

Graduate Certificate in Futures Studies

Futures Studies is catching on around the country. Innovative managers, business leaders, community leaders and public servants are turning to Futures Studies to anticipate emerging issues and weak signals so that they can solve tomorrow's problems today, and discover opportunities early on.

The USC Graduate Certificate in Futures Studies consists of four courses which are taken over two semesters. They are offered both on line and in face to face mode

FUT101: Futures Methods and Techniques

FUT200: Strategic Foresight Leadership

SUS302: Sustainable Futures

FUT700: Applied Futures Studies: methods, values and strategy (on line only)

Futures Studies builds personal and organisation capacity by providing you with tools, concepts, methods, strategies and broad thinking skills to navigate today's challenging and dynamic world. No context is immune from the rapid changes we face today so this suit of courses provides you with the skill set to enable you to manage and optimize your working contexts.

The strategic foresight you develop through the Graduate Certificate in Futures Studies will enhance your ability to do the following:

- create flexibility in decision-making by moving from a focus on one future to an analysis of alternative futures
- move from the management of reality to the creation of possibilities
- move from narrow problem-solving approaches to broader and deeper systemic perspectives and solutions
- solve tomorrow's problems today, and discover opportunities early on by anticipating emerging issues and weak signals that may derail strategic plans and policies
- articulate the first and second order – the longer term – consequences of current issues
- change the temporal horizon of planning from the short term to the medium and long term
- seek to ensure that the inner stories of organization and nations are linked to systemic strategies through the development of an understanding of deep culture
- reduce risk by understanding the worldviews of multiple stakeholders. Blind spots, which are always built into the knowledge framework of each person and organization, are addressed by including difference. This makes implementation far easier
- move from risk avoidance to risk reduction to risk management to opportunity and innovation creation
- use the future to change the present

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