

Stage 2 Subjects

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SUBJECTS

English

English

Students read a range of texts and learn how to analyse stylistic features and how they contribute to and enhance the content. They learn about different types of texts and different interpretations and perspectives. They also explore how language can shape a message and be used as a vital communication tool.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/english>

English Literary Studies

This subject helps you to develop critical thinking skills and choose and use language to communicate effectively. Students explore how literary texts represent culture and identity and shows the relationships between authors, audiences, and texts. They also have opportunities to exchange and develop ideas, learn to construct logical and convincing arguments, and consider a range of critical interpretations of texts.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/essential-english>

Essential English

Students create and respond to texts from a range of contexts: personal, social, cultural, community or the workplace. They also learn how to interpret information and use language to communicate and create meaning.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/essential-english>

Mathematics

Essential Mathematics

Students extend their mathematical skills for use in everyday and workplace contexts. They develop practical problem-solving skills to apply in diverse settings, such as everyday calculations, financial management, business applications, measurement and geometry, and statistics.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/essential-mathematics>

General Mathematics

Students study a diverse range of applications of mathematics, including personal financial management, the statistical investigation process, modelling using linear and non-linear functions, and discrete modelling using networks and matrices

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/general-mathematics>

Mathematical Methods

Mathematical Methods will extend your mathematical knowledge, skills, and understanding, and allows students to study calculus and statistics. By mathematically modelling physical processes, students will develop a greater understanding of aspects of the physical world.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/mathematical-methods>

Specialist Mathematics

Specialist Mathematics draws on and deepens students' mathematical knowledge, skills, and understanding, and provides opportunities for them to develop their skills in using rigorous mathematical arguments and proofs, and using mathematical models. It includes the study of functions and calculus.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/specialist-mathematics>

Humanities

Integrated Learning – Criminal Justice

Students examine fundamental features of the South Australian criminal justice legal system and reflect on how they help to achieve or impede justice. Topics covered include the causes of crime, impacts of crime, sentencing offenders and the prison system.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/integrated-learning>

Media Studies

Students develop media literacy and production skills. They research, discuss and analyse media issues, and interact with, and create media products.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/web/media-studies>

Modern History

Students explore changes within the world since 1750, examining developments and movements, the ideas that inspired them, and their short-term and long-term consequences for societies and individuals.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/web/modern-history/stage-1/subject-outline>

Society and Culture

Students explore and analyse the interactions of people, societies, cultures and environments. They learn how social, political, historical, environmental, economic and cultural factors affect different societies, and how people function in across cultural groups.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/society-and-culture>

Spiritualities, Religion and Meaning

In this subject, students explore issues, concepts, and ideas; and reflect on personal and shared meaning within one or more spiritualities and/or religions.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/web/spiritualities-religion-and-meaning/stage-2/subject-outline/subject-description>

Women's Studies

Students look at the world from the perspectives of women. They identify complex and contradictory ideas that exist about femininity and masculinity, and how being a woman or a man may influence an individual's experiences and expectations.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/womens-studies>

Science

Biology

In this subject students explore and explain everyday observations, find solutions to biological problems, understand how biological science affects life, society, and the environment, and evaluate the impact of human activity on the natural world.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/biology>

Chemistry

In this subject students develop an understanding of the interaction between human activities and the environment. They learn how scientific understanding is dynamic and changes with new evidence, and explore options such as green or sustainable chemistry, which seeks to reduce the environmental impact of chemical products and processes.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/chemistry>

Physics

Students use qualitative and quantitative models, laws and theories to better understand matter, forces, energy and the interactions among them. They learn about natural phenomena, such as the subatomic world, and make predictions about them.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/physics>

Psychology

This subject sits between the life sciences and the humanities, with two consequences. First, psychology can, as a discipline, emphasise connections to either the sciences or the humanities. Second, it draws teachers and students whose backgrounds and interests lie both in the humanities and in the sciences.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/psychology>

Scientific Studies

Students apply inquiry-based approaches to design, plan, and undertake investigations on a short term or more extended scale, responding to local or global situations. They employ a scientific approach to collecting, representing, and analysing data using technological tools effectively. Students communicate scientifically to draw evidence-based conclusions that may lead to further testing, exploring more effective methods or solutions, or new questions.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/scientific-studies>

