



Pathways to Swinburne Sarawak

SWINBURNE SARAWAK

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At Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus, people and technology work together to build a better world. You get the strength of an Australian education right here in Malaysia. Our programs focus on practical skills, strong industry links, and digital capability. Our Australian curriculum is shaped by industry needs and global standards, offering flexible study options, a great student experience, and strong career outcomes.

The Swinburne Sarawak pathway programs open doors to university for students in Sarawak and across the region, making higher education accessible and achievable.

Top 300 Globally	QS World University Rankings 2026
Top 300 Globally	Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026
TOP 25 Under 50*	THE Young University Rankings 2024 <small>*Best universities in the world under 50 years old</small>



More Pathways, More Opportunities

Taking your first steps into a Swinburne Sarawak pathway program means you're on the right path to a successful future.

Which pathway is right for you?

Foundation Studies

Foundation Studies prepares you for your first year at Swinburne Sarawak. The Foundation year offers subjects in:

- Business
- Design
- Engineering/Science
- Information Technology/Multimedia

The Swinburne Foundation Studies is for

- Those who are still deciding on their career path; or
- Those who do not qualify for direct entry into undergraduate studies.

Diploma Programs

Swinburne's diplomas give you the focus and professional skills in your chosen field. The curriculum combines core and discipline-specific subjects that align directly with a Swinburne undergraduate degree.

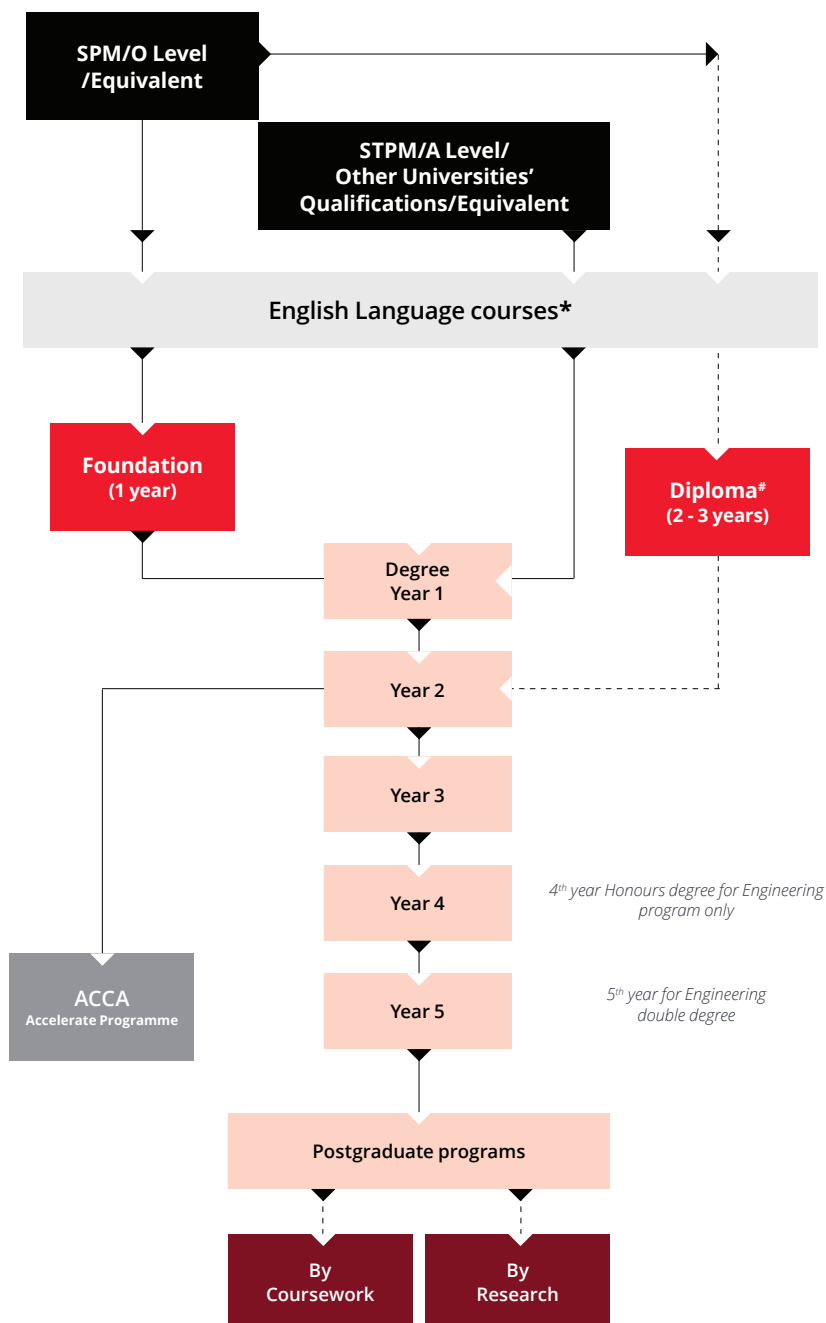
A diploma qualification also gives you the pathway to transition seamlessly into the 2nd year of your chosen undergraduate degree.*

