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University



# Study online

Flexible courses to fit in with your life

- ✓ Join one of the country's most experienced and trusted providers of online education.
- ✓ Study when and where it suits you.
- ✓ Choose from hundreds of online courses to meet your career goals.
- ✓ Be part of an online student community of more than 25,000 people.
- ✓ Fit study around your life.
- ✓ Be supported while you learn.





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# Online study puts you in control

Study when and where you want.

Late at night, early mornings. On your commute, at a library or at home. No packing up and moving, no traveling to and from classes. Just more time to achieve your study goals, do your job and enjoy your family and friends.

You can do as much or as little study as suits you.

Want to start off slowly and feel your way around studying? Then just tackle one online subject a session. Starting a new job or big project? A lot going on at home? Well, it's easy to reduce your study load. In a good space and want to get ahead? Pick up a subject over summer. We make it easy for you to do what's best for you.

Start when you're ready

Many of our courses have multiple starting points throughout the year – and we're adding more all the time. So whenever you're ready, we're ready.

You won't miss a thing.

Everything you'll need is online. Lectures and tutorials are recorded so can watch them at your convenience. No stress. Get the kids bathed and fed, head off to the gym, knock over that stack of paperwork, or pick up another shift at work. Do what you have to do and stress less because everything you need to study will be available at the click of a button.



“A lot of people might be concerned about what they have to give up in order to fit study in. But study helps you understand what's important to you, as you don't take it on lightly. With your eye on the longer-term prizes – choices, career security, network, personal growth – you can stay motivated to reach those goals.”

**Dayle McCallum, Master of Human Resource Management**

# Online courses for career success

Whether you want to start, advance or change your career, online study means you can get the right qualification for your goals while still living your life.

Many of our online courses are accredited by industry bodies, so you know you're getting the skills you need to make your mark.

In healthcare and science, the Council of Ambulances Authority accredits Charles Sturt paramedicine courses. We also have accreditation for degrees from The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council, and Exercise and Sports Science Australia.

Across business, policing and tech, Charles Sturt degrees receive accreditation from (among others),

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, the World Customs Organization, and the Australian Computer Society.

The Charles Sturt bachelor's degree in social work is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers. In communication, many of our courses are accredited by the International Advertising Association, and the Public Relations Institute Australia. And the Australian Library and Information Association accredits our undergrad information studies course.



# Online qualifications that fit your goals

Choose from hundreds of online courses at Charles Sturt University. And we have different types so you can find the right level of study for your next career step.

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## Micro-subject

Do a quick micro-subject and stack your units together when it suits. You're on your way to creating your own qualification.

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## Single subject study

Dip your toe into university study or gain knowledge of a particular area to boost your career.

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## Bachelor's degree

Typically, this is the starting point for anyone wanting to get their first uni qualification.

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## Graduate certificate

A comparatively short postgraduate program, this gives advanced knowledge and an admission pathway to further postgrad study.

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## Graduate diploma

The next step in postgraduate study after a graduate certificate. Sometimes available to those without a bachelor's degree but with relevant work experience.

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## Master's degree

You can study a master's by coursework to delve into advanced critical analysis of your chosen subject.

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## Higher Degree by Research

Add new knowledge to your area of interest by doing original research.

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## And don't forget... credit for prior learning

Keen to graduate as early as possible? You could with Charles Sturt's [credit for prior learning](#). If you've studied before, or you have relevant work experience, you could receive credit towards your next course.

### Did you know?

Our online Bachelor of Nursing is accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council.

**#1**  
**in Australia**  
for graduate employment\*



Get qualified and get the job.  
More Charles Sturt grads – 86% –  
get jobs faster than grads from  
any other uni in Australia.

\*QS World University Rankings, Graduate 2019/20

# Where will you make a difference?

Choose an online  
course in any of  
these areas.

