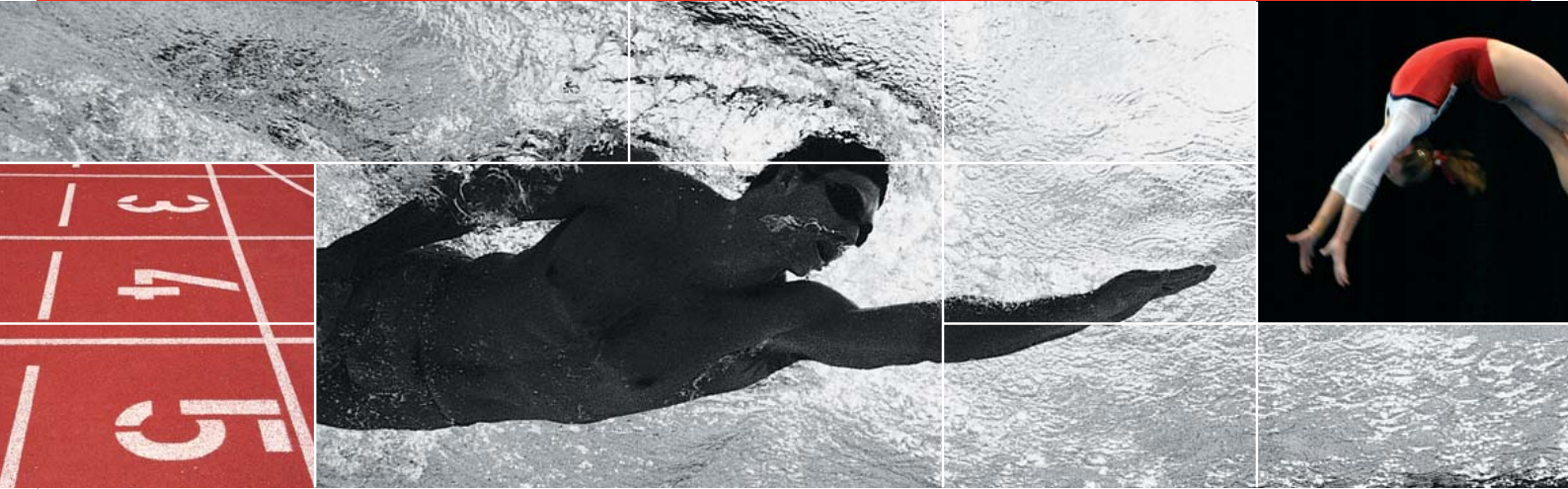




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ATHLETES PURSUING FURTHER STUDY: INFORMATION ABOUT AIS EDUCATION PARTNERS

Further study

You may be looking to enrol or continue with further study while at the AIS. Options include:

- > TAFE/Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT), including distance education networks
- > vocational training (including at the AIS through the Australian Vocational Training Academy)
- > university (there is an Elite Athlete Friendly University network that supports athletes to achieve academic excellence while also pursuing a sporting career).
- > Cross institutional or concurrent study (keeping your place at your home university while continuing to study towards your degree through similar accredited subjects at a different university).

Start getting organised early

You will need to organise your studies before you arrive at the AIS, so it is important to contact ACE as soon as possible. More information about all these options can be found in 'Questions and answers'.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

For athletes planning tertiary study

Want to start a university course for the first time?

If you are hoping to start a university degree you will have to apply through the relevant university admissions centre or submit a direct application to the university (depending on the course/university).

The closing date for on-time applications through an admission centre is 30 September, after which there is a late fee. The later you submit an application, the greater the risk of missing out on the main round offer. Please check with the specific university about closing dates for direct applications.

You should consider applying for a degree program:

- > offered by one of the three Canberra universities
- > that can be studied fully via distance education
- > that offers units via distance or online that could be credited as core units or electives
- > where the university/course convenor will allow first-year students to undertake cross-institutional study at another university that offers the same units but in a distance/external mode.

More information can be found at www.uac.edu.au

Hoping to start a TAFE or private provider course for the first time?

You may have to apply through the appropriate university admissions centre or submit a direct application to the TAFE/private provider (depending on the course/provider).

The closing date for on-time applications through an admissions centre is 30 September, after which there is a late fee. The later you submit an application, the greater the risk of missing out on the main round offer. Please check with the TAFE/provider about closing dates for direct applications.

