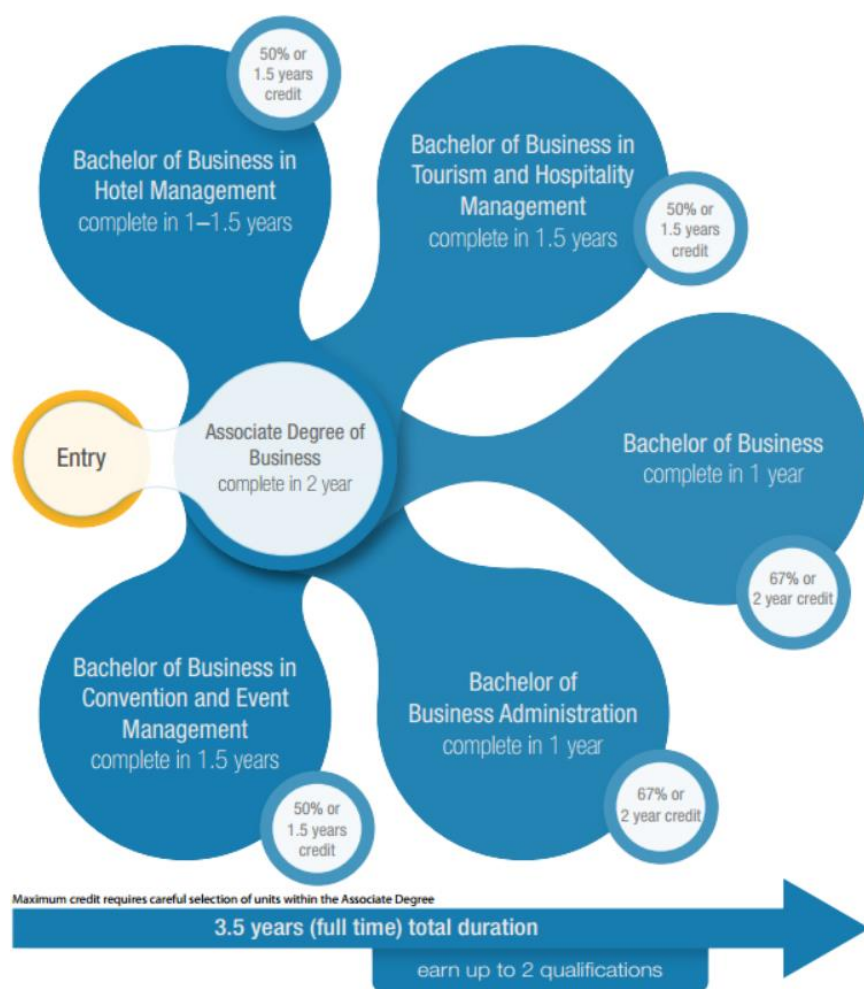


Tuesday 9 October, 2015

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Dear Ms Rae-anne McMahon and current and future students,

Southern Cross University (SCU) is pleased to guarantee entry (admission) into our Associate Degree [courses](#) for the successful completion of a Nationally recognized AQF Certificate III or higher qualification, (e.g. the Certificate III in Business). Please see [NSW Smart and Skilled and QLD Certificate III Entry Guarantee](#) and the credit arrangements that will apply when [progressing from SCU Associate Degrees into related Bachelor Degrees](#). An example of these pathways is pictured below:



IN MOST INSTANCES STUDENTS STUDYING THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE TO BACHELOR DEGREE PATHWAY, WILL STUDY FOR THE SAME OR SIMILAR DURATION AND WILL RECEIVE

- TWO QUALIFICITONS
- CHOICE OF SPECIALISATIONS
- ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC SUPPORT VIA [COLLEGE CONNECT](#)

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See also the FREE [Preparing for Success at SCU Program](#) that quips domestic students with study skills for success at university - only one session in full-time duration.