Agricultural and Wine Sciences  
Allied Health and Pharmacy  
Animal and Veterinary Sciences  
Business  
Christian Theology and Ministry  
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  
Islamic and Arabic Studies  
Medical Science and Dentistry  
Nursing, Midwifery and Indigenous Health  
Policing, Law, Security, Customs and Emergency  
Management  
Psychology  
Science  
Teaching and Education

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While stepping into online study may be daunting at first, be assured that where you are when you first start will not be where you are at the end of your first session. And where you are at the end of your first year won't be where you are at the end of your second.

"At first, you won't just be studying your chosen subjects, you'll be learning how to learn online. Your skills and abilities will quickly grow... and so will your confidence.

"You'll soon get into your groove and learn how to take notes and manage your readings, realise when and how you study most effectively and be super organised.

"You'll become familiar with the processes of accessing resources, contacting lecturers, participating in tutorials and submitting assessments.

"You'll build support systems. Friends, family, other students, lecturers and staff at Charles Sturt. They'll all have your back.

"And always remember why you are studying – keep your eyes on the prize."

**Matthew Allen, Bachelor of Laws**

# Preparing for study

As soon as you accept your offer to study with us, you can get organised.

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## Find your bearings

Our online orientation program is the place to start. Learn about what it means to be an online student, all about our online learning environment, how to access services and support, and how to prepare for your first subjects. We also hold regular live online orientation sessions so you can ask any questions you may have.

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## An online introduction

When you accept your offer, you'll be automatically enrolled in our free short course, Introduction to Online Learning. This self-paced subject provides everything you need to know if you're new to online study. As well as showing you how to use our online learning system, you'll also discover time management strategies and receive personal learning tips.

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## Enhance your skills

Need a confidence boost before you begin? Want to brush up on some skills? We can help.

[Study Link](#) offers short, self-paced courses that get you ready for your degree, whatever you're studying. Delivered online, with support from a subject coordinator, Study Link subjects don't count towards your degree but they're here to help you fill knowledge gaps, enhance skills and build confidence. Start your degree on the front foot.

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## Navigate the library

You'll learn how to access all the resources you'll need for your course. Discover how to use online resources like eJournals, eBooks and course readings, as well as how to order books to be posted to your home – free of charge.



“It had been 20 years since my undergraduate degree, so I was nervous about going back, and I wasn't quite convinced I could actually do it. Study has changed over 20 years, and I had changed a lot during that time. But I did a lot of literacy, learning and numeracy study skills workshops that Charles Sturt supplied to help prepare myself.”

**Frances Brogan, Master of Nursing**

# Support for your studies

Once you've started your course, you can access interactive workshops, one-to-one web-based training and online courses to help you develop your study skills. And our online learning advisers work with your lecturers to provide study skills workshops tailored to your course.

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## Academic writing

Tap into workshops and online resources to help get your head around uni writing and essays. From developing an argument to crafting a compelling paper, referencing your sources and proofreading your work, we'll help essay writing become second nature to you. We can also give you feedback on your draft assignments, so your ideas have maximum impact.

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## Learning advisers

Our learning advisers are available seven days a week, by phone, email, Skype or online chat. Charles Sturt learning advisers have academic and teaching backgrounds, and specialise in subject areas as well as in literacy, numeracy and the English language. You can ask specific questions about your course or more general questions about how to get the most out of your uni experience.

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## Library resources

For most of your assignments, you'll need to do some research. The library has various online tools to help you do this. What's more, we can post any book to you free of charge - and return postage is on us, too.

# Quality support whenever you need it

You can access a range of support services to ensure you get the absolute most out of your time at Charles Sturt University – and beyond.

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## 24/7 IT support

You won't need to worry about any tech issues, with IT support available round the clock.

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## Career advice

Get set to get that job when you graduate with our career advice service. Get tips on job applications, résumé writing, interview techniques and job search strategies. Take part in career development workshops. Chat to a career development officer.

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## Health and wellbeing

Reach out online or over the phone to our friendly team whenever you need a chat to keep things going well. We also have specialist LGBTIQ+, disability, equity, health counselling, religious and cultural support here for you.

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## Finance team

Get a grip on everything dollars and cents with our finance team. They can help you apply for scholarships, access government finance, and give you tips on budgeting and planning. Plus, they can connect you with our dedicated program – Earn As You Learn – to help you find a part-time job with a local business if you want one.



