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The Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences is based on the University's Magill Campus with activity across all four metropolitan campuses and the two regional centres at Whyalla and Mount Gambier. We are proud of our diversity, of the connections between our academic specialisms and of the close links between research, learning and teaching and engagement.

Magill campus is a beautiful location with a rich history, located just 7 kilometres east of the Adelaide City Centre. A stream runs through the centre, surrounded by ancient gum trees and resident koalas. The Division's main office is the historic Murray House, built around 1839 and used as a family home, a boutique brewery, a kindergarten and a teachers college.

We are a diverse Division, working across the humanities and social sciences. Our expertise ranges from Indigenous and cultural studies to urban planning, journalism and cognitive psychology. Activity is spread across the four schools of:

- Education
- Communication, International Studies and Languages
- Art, Architecture and Design; and
- Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy.

As well as specialist teaching and research, we pride ourselves on our interdisciplinary approaches and close engagement with practice outside the University. Each school has a commitment to social innovation and embedded creativity. We encourage new ways of working, while maintaining the University's strong traditions of academic excellence and engagement. There is much to celebrate in our current work and we are excited to invest in inventive projects and new ways to translate academic expertise into genuinely useful initiatives.

Across the Division we have over 9000 enrolled undergraduate and postgraduate students. To support them, we have over 250 academics and 100 professional staff.

Our researchers contribute to society through interconnected projects that have innovation led by creativity and community empowerment through knowledge at their heart. Our dedication to research, evident with more than \$4.6m in awarded projects between 2010 and 2014, provides the foundation to learn from the past, to analyse the present and help shape the future. It gives us an understanding of our world and, with advances in digital technologies, the world beyond our borders. Our students graduate with skills in critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity, ready to make informed decisions that will transform our rapidly changing lives.

Our students come at many varying degrees of experience and across a diverse background, with more than 300 students completing their Higher Degrees (PhD and Masters) and 700 international students. This demonstrates the Divisions commitment to achieving the Universities overarching strategic objective of being a globally visible university.

With our focus firmly on producing graduates with the highest quality of skills and with being 'work ready', each year we place our students in more than 927 000 hours of high quality placements that ensure they are graduating having been given the opportunity to engage with direct industry experience. This allows them to put into the practice the skills they are being taught and to develop skill sets specific to their profession of choice. It also gives them the opportunity to gain employability skills that will set them up for future careers and enable them to make informed decisions about their career paths at the time of graduation.

To find out more about the Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences check out our website: www.unisa.edu.au/Education-Arts-and-Social-Sciences