Business, Enterprise and Technology

Business Innovation

Students develop their knowledge, skills, and understandings to engage in designing, sustaining, and transforming business in the modern world. They engage with complex, dynamic real-world problems, to identify and design, test, iterate, and communicate viable business solutions

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/business-innovation>

Digital Technologies

Students create practical, innovative solutions to problems of interest. They identify trends to examine sustainable solutions to problems in business, industry, the environment and the community; and they investigate how potential solutions are influenced by current and projected social, economic, environmental, scientific and ethical considerations.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/digital-technologies>

Digital Communication Solutions

Students use symbols, signs, behaviour, speech, light, images and sound to design and make products that communicate information. Students produce outcomes that show the knowledge and skills associated with the manipulation of digital communication media.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/web/design-technology-and-engineering/stage-1/subject-outline/contexts/digital-communication-solutions>

Material Solutions

Students use a diverse range of manufacturing technologies such as tools, machines, and/or systems to create a product using appropriate materials. Students produce outcomes that demonstrate the knowledge and skills associated with using systems, processes, and materials such as metals and wood.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/web/design-technology-and-engineering/stage-1/subject-outline/contexts/material-solutions>

Information Processing and Publishing

Students use technology to design publications and presentations for a range of contexts. They develop practical skills around project management and the use of computer hardware and software, evaluate processes and products, and report on the outcome.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/information-processing-and-publishing>

Workplace Practices

Students develop knowledge, skills and understanding of the nature, type and structure of the workplace. They learn about the value of unpaid work to society, future work trends, workers' rights and responsibilities, and career planning.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/workplace-practices>

Health and Physical Education

Child Studies

Students learn about children's growth and development from conception to 8 years. They critically examine attitudes and values about parenting and caregiving, and develop a variety of research, management and practical skills.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/child-studies>

Food and Hospitality

Students explore contemporary approaches and issues related to food to hospitality. They develop skills and safe work practices in the preparation, storage and handling of food, complying with current health and safety legislation.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/food-and-hospitality>

Nutrition

Students investigate the role of nutrients in the body as well as social and environmental issues in nutrition. They explore the links between food, health, and diet-related diseases, and examine factors that influence food choices.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/nutrition>

Physical Education

Students explore the participation in, and performance of, human physical activities. Students explore their physical capacities and investigate the factors that influence and improve participation and performance outcomes.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/physical-education>

Integrated Learning – Sports Studies

Students apply their knowledge and skills to a real-world task, event, learning opportunity, or context, which leads to a specific purpose, product, or outcome. They develop and show their collaboration, teamwork, and self-awareness, and evaluate their learning.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/integrated-learning>

Creative Arts

Creative Arts

Students undertake a specialised study within or across one or more arts disciplines. They actively participate in the development and presentation of products, such as musicals, concerts, visual art, digital media, film and video vocal groups or other ensembles.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/creative-arts>

Music Explorations

Music Explorations emphasises learning through exploring and experimenting with music.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/music-explorations>

Music Performance – Ensemble

Students develop and extend their practical music-making skills through performing works in an ensemble.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/music-performance-ensemble>

Music Performance – Solo

Students develop and extend their practical music-making skills through performing works for instrument(s) and/or voice.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/music-performance-solo>

Music Studies

Music Studies aims to develop a complete musician: performer, composer/arranger, musicologist, and critic.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/music-studies>

Visual Arts – Art and Visual Arts – Design

Students research, analyse, explore and experiment with media and technique, and resolve and produce practical work. They use visual thinking and investigation to develop ideas and concepts, refine technical skills, and produce imaginative solutions.

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/visual-arts-art>

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/subjects/visual-arts-design>

VET COURSES



TAFE SA Courses

VET courses delivered by TAFE

Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)

This course opens the door to careers in the areas of domestic and commercial electrical installations, electrical power generation and distribution, telecommunications and security systems, air-conditioning and refrigeration, instrumentation and process control, renewable and sustainable energy, and electric vehicles and rail transport. Students will learn the fundamental electrical knowledge and skills to be work ready. It also provides a pathway to those who are wanting to gain an apprenticeship as an Electrician. If an apprenticeship is obtained many of the units are transferable to Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician (UEE30820). This course is highly regarded as a benchmark for applying for apprenticeships with major South Australian electrical companies.

Cost - \$260.00 (approx.) subsidised co-payment + \$170 for textbook + \$120 (approx.) for personal protective equipment.