A diploma qualification is ideal if you are:

- planning to enter the workforce or to continue to further studies
- looking for practical skills and
- knowledge in a specific field.

* with exemptions

Your pathway options



Our degrees take 3 years to complete. Honours degrees take 4 years, and double degrees take 5 years. You can also start the ACCA professional program in your second year of study.

* students who do not meet the English Language requirement

direct entry into 2nd year degree, with exemptions



Foundation Studies

The Swinburne Foundation Studies is designed to prepare you for success at university by developing your fundamental communication, information technology and mathematics skills. You will also develop specialist skills in your chosen stream.

The Foundation Studies offers you guaranteed entry into first year of degree programs at Swinburne Sarawak or Swinburne Melbourne*.

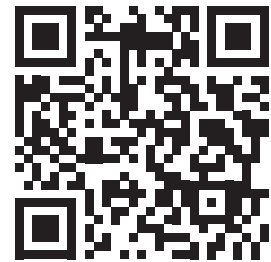
** upon successful completion and meeting all entry requirements*

Duration of Study

1 year

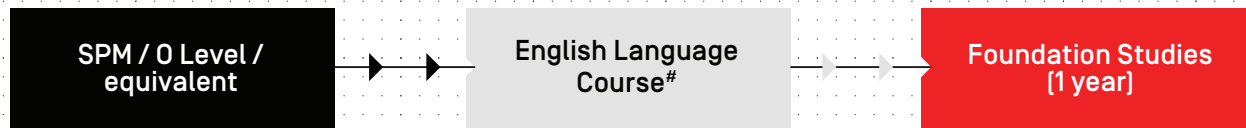
2026 Intake

January, March, April, June, September



Find out more

Academic pathway

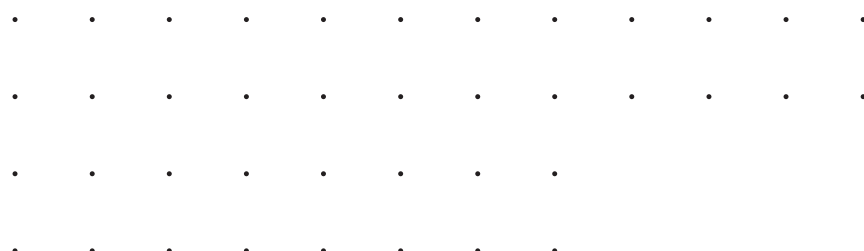


students who do not meet the English Language requirement

Why study Foundation Studies?

- **Focused syllabus:** Foundation Studies offer a focused syllabus tailored to the specific requirements of the degree program.
- **Gain a Head Start:** Foundation Studies is for just 12 months. That means you will gain a head start on your degree studies whilst being better prepared for undergraduate study.
- **Experience University Life:** This program offers the unique opportunity for you to experience university life and an academic environment before starting your degree.

You will build a strong academic foundation and gain essential knowledge across key study areas that prepare you for your chosen degree. Your entry into a Swinburne degree program is guaranteed upon successful completion of the Foundation Studies, and meeting the required academic requirements for a degree program.



