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NAWALOKA COLLEGE OF HIGHER STUDIES



# NCHS to Swinburne

## Your international pathway

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This brochure is intended for 2025 NCHS students.

# Why choose Swinburne?

In 2014, Swinburne University of Technology and Nawaloka College of Higher Studies (NCHS) formed a partnership to offer an accessible pathway into higher education.

The decade-long partnership has provided countless Sri Lankan students with pathways to a global education and international career opportunities.

Swinburne is committed to transforming the future of education by giving students the knowledge, adaptability and experience they need to make a lasting impact on the workplaces of tomorrow. We create future-ready graduates by taking our students outside the conventional classroom and introducing them to new and different ways of learning and thinking. Their future readiness comes from hands-on experience, industry leaders, the world around us, and from one another.



**#24**  
GLOBALLY

We rank 24th in the world's universities under 50 years old  
Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2024

**AWARD WINNER**

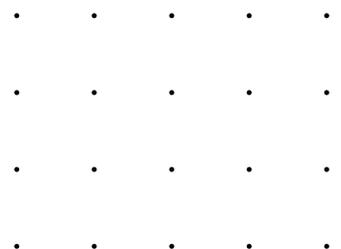
For our Work Integrated Learning program  
Australian Financial Review's Higher Education Awards 2024

**AACSB**  
ACCREDITATION

Swinburne Business School is ranked in the top 6% globally with AACSB International accreditation

**TOP 75**  
GLOBALLY

And 4th in Australia in the subject of Computer Science and Engineering  
2024 ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects



# Swinburne pathway course information

## Swinburne Foundation Program

🕒 8 months 📍 Colombo, Kandy  
📅 February, June, October © 113264C

Swinburne Foundation Program is a pathway course for Sri Lankan students to develop fundamental academic skills and make a smooth transition into university.

Completing the program will allow students to enter the first year of a related undergraduate degree once the entry requirements and prerequisites have been met. Alternatively, students can continue studying in a supportive environment through a UniLink diploma, before entering (in most cases) into the second year of a bachelor degree.

Students will also complete General Mathematics as part of the program.

Course structure



## UniLink diplomas

UniLink diplomas are accredited, award-level higher education qualifications designed to provide a seamless connection from diploma to bachelor degree at Swinburne. Students will have access to additional support through more one-on-one time with teachers and smaller class sizes. Upon completion of a UniLink diploma, students may receive academic credit of up to one year, reducing the time required to complete a related bachelor degree at either Swinburne's Hawthorn or Sarawak campus.

### Diploma of Business (UniLink)

🕒 8 months 📍 Colombo, Kandy  
📅 February, June, October © 085473G

In the Diploma of Business, students will learn a broad range of knowledge in key areas of commerce, such as marketing, economics and accounting. They'll develop key skills in problem solving, networking and communication through an entrepreneurial mindset.

Course structure



### Diploma of Information Technology (UniLink)

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📅 February, June, October © 085475F

Through Swinburne's Diploma of Information Technology, students will gain an understanding of database-modelling techniques and how to use them. They'll learn about computing hardware and software, as well as web-based applications and cloud computing.

Course structure



### Diploma of Engineering (UniLink)

🕒 8 months 📍 Colombo  
📅 February, June, October © 085477D

By studying the Diploma of Engineering, students will learn about standard engineering practices and principles. They'll gain a broad knowledge of material analysis, kinematics, and sustainable practices and will learn how to make evaluations and calculations when designing and planning a project.

**Prerequisite subject:** General Mathematics (completed as part of Swinburne Foundation Program)

Course structure

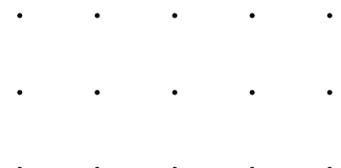


### Diploma of Health Science (UniLink)

🕒 8 months 📍 Colombo  
📅 February, June, October © 088689A

In the Diploma of Health Science, students will study concepts, theories, practices and evidence relating to health science in today's world. They'll learn about global health issues facing individuals and communities.