# Scholarships are for online students too

At Charles Sturt University, we offer more than \$3m in scholarships and grants every year.

They are here to help all students. There are dedicated scholarships for online students, and lots of others open to all.

Many scholarships get left on the shelf simply because people assume they won't get one, so they don't even apply. Our top tip? Go for it! You've got to be in it to win it.



# Your study community

Study online and you become part of a global community of like-minded people - all committed to making the best of their time at Charles Sturt, so they can make an impact when they graduate.

## Online hangouts

All online Charles Sturt courses have dedicated forums for you to chat with your classmates and your teachers. Ask questions or just shoot the breeze.

## Be a leader

You can apply to join the Charles Sturt leadership program. It's open to all students, including those studying online. You'll learn crucial skills like management, communication and teamwork.

## Get social

Hit up our social media channels for current students to stay in the loop with everything Charles Sturt.

## Represent your peers

You can apply to become part of the representative committee, and advocate your fellow online students. You'll help advance the needs of online students, organise projects and help new students get to grips with uni life.

### Did you know?

Study our online MBA and you can choose from 11 specialisations, including HR, Marketing, IT, Finance and Leadership.



“My top tip for studying online is to remember you are not alone. Collaboration is key. You have peers who are doing the same things, with the same challenges. They'll all be at different stages in life, but sharing ideas and collaborating is really rewarding. I remember being online, chatting at night, discussing how we were going with assignments or how we interpreted what the lecturer had been talking about in that day's session. It was a real benefit.”

**Stuart Taylor, Master of Business Administration**



Sally Turbitt studied the Bachelor of Information Studies online. She found that, though she was studying online, it didn't mean she was on her own. In fact, reaching out to her peers was beneficial to her study and her networking.

"In my first session one of my lecturers encouraged us to find a buddy. I was really lucky to find one early on. We helped each other through. I was always able to message her and say 'I don't understand' or 'can you explain this process to me?' We actually made it a goal to graduate together. It was amazing – and we're still friends now.

"One thing the uni pushed was for us to build a network and stay connected. I worked hard to build an online network of library contacts. It gave me a great understanding of who they were and what work they were doing. Always think beyond your degree – because a good network will last way past graduation."

Sally's network certainly played a part in her first career step after graduation. She secured a librarian role – at the library where she did a work placement during her degree! She now works as a library makerspace coordinator, helping communities innovate, experiment and get creative.

# Plan for success

Life gets busy. Adding study to the mix can be a challenge. Use these simple strategies to set yourself up for success.

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## Get set up

Fit yourself out with the right tools for online study success. Laptop, monitor, good internet connection – plus, set out a dedicated study space at home. You can study online anywhere, but having a space that is yours at home is a great way to stay organised.

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## Start early

Start reading the subject material as soon as it's available online – often that can be up to two weeks before the subject starts. This can include compulsory readings, a week-by-week schedule and the assessment items for the end of the subject. So you can see the extent of required readings and make a plan to ensure you can get them done.

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## Fitting it all in

There's always stuff that has to get done every day. You've got to get the kids to school, you have to cook meals and go to work. Put that stuff into a calendar or study planner on your phone and work out where studying fits best around them.

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## Get ahead

Some periods of your study may be more full-on than others – that's the nature of assignments and exams; you build towards them. Check the subject schedule so you can make some extra space in your planner for those busier times.

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## Gather support

Let your family, friends and employer in on your study plans. The more people who know what you're doing and why it's important to you, the more support you'll have along the way. Be realistic and discuss how study will influence your family and social life. When people are in the know, it's easier for them to adjust to change and help you stay on track.

### Did you know?

When you graduate from our online Bachelor of Social Work you'll be eligible for full membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers.



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# Get in touch

We're always up for a chat. If you'd like to talk about courses, fees and online study options, all you need to do is reach out to our friendly team.



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Discover helpful information and top tips – from exam strategies and building soft skills, to online study hacks and guides to residential schools.

If you're interested in studying, Insight has got the information you need.

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