

Tertiary Preparation Program





Study the Tertiary Preparation Program at UQ

The Tertiary Preparation Program is a three term (32 week) program that enables students to acquire the academic knowledge and skills required for entry into undergraduate study at The University of Queensland.

There are no tuition fees for this program as all places are Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP). An enrolment fee of \$220 is charged to confirm acceptance of an offer to the program.

Our students enjoy small classes, experienced teachers and high-quality courses.

Tertiary Preparation Program teachers are highly qualified, and through innovative courses and the latest technology, our students learn in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Students also make the most of UQ's world-class campus and facilities.

In your chosen courses you will engage in practical tasks that relate to real-world uses of your academic skills and knowledge.

Your teachers will encourage you to develop your own learning style and achieve your study goals.

Classrooms and laboratories are equipped with the latest technologies and equipment. Our courses cover a variety of topics and use a mix of course materials, including books, video, audio and digital content.

You will have the opportunity to make new friends in class and enjoy activities outside of class. Students will be provided with prescribed textbooks and learning guides within the first two weeks of the program.



The perfect place to study

Just 15 minutes away from Brisbane city centre, UQ St Lucia offers one of the best campus experiences in the world.



Tertiary Preparation Program

The Tertiary Preparation Program is delivered face-to-face on St Lucia campus. Students will have access to all course content through UQ's Learning Management System (Blackboard).



To apply online, visit our website

uqcollege.uq.edu.au/study-options/TPP

Information about entry requirements to UQ can also be found here.

Prepare for undergraduate study



Tertiary preparation program
30 teaching weeks

Study Period

Start of year intake: February to November
or
Mid year intake: September to June

Contact hours

22-25 hours per week

Duration

30 Weeks (+2 exam weeks)



Apply through QTAC to start your UQ Program

Entry requirements - Language Literacy and Numeracy Test

Language Literacy and Numeracy (LLN)
Testing is conducted for all applicants.

What is the purpose of the LLN test?

The purpose of the Language, Literacy and Numeracy test is to assess a student's current level of competency in English and Mathematics, as well as providing an indication of a student's ability to thrive within the learning environment of the Tertiary Preparation Program.

Special Consideration is a College equity measure to ensure that appropriate allowances are made for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, particularly if the LLN test impacts negatively on the students' ability to demonstrate their learning achievements. Students are asked to self-identify for special consideration.

When applying online, prospective students will be provided with a link to complete the LLN test prior to the finalisation of enrolment.

How to apply

Applying for the Tertiary Preparation Program couldn't be easier!

Step 1



Commence online application

Go to uqcollege.uq.edu.au/study-options/TPP to apply online.

Step 2



Complete LLN Test

Applicants are required to complete the LLN Test online in order to complete an application for enrolment.

Step 3



Attend face-to-face interview at UQ's St Lucia Campus

If your application has been successful, you will be invited to attend a face-to-face interview with a UQ College representative. This interview is approximately 30 mins long.

Step 4



Accept your offer and pay enrolment fee

If you have successfully completed the LLN Test, you will receive notification from UQ College. If you are offered a place in the program, you will need to accept this offer and pay the enrolment fee to confirm your place.



Assessment

In addition to class contact hours students are expected to complete homework, assignments and assessment tasks. It is recommended that students should study for at least 20 hours per week in their own time.

Your teachers will monitor your academic progress throughout the Tertiary Preparation Program and provide you with regular feedback and guidance. Students also have full access to The University's excellent learning support services.

Assessment items may include exams, individual and group assignments, research projects, laboratory practicals, and seminar presentations. Your final result in a course will be based on all assessment items. All courses are graded on the UQ 1-7 point scale.

Scale	Grade	% Range
7	High distinction	85-100%
6	Distinction	75-84%
5	Credit	65-74%
4	Pass / Competent	50-64%
3	Marginal Fail	47-49%
2	Fail	25-46%
1	Low Fail	0-24%

Course information

Students in the Tertiary Preparation Program will study two core courses and three elective courses. Elective courses are selected to meet the prerequisite requirements for your chosen undergraduate program.

A Humanities stream is also recommended for students who intend to study in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Core Courses

Academic English

This core course focuses on developing the academic language skills required to successfully read, write, listen and speak in academic contexts. As well as developing fluency and accuracy in each skill, learners will be introduced to core academic skills including assignment writing, referencing, critical thinking, oral presentations, and research skills such as using databases and library facilities.