Certificate II in Cookery

This is an introductory level course that gives students the basic knowledge and skills required to start a career in the kitchen. Students learn the basics in food preparation and workplace hygiene and develop their cookery skills.

Cost - \$266.50 subsidised co-payment + \$120 (approx.) for uniform + \$150 (approx.) for knife set.

Certificate II in Salon Assist (12 months)

Students gain practical skills in hairdressing and barbering and learn how to interact with clients provide hairdressing and barbering services. It is a requirement that a black shirt and black pants are worn as per workplace standards. An optional TAFE SA t-shirt can be purchased for \$40.00.

Cost - \$204.75- \$211.25 subsidised co-payment + \$350- \$495 equipment kit.

Certificate II in Automotive Servicing Technology (12 months)

Students gain the skills to identify, inspect and perform basic repairs to the mechanical and electrical components of light and heavy vehicles, outdoor power equipment, bicycles, marine craft and motorcycles. Additional homework is required to manage the online components to complete the qualification.

Cost - \$273.00 subsidised co-payment + \$150 (approx.) for personal protective equipment.

Certificate II in Engineering Pathways (12 months)

This qualification delivers broad-based skills and knowledge in a range of engineering and manufacturing tasks. Additional homework is required to manage the online components to complete the qualification.

Cost - \$247.00 - \$266.50 subsidised co-payment + \$150 (approx.) for personal protective equipment.

Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation

This qualification delivers practical skills and fundamental operational knowledge needed to work in heavy industries, such as enter and work in confined spaces and work safely at heights. A Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation is a pathway qualification and will prepare students to successfully undertake a sector specified Certificate III from the Resources and Infrastructure Industry.

Cost - \$195 subsidised co-payment + \$150 (approx.) for personal protective equipment.



Foundation Education Courses

VET courses delivered by Foundation Education (online)

Certificate II in Workplace Skills (12 – 24 months)

This course sets students up to enter the workforce and quickly find their first job. The skills they learn in this course can prepare them for an entry-level role in any professional environment, for example as a receptionist an administrative assistant.

Cost - \$799

Certificate III in Business (12 – 24 months)

This qualification equips students with the knowledge and skills to work productively in a variety of workplace settings. This business course could lead to a career as a personal assistant, an administration officer or a work processing operator.

Cost - \$799

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (12 – 24 months)

Students learn how to support the development of children's literacy and numeracy skills and contribute to the management of a learning environment. Students must complete 120 hours of vocational placement to achieve this qualification.

Cost - \$799

Certificate III in Education Support (12 – 24 months)

Learn how to support the behavior of children and young people, implement education programs and contribute to the organisation and management of the classroom. Students must complete 100 hours of vocational placement to achieve this qualification.

Cost - \$999

Certificate II in Sport and Recreation (12 – 24 months)

This qualification equips students with skills to provide support in delivering sports and recreation programs, grounds and facilities maintenance, retail, customer service assistance and administrative assistance.

Cost - \$799

Certificate III in Sport and Recreation (12 – 24 months)

This qualification gives students the knowledge and skills needed to work in operational and customer support positions in the sport or community recreation industries.

Cost - \$799

Certificate III Fitness

The course provides students with the knowledge and skills to enjoy an active role as a gym Instructor or group exercise instructor in a fitness environment. Students will also gain the skills to supervise a facility or service, competently handle a range of customer enquiries, and learn to keep a fitness centre clean and well-maintained for the safety of future clients.

Cost - \$799



Academy of Interactive Entertainment Courses

VET courses delivered by AIE (online)

Certificate III in Screen and Media (Game Art Foundations)

This course teaches students how to develop 3D environments, characters and animation for interactive games. Game art is being used in traditional areas such as architecture, product design and filmmaking, as well as emerging technologies such as VR and AR.

Certificate III in Information Technology (Game Development Foundations)

This course enables students to create 3D games using the powerful Unity 3D game engine. Students will be introduced to industry standard tools and techniques for game development.

* Visit <https://aie.edu.au/courses/> for AIE course and price information

PLEASE NOTE

- The prices listed in this document were accurate at the time of publication, but may change
- Students who undertake VET courses through TAFE, Foundation Education, AIPT and AIE may be entitled to a reduction in school fees
- Students are encouraged to access SACE and VET information online before making their final subject decisions for 2024