Foundation Pathway

Foundation Studies	Business	Design	Engineering/ Science	IT/Multimedia
Common Units	FCL10001 Foundation English FCL10002 Academic Reading and Writing Skills			
Stream Units <i>Choose Two</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCE10020 Introductory Mathematics FSB10030 Accounting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSD10040 Design Studies FSD10041 Drawing and Illustration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCT10010 Information Technology FSE10021 Chemistry FSE10023 Linear Algebra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCT10010 Information Technology FST10012 Mathematics for Computing
Core Units			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSE10022 Calculus FSE10024 Introduction to Physics 	
Elective Units <i>Choose Four.</i> <i>For Engineering/ Science, choose 2 elective units and/ or from Stream Units</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCL10003 Creative Thinking and Communication Skills FCT10010 Information Technology FSB10031 Economics FSB10032 Law FSB10033 Marketing FSD10040 Design Studies FST10013 Multimedia FST10014 Programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCL10003 Creative Thinking and Communication Skills FCT10010 Information Technology FSB10031 Economics FSB10032 Law FSB10033 Marketing FCE10020 Introductory Mathematics FSB10030 Accounting FST10013 Multimedia FST10014 Programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCL10003 Creative Thinking and Communication Skills FSB10030 Accounting FSB10031 Economics FSB10032 Law FSB10033 Marketing FSE10025 Engineering Physics FSE10026 Introduction to Biology FST10013 Multimedia FST10014 Programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCL10003 Creative Thinking and Communication Skills FCE10020 Introductory Mathematics FST10013 Multimedia FST10014 Programming

The above study planner is for 2026 and serves as a guide only. Refer to the Program Study/Course Planner for the recommended sequence of units.



For consultation on units of study and study planner, chat with our Education Counsellors

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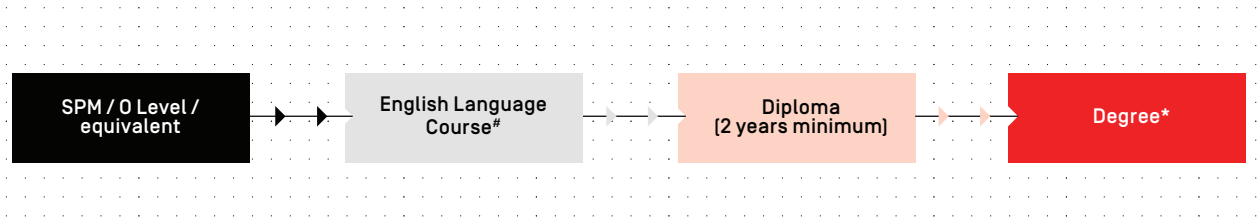
Diploma

A Swinburne diploma offers a practical and career-oriented pathway. Designed to equip you with workplace-ready skills, these diplomas provide a springboard for your chosen career. Diplomas are ideal whether you're seeking immediate employment or aiming to progress into a bachelor's degree.

A Swinburne diploma can be completed in as little as 2 years. Upon graduation, you'll have the option to directly enter into 2nd year degree with exemptions.

2026 Intake
March, September

Academic pathway



students who do not meet the English Language requirement
* direct entry into 2nd year degree, with exemptions

Why study for a diploma?

- **Fast track to 2nd year:** You will study subjects equivalent to that of 1st year undergraduate students, enabling you to fast track to the 2nd year of undergraduate study.
- **Hands-on and Practical:** Hands-on and practical skills development through industry projects and coursework that ensure you'll be job-ready.
- **Expert lecturers:** Our lecturers are experts in their field and are knowledgeable in helping you develop your academic skills while providing the feedback and support you need.

Upon meeting the specified admission criteria, a Swinburne diploma graduate may be eligible to pathway into a bachelor's degree program.



Diploma of Accountancy N/0411/4/0071 MQA/PSA15490 (20.01.2027)

Pathway Options

- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Media and Communication

To qualify for the Diploma of Accountancy, students must complete 225 credit points comprising:

- 3 compulsory units (37.5 credit points)
- 5 common units (62.5 credit points)
- 10 discipline units (125 credit points)

Duration: 2 years

Units of Study

Compulsory units

- DBC111 Preparatory English
- DBC121 Academic English
- DBF111 Introductory Mathematics

Core units

- DBB111 Acquiring Business Awareness
- DBI121 Information Technology
- DBE211 Economics
- DBE221 Principles of Economics
- DBI311 Introduction to Business Information System

Discipline units

- DBA134 Introduction to Accounting Information Systems
- DBA132 Financial Accounting I
- DBA232 Financial Accounting II
- DBA332 Financial Accounting III
- DBA231 Fundamentals of Management Accounting
- DBA233 Fundamentals of Financial Management
- DBL233 Business Law
- DBA331 Advanced Management Accounting
- DBA334 Introduction to Taxation
- DBA335 Introduction to Auditing

Non-credit units

- MPU2182 Penghayatan Etika dan Peradaban
- MPU2272 Integrity and Anti-Corruption
- MPU2412 Service Learning

Dual Diploma Option

Complete 18 units in Swinburne's Diploma of Accountancy (DOA) as well as 2 papers from ACCA's Diploma in Accounting and Business (DIAB). Upon completion, you'll be awarded testamurs for the DOA and the DIAB from ACCA.

