Nura Gili is the name for Indigenous Programs at UNSW which offers support to enrolled Indigenous students, while at the same time, develops and delivers courses on a wide range of Indigenous topics to the wider UNSW student community.

The words Nura Gili are from the language of the Eora people, Nura meaning ‘place’ and Gili meaning ‘fire/light’. Nura Gili at UNSW teaches about the rich history and culture of Australia’s First Nations people.

Confirmation of Aboriginality
and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent

While Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity is unique and sacred to every person, future students applying for entry into all Nura Gili Indigenous Programs are required to provide proof of their Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage. Nura Gili will accept either of the following documentation as confirmation of Aboriginality:

1. A letter of “Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent” provided by an Indigenous Community organisation. This must be stamped with the organisation’s common seal of certification.

   Or:

2. A Statutory Declaration. This is a legal binding document demonstrating your self-identification as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. The Statutory Declaration must be accompanied by any of the following:

   • Proof that you are an Aby study recipient;
   
   • Proof of genealogy, such as birth records or an official family tree;
   
   • A letter from an Indigenous organisation or Aboriginal Liaison Officer that recognises you as an Indigenous person. This must contain the organisation’s letterhead; or
   
   • A letter from an Indigenous person employed in an Indigenous identified position. For instance, an Aboriginal School Liaison Officer or Aboriginal Community Worker. This must also contain the organisation’s letterhead.

If you have any questions about these requirements please contact us on (02) 9385 3805 or email nuragili@unsw.edu.au