SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
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NAWALOKA COLLEGE OF HIGHER STUDIES





NCHS to Swinburne

Your international pathway

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This brochure is intended for 2026 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.



TOP 300 **GLOBALLY**	Ranked in the world's top 300 universities Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026
#146 **GLOBALLY**	Ranked 146th in the world's universities US News: Best Global Universities Rankings 2025–2026
AACSB **ACCREDITATION**	Swinburne Business School is ranked in the top 6% globally with AACSB International accreditation
TOP 34 **GLOBALLY**	And #1 in Australia in the subject of Computer Science and Engineering ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2025



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)

8 months Colombo, Kandy
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

Key Duration Location Intake CRICOS code

Entry requirements

Course	Entry requirements	English requirements
Swinburne Foundation Program	**Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements:** **UK/Cambridge GCE O-level:** • Successful completion of IGCSE/GCSE's at Grade 4 or above in a minimum of 3 subjects OR four AS-Level subjects equalling a total of 36 UCAS Tariff points **Sri Lankan GCE O-level:** • Satisfactory completion of a minimum of three subjects.	**Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements:** **UK/Cambridge GCE O-level^:** • C grade or four. **Sri Lankan GCE O-level^:** • C grade in either English Language or Appreciation of English Literacy Texts. **IELTS (Academic Module):** • Overall 5.5 with no individual band below 5.0. **PTE Academic:** • 42 (no communicative skill less than 36).
Diploma of Business (UniLink) **Diploma of Information Technology (UniLink)** **Diploma of Engineering (UniLink)** **Diploma of Health Science (UniLink)**	**Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements:** **UK/Cambridge GCE A-level*:** • Successful completion of 2 A-Levels or 1 A-Level and 2 or more AS-Level equalling a total fo 48 UCAS Tariff points; or • Predicted grade: Successful completion of 2 A-Levels or 1 A-Level and 2 or mote AS-Level equalling a total of 56 UCAS Tariff points **Sri Lankan GCE A-level*:** • Satisfactory completion of a minimum of two subjects. **Other recognised pathways*:** • Successful completion of the Australian College of Business and Technology (ACBT) University Foundation Program and Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT) Foundation Programs. • Successful completion of UK BTEC Level 3 Extended of Full Diploma with a Merit overall.	**Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements:** **UK/Cambridge GCE O-level^:** • C grade or four. **UK/Cambridge GCE A-level^:** • 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. **Sri Lankan GCE O-level^:** • C grade for English Language in Sri Lankan GCE O-level **Sri Lankan GCE A-level^:** • C grade for General English. **IELTS (Academic Module):** • Overall 5.5 with no individual band below 5.0. **PTE Academic:** • 42 (no communicative skill less than 36).
Applicants with pending Sri Lankan GCE O-level/A-level results		
Swinburne Foundation Program	**Applicants with pending Sri Lankan GCE O-level results seeking selection at Colombo and Kandy may apply by submitting:** • Evidence that Sri Lankan GCE O-level exams have been sat for; and • Acknowledgement of provisional enrolment pending official Sri Lankan GCE O-level results.	**Applicants seeking provisional enrolment MUST undertake a Versant English Placement Test (VEPT) supervised on campus at NCHS and achieve a minimum overall score of 58.** *Students will still need to meet Sri Lankan GCE O-level English requirements when results are released to continue studies.*
UniLink diplomas	**Applicants with pending A-level results seeking selection at Colombo and Kandy may apply by submitting:** • Evidence of successful completion of Sri Lankan GCE O-level examinations with a minimum of five passes (including the English language subject)^; and • Evidence of completion of Sri Lankan GCE A-level examinations in the respective year*; and • Acknowledgement of provisional enrolment pending official Sri Lankan GCE A-level results.	**Sri Lankan GCE O-level^:** • C Grade for English Language in GCE O-level. **IELTS (Academic Module):** • Overall 5.5 with no individual band below 5.0. **PTE Academic:** • 42 (no communicative skill less than 36).

^ *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.*

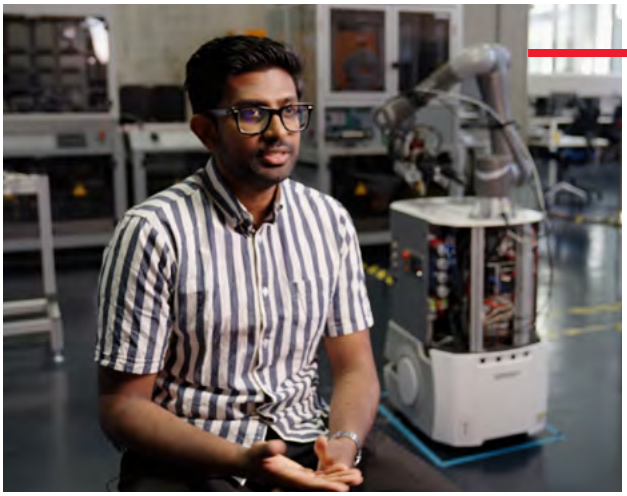
Entry requirements are valid as of June 2026 however is subject to change. For the latest entry requirements please visit https://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/international/apply/entry-requirements/

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)**	
	Diploma of Business (UniLink) →	• Bachelor of Accounting • Bachelor of Arts • Bachelor of Aviation Management • Bachelor of Business • Bachelor of Business Analytics • Bachelor of Games and Interactivity* • Bachelor of Health Science* • Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology* • Bachelor of Media and Communication
	Diploma of Engineering (UniLink) →	• Bachelor of Aviation and Piloting^ • Bachelor of Aviation Management • Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours) • Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
Swinburne Foundation Program →	**Diploma of Health Science (UniLink)** →	• Bachelor of Biomedical Science • Bachelor of Forensic Psychological Science* • Bachelor of Health Science* • Bachelor of Nursing^ • Bachelor of Nutrition* • Bachelor of Psychological Sciences* • Bachelor of Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience^ • Bachelor of Science*
	Diploma of Information Technology (UniLink) →	• Bachelor of Aviation Management • Bachelor of Business • Bachelor of Business Analytics • Bachelor of Computer Science • Bachelor of Data Science • Bachelor of Games and Interactivity* • Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology

* *The remaining course duration of the bachelor degree may vary, depending on the selected major and/or semester intake*
^ *Students will receive limited advanced standing into this bachelor degree as it is not a direct pathway.*



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.

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