We are also pleased to provide vocational credit linkages into a range of SCU Associate and Bachelor Degree courses for the following qualifications:

BSB40212- Certificate IV in Business
BSB40215- Certificate IV in Business
BSB40812- Certificate IV in Frontline Management
BSB41412- Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety
BSB41415- Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety
BSB50207- Diploma of Business
BSB50215- Diploma of Business
BSB51107- Diploma of Management
BSB51312- Diploma of Work Health and Safety
BSB51315- Diploma of Work Health and Safety

At: www.scu.edu.au/scupathways/aqfvocationallinkages please view the current  [AQF Vocational Qualification Credit Linkages](#) document for specific credit details approved into a range of SCU undergraduate courses.

Search the report (CTRL + F), by entering the course code or name into the search box, to identify applicable credit arrangements.

Please note that **the 2015 training package qualifications are yet to be published, but will appear soon**, with similar amounts of credit as detailed for the prior, superseded and equivalent versions of the qualifications.

An example of the applicable credit details is provided on the following page.

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National Code BSB51107: Diploma of Management

SCU course:

Associate Degree of Business (2207275) :: CRICOS Code: 082688F

Credit precedence reference number: A-109-4122-S

Credit granted: 8 units, of a total of 16 (50% of the course) – 7 unspecified elective units; 1 specified unit:
EDU10011 Learning for Future Careers

Associate Degree of Information Technology (2202321) :: CRICOS Code: 019836M

Credit precedence reference number: A-109-4436-S

Credit granted: 8 units, of a total of 16 (50% of the course) – 6 unspecified elective units; 2 specified units:
MNG10247 Managing Organisations
COM00207 Communication in Organisations

Bachelor of Business (3002100) :: CRICOS Code: 016157C :: CRICOS Code (Sydney/Melbourne): 081532A

Credit precedence reference number: A-109-3695-S

Credit granted: 8 units, of a total of 24 (33% of the course) – 8 unspecified elective units.

Bachelor of Business Administration (3001145) :: CRICOS Code: 038922M

Credit precedence reference number: A-109-3696-S

Credit granted: 8 units, of a total of 24 (33% of the course) – 8 unspecified elective units.

Bachelor of Business In Convention and Event Management (3007130) :: CRICOS Code: 082689E

Credit precedence reference number: A-109-3239-D

Credit granted: 8 units, of a total of 24 (33% of the course) – 8 unspecified units, as determined by the course coordinator.

Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management (3004145) :: CRICOS Code: 024239A :: CRICOS Code (The Hotel School Sydney): 024239A

Credit precedence reference number: A-109-3242-D

Credit granted: 8 units, of a total of 24 (33% of the course) – 8 unspecified units, as determined by the course coordinator.

Bachelor of Business in Tourism and Hospitality Management (3007314) :: CRICOS Code: 085172K

Credit precedence reference number: A-109-3240-D

Credit granted: 8 units, of a total of 24 (33% of the course) – 8 unspecified units, as determined by the course coordinator.

Bachelor of Information Technology (3002111) :: CRICOS Code: 019840D

Credit precedence reference number: A-109-4437-S

Credit granted: 8 units, of a total of 24 (33% of the course) – 6 unspecified elective units; 2 specified units:
COM00207 Communication in Organisations
MNG10247 Managing Organisations

What are SCU Vocational Qualification Linkages?

SCU's AQF Vocational Qualification Linkages facilitate entry (admission) and/or [credit for prior learning](#) into a named SCU course for any person holding one of the approved vocational qualifications/courses, without the need for a 'formal agreement' to exist between our organisations. AQF Vocational Qualification Linkages enable Australian domestic students to confidently articulate into the named SCU course with predetermined credit outcomes. If the SCU course is CRICOS registered, the relevant linkages are also applicable to international students completing Australian vocational qualifications, no matter how the learning is obtained, face-to-face, on-campus, online or via flexible converged delivery, by distance education.

What does this mean for your educational organisation?

Where a relevant AQF Vocational Qualification Linkage is approved by SCU, your organization may actively [market and promote](#) these credit arrangements as a direct educational pathway to SCU for prospective and current students.

Qualification Linkage credit arrangements are fluid. When referring to any approved SCU Qualification Credit Linkage arrangement **please refer to the most current arrangements published at:**

- www.scu.edu.au/scupathways/aqfvocationallinkages - Current SCU AQF Vocational Qualification Linkage credits into SCU courses.