Diploma of Business Management R2/0414/4/0140 MQA/SWA0011 (22.12.2025)

Pathway Options

- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Media and Communication

To qualify for the Diploma of Business Management, students must complete 225 credit points comprising:

- 14 core units of study (175 credit points)
- 4 specialisation units (50 credit points)
- 1 non-credit units.

Duration: 2 years

Units of Study

Compulsory units

- DBC111 Preparatory English
- DBB111 Acquiring Business Awareness
- DBA111 Recording Financial Transactions
- DBF111 Introductory Mathematics
- DBC121 Academic English
- DBI121 Information Technology
- DBM121 Marketing
- DBA132 Financial Accounting I
- DBL233 Business Law

- DBE211 Economics
- DBE221 Principles of Economics
- DBC212 Innovation and Change
- DBB221 Introduction to Management
- DBI311 Introduction to Business Information System

Specialisation units

- DBA231 Fundamentals of Management Accounting
- DBM221 Fundamentals of Marketing
- DBB311 Critical Thinking in Management
- DBC311 Communicating in the Workplace

Non-credit units

- MPU2182 Penghayatan Etika dan Peradaban
- MPU2272 Integrity and Anti-Corruption
- MPU2412 Service Learning



Diploma of Digital Media Design

N/0211/4/0001 MQA/PSA15871 (31.07.2027)

Pathway Options

- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Media and Communication

To qualify for the Diploma of Digital Media Design, students must complete 225 credit points comprising:

- 4 core units of study (50 credit points)
- 14 specialisation units (175 credit points)
- 1 non-credit units.

Duration: 2 years

Units of Study

Compulsory units

- DBC111 Preparatory English
- DBC121 Innovation and Change
- DBC121 Academic English
- DBC311 Communicating in the Workplace

Specialisation units

- DDA121 Introduction to Design Principles
- DDA111 Introduction to Digital Design
- DDA112 Introduction to Concepts and Narratives

- DDA122 Introduction to Typography
- DDA211 2D Animation
- DDA212 Photography
- DDA213 Interactive Design
- DDA214 Identity Design
- DDA221 3D Modelling and Animation
- DDA222 Video Production Techniques
- DDA311 Motion Graphics Design
- DDA312 Digital Media Design Project 1
- DDA321 Compositing and Post Production
- DDA322 Digital Media Design Project 2

Non-credit units

- MPU2182 Penghayatan Etika dan Peradaban
- MPU2272 Integrity and Anti-Corruption
- MPU2412 Service Learning

Diploma of Early Childhood Education

N/0112/4/0007 MQA/PSA 15872 (18.10.2027)

Pathway Options

- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Media and Communication
- Bachelor of Education**

**Available in Swinburne Melbourne

To qualify for the Diploma of Early Childhood Education, students must complete 225 credit points comprising:

- 4 core units of study (50 credit points)
- 14 specialisation units (175 credit points)
- 1 non-credit units.

Duration: 2.5 years

Units of Study

Compulsory units

- DBC111 Preparatory English
- DBC121 Academic English
- DBC212 Innovation and Change
- DBC311 Communicating in the Workplace

Specialisation units

- DEC111 Understanding Language and Literacy
- DEC112 Theories of Teaching and Learning
- DEC121 Learning and Communicating Online

- DEC122 The World of Maths
- DEC211 Social and Emotional Learning
- DEC212 Developing Literacy
- DEC213 Science and Technology
- DEC214 Imagining the World through Language and Literature
- DEC221 Introduction to Curriculum Planning and Assessment: Practicum 1
- DEC222 Imagining the World through the Arts
- DEC223 Contemporary Perspectives of Learning and Development for Early Childhood
- DEC224 Play and Environment
- DEC311 Curriculum Planning and Assessment: Practicum 2
- DEC312 Understanding and Supporting Behaviour

Non-credit units

- MPU2182 Penghayatan Etika dan Peradaban
- MPU2272 Integrity and Anti-Corruption
- MPU2412 Service Learning

Diploma of Information Technology N/0611/4/0014 MQA/PSA 15870 (03.03.2028)

Pathway Options

- Bachelor of Computer Science
- Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)(Software)

To qualify for the Diploma of Information Technology, students must complete 225 credit points comprising:

- 14 core units (175 credit points)
- 2 elective units (25 credit points)
- Industry Training (25 credit points)