General Mathematics

This course provides the knowledge, skills and techniques required in an every-day life application of mathematics as appropriate to the skills needed when encountering mathematics in a non-mathematically based tertiary course. This course covers basic calculations, geometry and measurement, financial mathematics and statistics.

Mathematical Methods

This course develops your understanding of the mathematical concepts of algebra, calculus and statistics and the manipulative skills required for solving mathematical problems. These skills are applied with technological tools to solve problems related to real-life situations. Topics covered include linear equations, computation, sequences and series, logarithmic functions, trigonometry, differential and integral calculus, statistics and probability.

Core Courses		Elective Courses
Academic English	General Mathematics OR Mathematical Methods	Choose 3 Elective Courses

Elective Courses

Accounting

This course provides an introduction to accounting concepts, including the accounting equation and accounting process, the preparation of end of period reports, accounting for cash, accounting for credit, control of inventories and assets, and company accounting.

Behavioural Science

This course provides a general introduction to the social sciences through examining human behaviour and the role that the individual plays in the wider community. The course will initially address the psychology of the individual, covering memory, social influence, learning and research. It will introduce sociology by exploring how the broader community responds to some of these issues, with a focus on interpersonal and intercultural communication. This course is recommended for students wishing to progress to programs within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Business Management

This course covers a broad range of management concepts and business operations that contribute to the success of businesses large and small. These include an understanding of business principles, planning (strategic and operational), marketing, organisational behaviour, finance and human resource management. Throughout the course the theory is discussed in the context of business cases which can include domestic and global businesses. You will apply the theory learnt in class to plan your own business enterprise, as well as developing a business enterprise within a project team.

Biology

This course will provide you with knowledge of scientific concepts and facts in biology, and experience with experimentation in a biology laboratory. Biology is the study of life, which encompasses origin, development, diversity, functioning and evolution of living systems and consequences of intervention in those systems. This course prepares you to engage in creative scientific thinking and to apply your knowledge in practical situations.

Chemistry

This course examines the experimental and theoretical basis for understanding the structure and function of all forms of matter. This course introduces you to the basic principles, processes and skills of physical, inorganic and organic chemistry. You will study the concepts of matter, including classification and description, measurement, mathematical concepts applicable to chemistry, atomic theory and structure, chemical formulas. You will also learn about nomenclature, mass and energy relationships in reactions, reactions in aqueous media, gases, thermochemistry, quantum theory, and periodic relationships of the elements.

Design

This course provides an introduction to the fundamental processes and methods of design as it applies to built environment, engineering, and business disciplines. The course examines topics such as designers' thinking styles, the work of designers, problems for solving by design, stakeholder engagement in design problem-solving, generating design solutions, communicating design solutions and reflective learning about self as designer.

Economics

This course is designed to provide you with an introduction to broad based economic issues. It focuses on how decision makers within the economy (e.g. consumers, firms, government departments) make choices to satisfy their wants given their limited resources. In this course you will develop your ability to make economic decisions based on analysis of economic information.

Health and Nutrition

This course will introduce you to the influence of diet and exercise on health, fitness and well-being. You will develop and apply the knowledge and skills to understand the function of nutrients in the body, food trends and how the body responds to exercise. You will learn how to use diet and exercise to prevent diet and lifestyle related diseases, maintain a healthy body weight and how nutrition can be used to enhance exercise performance. You will develop skills in communicating your knowledge of the importance of healthy eating and exercise to the wider community.

Humanities and Social Sciences

This course provides an introduction to the fundamental concepts of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The course examines topics such as Global Strategies and Perspectives, and Creative Arts and History, to develop skills in critical and creative thinking, research and evaluation, argument mapping, problem solving and reflective learning. This course is recommended for students wishing to progress to programs within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and is a core course for students in the Humanities stream.

Information Technology

This course will provide you with the knowledge and skills related to the utilisation of information and communication technology and their application to contexts such as work and study environments. This course will examine the key areas of computing hardware, software, and the application of the technology to problem solving.

Physics

This course aims to develop an understanding of key concepts in physics and their application in modern society. The course describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to apply the concepts of motion and force when conducting practical investigations and solving physics problems. You will examine the fundamentals of measurement, vectors, kinematics and dynamics.

