or trainer in equine and services industries; animal husbandry; handler or nutritionist for captive vertebrates, horses, companion animals, wildlife or livestock in zoos, on farms or in the wild.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** biology, chemistry, English, mathematics.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/animal-veterinary-sciences](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/animal-veterinary-sciences)



## BUSINESS

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** accountant; auditor; business systems analyst; manager in human resources, marketing, finance or banking; hospitality; insurance or taxation agent; financial dealer or broker; foreign exchange personnel; small business manager; agribusiness manager; positions in government; recruitment consultant; company secretary.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** business services, business studies, economics, English, mathematics, retail services.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/business](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/business)



## COMMUNICATION AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** print, broadcast, multimedia and online journalist; radio broadcaster or producer; television or film camera operator or sound recorder; employee in public relations and corporate or community communications; advertising and media salesperson; cultural and heritage adviser; product / brand promoter; new product developer and marketer; sports journalist; corporate media information officer; freelance artist; studio lighting, sound or costume designer; roles in theatre, film or television as technical producer, floor manager or director; actor; scriptwriter; photographer; graphic designer; special effects and animation designer; multimedia developer, designer or manager; conservator or curator in galleries or museums; positions in advertising agencies, design studios, radio and television stations; entertainer; illustrator; marketing researcher and strategist; audience and media analyst.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** business studies, English, entertainment industry, dance, drama, legal studies, music, society and culture, textiles and design, tourism, visual arts.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/communication-creative-industries](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/communication-creative-industries)



## ENGINEERING

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** rail, road, airport, bridge, dam, pipeline and energy distribution; agricultural innovation; land and water management within established drought, flood and pest control practices; manufacturing in fields such as food and mining.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** chemistry, English, mathematics, physics, science.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/engineering](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/engineering)



## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** ecologist; manager in the areas of cultural resources and conservation, land and water resources; park ranger, or roles in research or management in national parks and government departments; environmental scientist; land economist; environmental planner; recreation and facilities coordinator or manager; agricultural consultant; research and spatial data analyst in private companies (mining, environmental consultancies) or government departments; positions in tourism and ecotourism, conservation groups or community education; roles in parks and recreation services, nurseries and laboratories.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** agriculture, biology, chemistry, earth and environmental science, geography, mathematics, primary industries, tourism.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/environmental-science-outdoor-recreation](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/environmental-science-outdoor-recreation)



## EXERCISE AND SPORTS SCIENCES

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** roles in the sport and fitness industry; sports and health products marketer; health and fitness centre manager; personal trainer; recreation officer; disability services instructor; exercise specialist or coach; sports administrator; sports journalist; exercise rehabilitation instructor.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** community and family studies, English, dance, mathematics, PD/H/PE.

**THEN CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/exercise-science](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/exercise-science)



## HUMANITIES, SOCIAL WORK AND HUMAN SERVICES

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** social worker in the areas of family welfare, health, adoption, day care, youth support and juvenile justice; public servant; research assistant; writer; editor; roles in libraries, archives, galleries and museums; counsellor or support worker in public sector and non-government health and welfare agencies including correctional centres, hospitals, schools, refuges and charitable organisations and the defence force; emergency risk manager.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** Aboriginal studies, community and family studies, English, legal studies, society and culture.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/humanities-and-social-sciences](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/humanities-and-social-sciences)



## INFORMATION AND LIBRARY STUDIES

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** information technology manager; librarian (in government and industry; in academic and public libraries; in the arts and cultural heritage sectors); archivist; records manager; information systems analyst; researcher; teacher librarianship (with a further qualification).

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** English, information processes and technology, mathematics, society and culture.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/library-information-studies](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/library-information-studies)



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, COMPUTING AND MATHEMATICS

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** computer games software design and developer; information technology analyst; computer programmer; systems analyst and network administrator; roles in IT support; computer hardware and software developer; IT project manager; data and risk analyst in finance and insurance industries; logistics; urban and regional planner and modeller.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** English, information processes and technology, information technology, mathematics, software design and development.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/itc-maths](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/itc-maths)



## MEDICAL SCIENCE AND DENTISTRY

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** dentist; oral hygienist or therapist; medical and research scientist in pathology, pharmaceutical, clinical measurement laboratories, physiology measurement clinics; medical researcher; medical or veterinary diagnostician; researcher in chemical and pharmaceutical industries; radiographer.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** biology, chemistry, English, mathematics, PD/H/PE, physics.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/medical-science-dentistry](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/medical-science-dentistry)



## NURSING

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** nursing in public / private hospitals in Australia and overseas, primary health centres, mental health, community services, rehabilitation and aged care facilities, specialty and general practice medical surgeries, defence forces; midwifery; paediatric nursing; qualified paramedic (with a further qualification).

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** community and family studies, English, legal studies, PD/H/PE.

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## POLICING, LAW, SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** parole officer; customs officer; probation officer; youth and corrective services worker; roles in crime prevention research / policy making and community education; roles in emergency management.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** community and family studies, English, legal studies, PD/H/PE.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/police-security-emergency-management](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/police-security-emergency-management)



## PSYCHOLOGY

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** psychologist in the areas of youth work, education, industry, sports, early intervention, rehabilitation, welfare agencies, corrections, mental health and related industries in government and non-government sectors including the Defence Force; positions in human resources, advertising and marketing; policy and consumer researcher; program coordinator and welfare officer.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** biology, community and family studies, English, mathematics, society and culture.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/psychology](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/psychology)



## SCIENCE

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** roles in industries producing chemicals, paper goods, plastics, paints, adhesives, agricultural products; scientific researcher; creator of new and genetically modified plant varieties; forecaster and risk analyst in the finance and insurance industries; environmental and industrial systems modeller; biological researcher; roles in geology, environmental management; positions in signal and image processing - astronomy, remote sensing and GIS; DNA fingerprinting, gene discovery and research; designer of scientific software, laboratory automation and scientific modelling.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics.