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Other helpful SCU links include:

- www.scu.edu.au/advancedstanding - Recognition of Prior Learning and Advanced Standing;
- www.scu.edu.au/coursesheets - SCU Course Options;
- www.scu.edu.au/futurestudents - Information for future SCU students.

To obtain domestic printed promotional materials about SCU courses please email publications@scu.edu.au.

For international promotional materials please email intpublications@scu.edu.au.

How should graduates apply to study with SCU?

Domestic applicants or students, should visit [How to Apply](#). Domestic graduates may apply directly to SCU for admission into their preferred SCU course, not through a tertiary admissions center such as UAC or QTAC. Please [apply online](#) as a new applicant for admission and advanced standing. See [Application for Advanced Standing](#) for further details.

Southern Cross University has an extensive network of registered [education agents](#) to assist international applicants to apply. To find out more visit [Courses and Fees List](#) and [Apply](#).

What if a student partially completes their qualification?

At SCU applicants may apply to receive credit for their prior learning on an individual basis for partially completed studies, life skills and professional experience via our advanced standing process. Applicants are encouraged to apply for advanced standing when applying for admission into the SCU course.

We welcome questions and feedback on this initiative to pathways@scu.edu.au and look forward to establishing a successful and mutually rewarding association.

How does Uni differ from vocational education?

There are considerable differences between vocational training and higher education and SCU offers transitional assistance to understand:

- how to plan a study and career path in advance;
- what's expected at university;
- how to excel in a new environment;
- how to navigate new student systems and technologies;
- how to build further academic skills and confidence; and
- how to access help, support and other services when needed.

If concerned, consider adding the free tertiary bridging program, [Preparing for Success at SCU](#) to your pathway plans. Alternatively, you can enjoy a highly supportive learning environment (with early exit option) by studying an [Associate Degree](#) as a stepping stone into and through a related Bachelor Degree.

What are the next steps?

When accepting an offer to study with SCU, a student will be allocated a unique SCU Student ID providing access to the SCU student systems (MyEnrolment and MySCU), tools and resources. In the meantime, some of our systems, resources, tools and support services can be explored.

Tips to help prepare students for Uni?

- Use the [Career Guidance and Course Selection service](#);
- Discover more about [UniLife](#);
- Visit any [SCU campus](#) and participate in one of the [SCU Info Days](#). If you can't get to a campus then participate via the virtual SCU Info Session;

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- Find off-campus (UniStays) or on-campus residential college (SCU Village) [student accommodation](#);
- [Build your academic skills](#) and confidence with the SCU [Quick Guides](#);
- Be aware of the [SCU Teaching Calendar key dates](#);
- Once an offer is accepted and the SCU Student ID is known, enroll in units of study, choose classes or to study by distance education and view the timetable from within [MyEnrolment](#); and
- Don't miss [Orientation](#) the week before study commences;

How to make the Transition from vocational studies to Uni?

- Preview the [New to SCU](#) program as a guest in MySCU;
- Use the Student ID to explore the kind of formal language expected to be used at university via the [Academic Language Self-Assessment](#);
- From the online Unit Learning Sites in [MySCU](#), access student emails and other services, contact Lecturers and Tutors with questions, collaborate with peers via the discussion board and download and read the Study Guide and the [Unit Information Guide \(UIG\)](#) - the bible for each unit (subject) of study;
- Early on, take advantage of the [Library Toolbox](#) and get a ready for assessment using [Assignment Navigator](#);
- Get help feeling like you belong from a personal [student mentor](#) and consider joining a [Peer Assisted Study Session \(PASS\)](#);
- Get [technical support](#) whenever its needed;
- Access free and confidential advice and assistance through the [Student Advocacy Service](#);
- Contact the [Student Advice Team](#) or [Indigenous Australian Student Services](#) for administrative advice and general support; and
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people may also register for the Indigenous Tutorial Support scheme that provides personal academic coaching and tutorial support, for each unit of study and come along to the Aboriginal Student Kinship (ASK) cultural activities and events.

Still have questions about what it is like at SCU? [contact us](#)

Yours Sincerely,



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