You should consider applying for a:

- > course at the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT)
- > TAFE/provider course that can be studied fully via distance education
- > TAFE/provider course that offers some units via distance or online.

Already enrolled and want to continue studying while at the AIS?

You will need to consider the following options and check with your university which is most appropriate and likely to be approved:

- > Study core or elective units flexibly even though your university is not a distance education provider
- > Study core or elective units through an off-campus mode (distance/online) offered at your current university
- > Study core or elective units cross institutionally through an external provider and have the units credited directly to your home university degree
- > Transfer your degree to either a Canberra university or a distance education course at another university.

Considering vocational training opportunities at the AIS?

The AIS offers a number of vocational courses through the Australian Vocational Training Academy (AVTA), a Canberra-based and nationally recognised training company. These include:

- > Certificate III in Fitness — there are no existing entry requirements and the job outcome for this qualification is as a fitness instructor. Successful participants may move onto a Certificate IV in Fitness or gain an elective credit for undergraduate study at some universities.
- > Certificate IV in Fitness — the current entry requirement is the Certificate III in Fitness (but they can also be completed at the same time). The job outcome for this qualification is as a personal trainer. Successful participants may move onto the Diploma of Fitness or gain an elective credit for undergraduate study at some universities.

Courses can also be undertaken through AVTA in the areas of business, small business management, franchising, hospitality, building and construction, carpentry, bricklaying, concreting and roof tiling.

See www.avtacademy.com.au

What is cross-institutional study?

Cross-institutional study or concurrent study allows you to keep your place at your home university, but continue studying towards your degree by taking similar accredited subjects/units at a different university. Organising cross-institutional study can be a long process which depends on places being available and the faculty's discretion. It requires permission from both your home university and the university where you plan to study. There are cut-off dates for this type of enrolment and it is highly recommended that you get started as soon as possible.

What is flexible study?

Flexible study is where a course convenor allows a student to enrol in a face-to-face/internal unit but complete the unit without being present in any lecture/lab/tutorial class, even though the unit is not offered by distance or online. This mode of study is organised through an arrangement made by the student and course convenor.

What is the Elite Athlete Friendly University network?

The Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) network supports Australia's elite athletes to achieve academic excellence while also pursuing a sporting career. A total of 38 universities across Australia are members of the EAFU network. Each has an EAFU contact person to support elite athletes within their university. The contact provides:

- > advice and guidance on academic planning
- > support in negotiating flexibility to meet academic requirements
- > advocacy within the university environment
- > support in negotiating and/or implementing cross-institutional study or credit transfer arrangements
- > advice and support to local ACE or related personnel.

See www.ausport.gov.au/participating/career_and_education/university_network

What are 'Special Consideration Elite Athlete Programs' or 'Elite Athlete Schemes'?

Some universities may offer special consideration to those elite athletes who have had outstanding sporting, recreational and/or vocational performances and commitments, and who require assistance to meet the normal entry criteria when applying. Check the university website or contact the EAFU contact at the university to check if such schemes or programs are available.

What about the United States college scholarship program?

Athletes considering going to the United States require a specific range of school subjects and a 'C' grade average from Years 9 to 12.

Becoming eligible for a US college involves meeting a number of standards set by the US governing bodies.

The ACE program arranges information sessions for athletes interested in applying for US colleges and provides contact details of consultants through the US Consulate who can assist further with eligibility and registration processes.

How many subjects do AIS athletes study at university?

Some AIS athletes study full time (three or four subjects) while others study part time (one or two subjects). This varies depending on training and competition load each semester.

Who can assist with getting studies organised?

- > ACE, if you hold an AIS scholarship
- > Head of the faculty at the university or TAFE you are hoping to attend
- > University or TAFE course coordinator overseeing the degree or program you are hoping to attend
- > EAFU contact at the university you are hoping to attend

NEXT STEPS

Contacts

- > If you have accepted a scholarship at the AIS, contact the AIS ACE program on (02) 6214 1265.
- > If you are currently a scholarship holder with a state or territory institute/academy of sport, contact your state or territory institute/academy ACE program.

Enrolment forms

For enrolment in further studies

- > If you are applying to start a university degree or TAFE course for the first time, submit the 'New students at university/TAFE' form.
- > If you are already enrolled at a university and want to continue studying while at the AIS, submit the 'Continue with current enrolment at university' form.
- > If you are already enrolled at a TAFE or with a private provider and want to continue studying while at the AIS, submit the 'Continue with current enrolment at TAFE/private providers' form.

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