Research

This course provides the opportunity to research a topic of your own choosing. This will involve a structured, supervised and academically rigorous process. You will develop skills to apply concepts, terminology and principles of research to develop and complete a research project on an agreed topic within a chosen discipline.

Humanities Students

The following courses are recommended for students whose preferred undergraduate program is in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

A maths course is not compulsory for Humanities students. However, students intending to progress into Education or dual degree programs at The University of Queensland must select Mathematics as an elective course.

Core Courses

- Academic English
- Humanities and Social Sciences

Elective Courses

- Behavioural Science
- Research
- Economics

The student experience – support to help you reach your potential

We offer a wide range of support services to help you at every step of your journey. UQ College services are designed to help you succeed in the classroom and beyond.

We understand that adjusting to a new environment is exciting, but it can also be challenging at times. Connecting with other students is a great way to make new friends and find your way around campus.

Learning Support

Our learning advisers are always there to support you with specific skill areas. We offer practical help in a safe and friendly environment. You can make an appointment to see how we can help you succeed in your studies.

uqcollege.uq.edu.au/student-support/learning-support

Libraries and study spaces

There are six libraries on campus. They feature computers for students, 24-hour study spaces, quiet areas, and friendly staff to help you find what you need. Workshops and online learning guides can enhance your studies, develop your assignment strategies, and help you prepare for exams.

library.uq.edu.au

Personal support

Students also have access to all UQ counselling and crisis support services. There is a 24-hour, seven day a week telephone hotline with dedicated international student advisers and counsellors available to students.

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/international-interstate-students

Activities and workshops

Studying at an international university is about more than just classes. It is about discovering a new culture, meeting new people, establishing networks and having fun.

Orientation

There is an orientation program for all new students prior to the start of each intake. Students are provided with important information about their courses and details of the services available to assist their transition to tertiary study.

Life at UQ

UQ has a welcoming community of 50,000 students from more than 130 countries. UQ has services, events and activities to help you settle in, make new friends, expand your skills and network, and enjoy student life.

Student communities, clubs and societies

Do you want to expand your social network or pursue a new hobby? Join one of our 220+ clubs and societies. From anime to yoga, medievalism to table tennis, and hockey to dancing, you are certain to find like-minded people.

uqu.com.au/clubs-societies

uqsport.com.au/clubs

Discover UQLife

Discover your UQLife with events, experiences and programs throughout the year. Enjoy O-Week, BLOOM Festival, K-Pop, Theatre Festival and much more.

uqu.com.au/category/blog/entertaining-u

Fitness

You can access UQ Sport's venues all year with discounted prices – these include a gym; an Olympic-standard track and field facility; swimming pools; tennis, squash and netball courts; hockey and soccer fields; and cricket nets.

uqsport.com.au

Healthcare

If you need to see a doctor, visit the friendly team at the UQ Health Clinic. There is also a pharmacy and a dental clinic on campus.

uqhealthcare.org.au

Spiritual practice

Our Multi-Faith Chaplaincy caters to all religions. The venue also offers yoga and meditation classes, and it hosts community celebrations. It is a great place to meet people from different cultures and faiths.

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/religion

Banks and post offices

ATMs are available on campus, along with a Commonwealth Bank branch. There is also a post office on campus.

Safety on campus

Our campus is a safe place for students and staff. The St Lucia campus offers 24-hour security and a safety escort service if you would like someone to accompany you to public transport or your car, and a Safety Bus that runs from 6pm onwards around the campus.

Download the free UQ SafeZone app, which connects students directly with security officers or emergency services.

campuses.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/security/campus-safety

Cafes and eateries

The campus has many cafe and food options. From great coffee and bakery food, to healthy sandwiches and wraps, pizza, noodles, bubble tea, and juice bars.

campuses.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/shops/food-retail/on-campus-shops-services

Find a job

UQ offers an exclusive online job board for its students and graduates featuring vacation work, volunteer work, internships, and graduate employment opportunities from over 3000 employers. The Global Grad careers search portal is just for international students with Australian and international companies posting work opportunities regularly.

studenthub.uq.edu.au (login required)

globalgrad.uq.edu.au



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uq.edu.au/wellness-program/smoke-free-uq



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