



Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Photovoltaics and Solar Energy)

UNSW TAFE Pathways | Program Code: 3707

Program and Course Terminology

| Terminology | Definition |
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| Credit Transfer | Credit transfer is also known as ‘advanced standing’ or recognition for prior learning (RPL), where students can apply for previous study from another institution to be applied as credit to a student’s current degree at UNSW. |
| Disciplinary Component | Students must complete 168 UOC (29 courses) to satisfy the core requirements of the Photovoltaics and Solar Energy stream and complete a minimum of 60 days in Industrial Training to graduate. |
| Level 1 Core Courses | Students must take 48 UOC (8 courses) in Level 1 Core Courses. |
| Level 2 Core Courses | Students must take 42 UOC (7 courses) in Level 2 Core Courses. |
| Level 3 Core Courses | Students must take 24 UOC (4 courses) in Level 3 Core Courses. |
| Level 4 Core Courses | Students must take 24 UOC (5 courses) in Level 4 Core Courses. The thesis comprises of 3 courses at 4 UOC each. |
| Strand Electives | Students must take 18 UOC (3 courses) in Strand Electives. |
| Discipline Electives | Students must take up to 12 UOC (2 courses) from the Discipline (Depth) Elective list. |
| Professional Electives | Students must take up to 12 UOC (2 courses) from any Level 3 or above SOLAxxxx courses. With permission from the Program Authority, Level 3 or above courses offered by other Engineering schools may be taken. |
| General Education | Students must complete 12 UOC (2 courses) of General Education courses in line with UNSW General Education Rules. |
| Overall Program UOC | Students must complete 192 UOC (32 courses) across Core, Professional Electives, and General Education courses to fulfil program requirements. This is subject to credit transfers as outlined in the study plan. |

Students admitted to the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Photovoltaics and Solar Energy) [BE (Hons) (PVSE)] who have completed one of the following qualifications under the Electrotechnology TAFE Training Package are eligible for credit transfer:

- UEE62220 Advanced Diploma of Electrical Engineering
- UEE50420 Diploma of Electrical Engineering
- UEE60220 Advanced Diploma of Electronics and Communications Engineering
- UEE50520 Diploma of Electronics and Communications Engineering
- HE20552V01 Diploma of Renewable Energy Engineering

Students who have completed an **Advanced Diploma** or **Diploma of Electrical Engineering**, or **Advanced Diploma** or **Diploma of Electronics and Communications Engineering** will be awarded credit transfer of 30 UOC (or more*) towards the BE (Hons) (PVSE). This credit will be for:

1. [DESN1000 Engineering Design and Innovation](#) (6 UOC)
2. [ELEC1111 Electrical Circuit Fundamentals](#) (6 UOC)
3. Two Free Elective courses (12 UOC)
4. One General Education course (6 UOC)

Students who have completed a **Diploma of Renewable Energy Engineering** (AQF Level 5) will be awarded credit transfer of 48 UOC towards the BE (Hons) (PVSE). This credit will be for:

1. [DESN1000 Engineering Design and Innovation](#) (6 UOC)
2. [ELEC1111 Electrical Circuit Fundamentals](#) (6 UOC)
3. [SOLA1070 Sustainable Energy](#) (6 UOC)
4. [ENGG1811 Computing for Engineers](#) (6 UOC)
5. Two Free Elective courses (12 UOC)
6. Two General Education courses (12 UOC)

*Additional credit transfer may be assessed following admission on a case-by-case basis for students with an Advanced Diploma qualification. Once credit has been applied, students will note that some study terms will present a lighter load of courses due to the limited offering of most courses in the BE (Hons) (PVSE).

Assumed Knowledge: Extension 1 Mathematics and HSC Physics

The BE (Hons) (PVSE) specifies assumed knowledge of HSC Mathematics Extension 1 and HSC Physics, to succeed with the mathematics and physics requirements of the degree.

Mathematics

A minimum expected background in mathematics equivalent to HSC Mathematics Extension 1 is needed to successfully undertake Mathematics 1A, a compulsory first year course at UNSW. For this, HSC Mathematics Extension 1 knowledge can be demonstrated (or undertaken) through the following options:

Option 1*: HSC Extension 1 (demonstrated in UAC application)

Option 2*: [MATH1011 \(Fundamental of Mathematics\)](#) (undertaken on UNSW enrolment and RPL reduced accordingly)**

Option 3*: [UNSW Maths Bridging Course](#) (undertaken on UNSW enrolment and not opting to undertake MATH1011/)

** All options assume pre-existing knowledge of HSC Advanced Mathematics, which can be obtained through HSC Advanced Mathematics, or [TAFE Essential Mathematics for Higher Education](#) (TAFE Essentials). There is no direct equivalent offered at UNSW.*

***MATH1011 is equivalent to HSC Extension 1 mathematics and runs over a term. It has a restricted offering, and the enrolments structure/permissions need to be worked out in consultation with the School of Maths and Stats for TAFE pathway students wishing to pursue BE (Hons) (PVSE).*

HSC Physics

A minimum expected background in physics equivalent to HSC Physics is needed to successfully undertake Physics 1A, a compulsory first year course. HSC Physics knowledge can be demonstrated (or undertaken) through the following options:

Option 1: HSC Physics (demonstrated in UAC application)

Option 2: [PHYS1111 \(Fundamental of Physics\)](#) (undertaken on UNSW enrolment and RPL reduced accordingly)

Option 3: [UNSW Physics Bridging Course](#) (undertaken on UNSW enrolment and not opting to undertake PHYS1111)



Sample Study Plan – Advanced Diploma or Diploma of Electrical Engineering
 Advanced Diploma or Diploma of Electronics and Communications Engineering

Eligible Credit Transfer: 30 UOC (or more)*

Please note this is a sample study plan based on Term 1 commencement to be used as a guide only. Courses are subject to term course offerings, refer to the Handbook and Class Timetable to adjust study plan in line with course availability. It is recommended that students seek enrolment progression advice from their school prior to selecting subjects.

| Year 1 | | | Year 2 | | | Year 3 | | | Year 4 | |
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| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 1 | Term 2 |
| PHYS1121 | ENGG1811/ COMP1911/ COMP1511 | PHYS1221 | SOLA2060 | SOLA2051 | DESN2000 | MATH2089 | SOLA4012 | SOLA4951 | SOLA4952 | SOLA4953 |
| MATH1131 | MATH1231 | MATH2018 | SOLA2540 | SOLA3010 | Strand Elective | Elective | SOLA3020 | Elective | ELEC4122 | |
| General Education | SOLA1070 | | Strand Elective | SOLA3507 | | Strand Elective | SOLA5057 | | Elective | |



Sample Study Plan – Diploma of Renewable Energy Engineering

Eligible Credit Transfer: 48 UOC

Please note this is a sample study plan based on Term 1 commencement to be used as a guide only. Courses are subject to term course offerings, refer to the Handbook and Class Timetable to adjust study plan in line with course availability. It is recommended that students seek enrolment progression advice from their school prior to selecting subjects.

| Year 1 | | | Year 2 | | | Year 3 | | |
|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 |
| PHYS1121 | PHYS1221 | SOLA2540 | SOLA2060 | SOLA2051 | DESN2000 | SOLA4951 | SOLA4952 | SOLA4953 |
| MATH1131 | MATH1231 | MATH2018 | MATH2089 | SOLA3010 | Strand Elective | ELEC4122 | SOLA4012 | Elective |
| Strand Elective | SOLA3507 | | Strand Elective | SOLA3020 | | | SOLA5057 | Elective |