

# First year transition

All first year students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, or the combined Arts/Science, Commerce/Science or Science/Information Systems degrees will have an hour for Science 101 scheduled in their semester 1 timetable.

## Subject description

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### 600-101 Science 101

**Coordinator:** K Baker, D Gleeson, M Livett, D McFadyen

**Contact:** Two 1-hour workshops in the first two weeks and a 1-hour study group each week for the remainder of the semester 1 (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject provides the student with a set of basic skills with which to tackle first year science subjects and make an effective transition to university studies.

The program includes workshops focusing on:

- challenges of first-year university;
- lecture note taking;
- preparation for workshops, tutorials and practical classes;
- time management;
- independent learning techniques;
- how to seek assistance from academic staff and Faculty staff;
- raising awareness about support systems on campus; and
- creating early links for students to fellow students.

All participating students will be also allocated to a study group which will meet for one hour a week for the semester with other first year students and a postgraduate student facilitator. The study groups will further develop the workshop themes, as well as providing an environment for students to learn co-operatively.

**Assessment:** None.

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### 615-101 Information Systems 101

**Note:** This subject is only available to students enrolled in an Information Systems single degree, combined degree or Diploma course.

This subject leads to the Professional Skills Program for Information Systems students (PSP). Students complete 615-101 before enrolling in either 615103 or 615203.

**Coordinator:** Karen Mecoles

**Contact:** Two 1-hour workshops in weeks one and two followed by a 1-hour study group each week from week three (*Semester 1, repeat 2*).

**Description:** This subject provides students with a set of academic skills, social and academic contact that will enhance each student's first- and second-year studies. It enables the student to more easily tackle first-year subjects and ease the sometimes difficult transition to university studies.

The program includes workshops focusing on:

- challenges of first-year university,
- lecture strategies and note taking,
- preparation for workshops, tutorials and practical classes,
- time management,
- independent learning techniques,
- how to seek assistance from academic staff and Faculty staff,
- raising awareness about support systems on campus, and
- creating early social links and interaction with other students.

**Assessment:** None