Duration: 2 years

Units of Study

Compulsory units

- CSS101 Programming 1
- DBC111 Preparatory English
- CSS102 Discrete Mathematics and Calculus
- DBI211 Web Technologies And Cloud Computing
- DBI121 Information Technology
- CSS204 Data Structure
- CSS104 Database Management System

- CSS103 Fundamentals of Networking
- CSS207 Linear Algebra and Statistics
- CSS203 User Centred Design
- CSS202 System Analysis and Design
- CSS201 Programming 2
- CSS205 Network and Switching
- CSS301 Software Project

Elective units

- for Cybersecurity major
- CSS206 IT Security
- CSS303 Cyber Ethics

for Data Science major

- CSS208 Introduction to Data Science
- CSS305 Applied Data Science in Python

Non-credit units

- MPU2182 Penghayatan Etika dan Peradaban
- MPU2183 MPU2272 Integrity and Anti-Corruption
- MPU2412 Service Learning

Diploma of Quantity Surveying N/0734/4/0002 MQA/PSA14976 (14.12.2027)

Pathway Options

- Bachelor of Quantity Surveying

To qualify for the Diploma of Quantity Surveying, students must complete 275 credit points comprising:

- 16 core units (200 credit points)
- 4 elective units (50 credit points)
- 1 Industry Placement (25 credit points)

Duration: 2.5 years

Units of study

- QSD111 Measurement Project 1
- QSD112 Construction Technology 1
- QSD215 Construction Economics 1
- QSD113 Introduction to Building Services
- QSD221 Civil Engineering Works Measurement
- QSD224 Principle of Management
- QSD126 Construction Law and Contracts
- QSD121 Measurement Project 2
- QSD122 Construction Technology 2

- QSD225 Construction Economics 2
- QSD211 Measurement Project 3
- QSD212 Construction Technology 3
- QSD226 Planning and Building By Law
- QSD326 Professional Quantity Surveying Practice
- QSD324 Project Management for Construction
- QSD327 Estimating

4 elective units

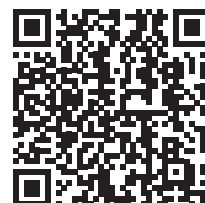
- QSD114 Engineering Land Surveying
- QSD124 Construction Materials and Specifications
- DBC111 Preparatory English
- DBC121 Academic English

1 Industry Placement

- QSD209 Industry Training



Scan here for study sequence and units of study offered



English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS)

Our English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) program is designed to help you improve your English language skills in preparation to study.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

Swinburne's preparatory English course, English for Academic Purposes (EAP), is designed to enhance your success in your chosen program. The course focuses on academic language, critical thinking and academic literacy skills.

Course structure

EAP aims to develop the English language skills needed to support your success at university. The program focuses on:

- Preparing assignments
- Taking notes and writing
- Communicating in multicultural environments
- Making presentations
- Improving your vocabulary

Entry requirements

Students need to show evidence of English proficiency. Students without any evidence of English proficiency can opt to sit for an English Placement test.

Intakes

February, May and September

Duration

10 weeks per level

Class hours

25 hours per week (including 5 hours e-learning)

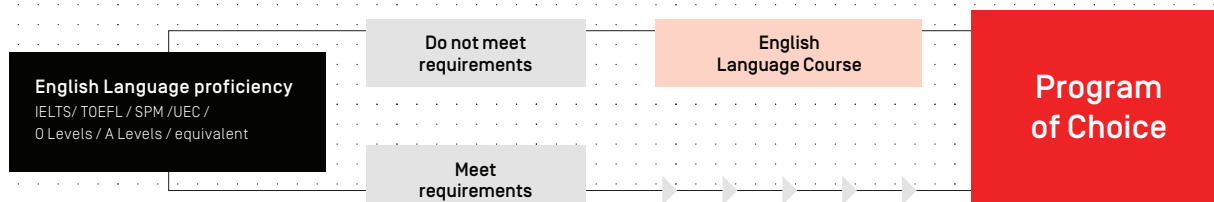


English for Academic Purposes (EAP)



Intensive English Course

English Entry Pathway



Swinburne Sarawak

Swinburne Sarawak boasts state-of-the-art learning and teaching facilities housed in a contemporary, custom-designed building. The city campus offers programs in arts, business, design, engineering, computing, and science.

Home to 3,500 students from more than 50 countries, on-campus life at Swinburne Sarawak is interesting, appealing, colourful and engaging.



How to Apply

You can apply direct to Swinburne Sarawak if you have met the Entry Requirements.



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