Course structure



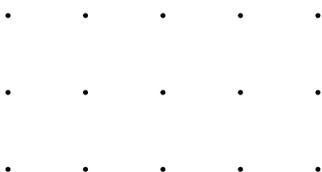
# Entry requirements

Course	Entry requirements	English requirements
<b>Swinburne Foundation Program</b>	<p><b>Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements:</b></p> <p><b>UK/Cambridge GCE O-level:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory completion of a minimum of three subjects; or</li> <li>Predicted grade: pass in three subjects with an average C grade or higher.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sri Lankan GCE O-level:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory completion of a minimum of three subjects.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements:</b></p> <p><b>UK/Cambridge GCE O-level<sup>^</sup>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C grade or four.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sri Lankan GCE O-level<sup>^</sup>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C grade in either English Language or Appreciation of English Literacy Texts.</li> </ul> <p><b>IELTS (Academic Module):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall 5.5 with no individual band below 5.0.</li> </ul> <p><b>PTE Academic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>42 (no communicative skill less than 36).</li> </ul>
<b>Diploma of Business (UniLink)</b>	<p><b>Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements:</b></p> <p><b>UK/Cambridge GCE A-level*:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory completion of a minimum of three subjects; or</li> <li>Predicted grade: minimum of three passes and minimum score of six.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sri Lankan GCE A-level*:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory completion of a minimum of three subjects.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other recognised pathways*:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of the Australian College of Business and Technology (ACBT) University Foundation Program and Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT) Foundation Programs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements:</b></p> <p><b>UK/Cambridge GCE O-level<sup>^</sup>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C grade or four.</li> </ul> <p><b>UK/Cambridge GCE A-level<sup>^</sup>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C grade in one of: AS or A level general paper, AS or A level general studies, AS or A level English Literature, AS or A level English Language and Literature, or AS or A level English language.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sri Lankan GCE O-level<sup>^</sup>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C grade for English Language in Sri Lankan GCE O-level and successful completion of Sri Lankan GCE A-level.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sri Lankan GCE A-level<sup>^</sup>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C grade for General English.</li> </ul> <p><b>IELTS (Academic Module):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall 5.5 with no individual band below 5.0.</li> </ul> <p><b>PTE Academic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>42 (no communicative skill less than 36).</li> </ul>
<b>Diploma of Information Technology (UniLink)</b>		
<b>Diploma of Engineering (UniLink)</b>		
<b>Diploma of Health Science (UniLink)</b>		

<sup>^</sup> Not more than three years before commencing their course at Swinburne.

\* Students seeking entry into the Diploma of Engineering (UniLink) will need to have completed a year 12 equivalent mathematics unit to meet the course prerequisites.

For applicants with pending Sri Lankan GCE O-level/A-level results, please consult with NCHS for further information about your options

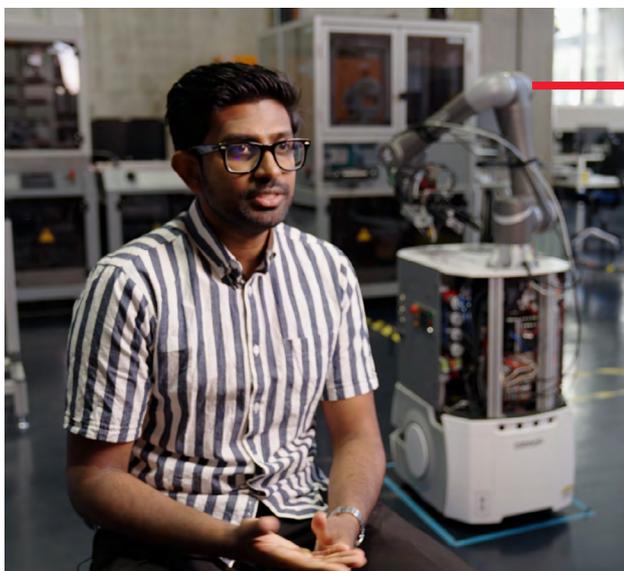


# Planning your future

Swinburne's pathway courses allow students to seamlessly transition into a range of related bachelor degrees. This table outlines the available pathways that provide 100 points of academic credit for entry into specific degrees. Students interested in pursuing other degrees that are not listed in this table should contact NCHS for further information.

Foundation	UniLink diploma	Bachelor degree
Entry after UK and Sri Lanka IGCSE/GCE O-levels (or equivalent)	Entry after UK and Sri Lanka GCE A-levels (or equivalent)	
<p>Swinburne Foundation Program</p>	<p>Diploma of Business (UniLink)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Accounting</li> <li>• Bachelor of Arts</li> <li>• Bachelor of Aviation Management</li> <li>• Bachelor of Business</li> <li>• Bachelor of Business Analytics and Analysis</li> <li>• Bachelor of Games and Interactivity*</li> <li>• Bachelor of Health Science*</li> <li>• Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology*</li> <li>• Bachelor of Media and Communication</li> </ul>
	<p>Diploma of Engineering (UniLink)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Aviation Management</li> <li>• Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)</li> </ul>
	<p>Diploma of Health Science (UniLink)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Biomedical Science</li> <li>• Bachelor of Health Science*</li> <li>• Bachelor of Nutrition*</li> <li>• Bachelor of Psychological Sciences*</li> <li>• Bachelor of Science*</li> </ul>
	<p>Diploma of Information Technology (UniLink)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Aviation Management</li> <li>• Bachelor of Business</li> <li>• Bachelor of Business Analytics and Analysis</li> <li>• Bachelor of Computer Science</li> <li>• Bachelor of Data Science</li> <li>• Bachelor of Games and Interactivity*</li> <li>• Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology</li> </ul>

\* The remaining course duration of the bachelor degree may vary, depending on the selected major and/or semester intake



## Leshan Silva

NCHS-Swinburne transfer student

Hear from Leshan, a NCHS-Swinburne transfer student, on how his success through the program helped him transition to Australia and launch his career as a Graduate Engineer at the HYDAC Group, Australia.



# Contact us

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