



Diploma of Visual Arts (Domestic students)

Program code	Commencing in	Prerequisites
8065	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2	NIL
Available at		Assumed knowledge
South Bank Campus		Any General or Applied English subject (Units 3&4, C)
Duration		
1 year full-time 2 years part-time		
Credit points		
80		

About this program

The Diploma of Visual Arts is a pathway program designed to help you transition into the Bachelor of Visual Arts. You'll develop foundational knowledge and skills in a supportive learning environment alongside your peers in the bachelor's degree, setting you up for success in your future studies. Once you've successfully completed this diploma, you'll be offered guaranteed entry into the second year of the [Bachelor of Visual Arts \(1651\)](#).

Within this program, you'll improve your creative thinking, and communication skills to guide you through the foundations of visual arts practice. Through a mix of critical thinking, innovation and collaboration, you'll gain the capacity to meet the future demand of many employers. Guided and accomplished artists, art historians and other industry leaders, you'll learn how international and intercultural perspectives shape the field of contemporary art.

In this diploma, you'll study introductory courses in Painting, Sculpture - Performance and Installation, Photography, Drawing and Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art. These courses underpin the foundations of our three-year Bachelor of Visual Arts program, and provide an important basis for studio practice or further art historical and curatorial study. Diploma of Visual Arts students will also experience foundation courses on academic writing, communication and digital literacy to help you accomplish your learning and professional goals. Students will have additional support and access to a dedicated First Year Coordinator and Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) run by high-achieving students.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Diploma of Visual Arts may be undertaken full-time at the South Bank campus. A full-time student will generally attend 12 hours of scheduled classes per week throughout the trimester. Classes are generally scheduled during the day, but some may be offered during the evening between Monday and Friday.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

My career opportunities

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Gain valuable transferable skills in critical thinking, problem-solving and visual analysis, which are well-suited to a wide range of workplaces. Diploma of Visual Arts graduates are sought after in the arts and recreation sectors, in welfare and community arts, media, education and technical services. Graduates will be able to analyse, plan, design and produce creative outcomes and approaches to complex problems in a range of contexts. Create your own path while pursuing your passions and professional ambitions.

Pathways to further study

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Combined diploma/degree

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