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## TEACHING AND EDUCATION

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** early childhood and primary teacher; K-12 teacher in areas such as English, mathematics, business studies, modern history or science; technology and applied studies teacher in areas such as information technology, agricultural technology, food technology or industrial technology; outdoor education; or secondary teaching (graduate entry) in areas such as agriculture, design and technology, drama, PD/H/PE, science, society and environment, teacher librarianship and visual art.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** English, HSIE, mathematics, subjects in your teaching specialisation. Graduates intending to seek employment in NSW schools must have achieved specific levels of study in English and Mathematics at the NSW HSC or equivalent (for details of these requirements, refer to: [www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au)).

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/teaching-and-education](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/teaching-and-education)



## THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES:** minister; chaplain in defence, industry or schools; officer in church welfare; foreign aid worker; social welfare; pastoral carer, Islamic education.

**CONSIDER STUDYING:** English, community and family studies, religious studies, society and culture.

**CHOOSE YOUR CSU COURSE:** [www.csu.edu.au/courses/theology-and-religious-studies](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/theology-and-religious-studies)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### HOW MANY HOURS A WEEK CAN I EXPECT TO STUDY?

A full-time course requires you to attend lectures and tutorials, participate in forums and complete private study that you can expect to add up to around 35 hours per week – equivalent to a full-time job. You may not have to attend classes every day, but should do some review, class preparation or assignment work most days to ensure you do well.

### HOW WILL I MAKE FRIENDS AT UNI?

Many CSU students have relocated for study and are looking to make new friends. Extra-curricular activities offered by CSU such as sporting or social clubs provide opportunities to establish networks away from the classroom, helping to form the friendships for life. If you're living on campus, you'll quickly make friends with your housemates too.

### WHO WILL MAKE SURE I CAN COMPLETE MY ASSESSMENTS?

Uni is all about being independent, so you are responsible for ensuring you hand in your assignments on time, but CSU offers great student support including Learning Skills Advisers and assistance with library resources. You can always ask your lecturers, or set up a student group using the forums to discuss issues.

### WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT THE COURSE I'VE CHOSEN?

CSU is flexible and supportive, and our friendly staff are there to help. A number of courses have similar subjects in their first year, so you may be able to apply to change to another course at the end of the year. There are cut-off dates for changes, so please ask early.

## UNIVERSITY TERMS

**Assumed knowledge** – refers to subjects the University assumes you will have completed at school prior to starting the course.

**ATAR** – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank. The figure is used by UAC and VTAC to calculate the entrance ranking for on campus courses.

**Bachelor degree** – the award a student gains when they have completed studies in an undergraduate course, which is usually completed in three or four years of full-time study.

**Commonwealth supported place (CSP)** – a student's enrolment in a university degree for which the Commonwealth government makes a contribution towards the cost of study.

**Double degree** – a student can enhance their career opportunities by completing a double degree. This integrates studies in two complementary areas resulting in the award of two degrees, usually after four years of study.

**Defer** – to delay starting your course. Deferring your offer of a place in a course means you would like to start your course in six, 12, 18 or 24 months. Deferral ensures you are guaranteed your place in your selected course, but allows you some 'breathing space' between the demands of the HSC and starting a new life at university.

**Faculty** – a department within a university devoted to a particular area of study. For example, the Faculty of Science contains a number of Schools offering courses in different science disciplines.

**HECS-HELP** – a loan scheme that assists eligible Commonwealth supported students to pay their student contribution. You may pay your student contribution upfront to CSU and receive a 10% discount\*, or defer payment through the Australian taxation system via a HECS-HELP loan.

**Honours** – some four-year Bachelor degrees integrate a year of Honours study, offering a pass stream or Honours stream in the final year of the course. The Honours year allows students to focus on an area that interests them and develop research skills, which could make you a more employable graduate. Some three-year courses offer a separate year of Honours study in which you can enrol when you finish your degree.

**Lecture** – a period of teaching given by a lecturer to a large group of students.

**Major study** – an area within a course that allows in-depth study in a particular field. A major usually consists of eight related subjects. More than one major may be allowed in a course.

**Minor study** – a grouping of between four and seven subjects within a course, allowing students to focus on a particular field.

**Prerequisite** – a set of conditions (usually completion of a subject) that must be met by a student before enrolment in a particular subject is permitted.

**Prospective Student Adviser (PSA)** – CSU has several PSAs who are available to discuss CSU course options with future students.

**SSAF** – Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) provides universities with the means to provide and improve services and facilities that support a wide range of student needs.

**Tutorial** – a period of teaching given to a small group of students, involving discussion and participation.

**UAC** – Universities Admissions Centre (NSW and ACT) Pty Ltd. All NSW and ACT students who wish to apply for full-time on campus courses apply online through UAC or VTAC.

**Undergraduate** – a person studying at university for a first level degree, e.g. at Bachelor level.

**VTAC** – Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre. Students completing Year 12 in Victoria who want to study at CSU in Albury-Wodonga or through Holmesglen Institute of TAFE can apply through VTAC.

**Workplace learning** – practical training in a working environment, such as internships or practicums, similar to work experience. Many CSU degrees incorporate this as part of your hands-on learning.

### IMPORTANT

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