

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).

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

Contact hours

22-25 hours per week

Duration

30 Weeks (+2 exam weeks)



Apply through QTAC to start your UQ Program

Eligibility Requirements

- Be at least 18 years old or have completed Year 12 in an Australian High School
- Completion of a Language Literacy and Numeracy Test
- Interview (face to face or via Zoom)

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 student's 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 progress their application to the next step. If you have successfully completed the LLN Test, you will receive notification from UQ College.

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



Receive an offer

If you meet the eligibility requirement, you will need to accept this offer 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	50-64%
3	Marginal Fail	47-49%
2	Fail	25-46%
1	Low Fail	0-24%

Course information

Students in the Tertiary Preparation Program generally 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, linear algebra, geometry, trigonometry, matrices, financial mathematics, growth and decay, statistics and network analysis.

Mathematical Methods

This course develops understanding of the basic mathematical ideas of 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 algebra, computation, sequences and series, logarithmic functions, geometry, trigonometry, differential and integral calculus, statistics and probability, and the application of mathematics in society.

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

Elective Courses

Accounting

This aim of this course is to provide an introduction to accounting concepts and the role of accounting within business. Students learn basic accounting functions as well as how to use Excel to produce financial reports. This course also introduces financial analysis and budgeting.

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 and human resource management. Throughout the course, 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 in a group.

Biology

This course encompasses origin, development, diversity, function and evolution of living systems and the consequences of intervention on those systems. This course also develops your knowledge, skills and experiences to engage in conceptual, laboratory and field work of a biological nature. Successful completion of Biology prepares you to participate in scientific thinking and application of knowledge in undergraduate programs at UQ.

Chemistry

This course is an introduction to the study of materials and their properties and structure. It covers the basics of physical, inorganic and organic chemistry. You will study atomic theory, chemical bonding and intermolecular forces and will apply these concepts to understand gas behaviour, aqueous solutions, acids and bases, reaction rates, equilibrium and redox reactions. You will also be introduced to organic chemistry and examine characteristic chemical properties and reactions displayed by different classes of organic compounds. Completing the course will give you valuable skills required for scientific investigation and critical evaluation of questions. The practical work in this course will give you experience in laboratory techniques and analysis. This course is recommended for students wishing to progress into Science, Medicine, Health and Engineering programs.

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 students 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 and how the body responds to exercise. You will learn how to use diet and exercise to maintain a healthy body weight and how nutrition can be used to enhance exercise performance.

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 introduces the fundamental concepts and techniques of Information Technology. The content develops an understanding of the applications of information systems in organisations and provides an insight to the workings of a computer, hardware and software, networking, security, database management, and system development and programming. Practical projects in spreadsheets, database management, and programming are critical components of the course to develop practical, professional and collaborative skills and knowledge. This course is recommended for students wishing to progress to programs related to Information Technology, Information Systems, Computer Science, or Data Science.

Physics

This course provides the theoretical and experimental basis to engage in classical and modern understandings of the universe. You will study force and motion, thermodynamics, electricity, gravitational and electromagnetic fields, waves, radioactivity and modern physics. Completing the course will give you valuable skills required for scientific investigation and critical evaluation of questions. The practical work in the course will give you experience in laboratory techniques and analysis. This course is recommended for students wishing to progress into Science and Engineering programs.

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 a maths course as an elective course.

Core Courses

- Academic English
- Humanities and Social Sciences

Elective Courses

- Behavioural Science
- Research
- Business Management

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.

UQ Student Advisers

A dedicated UQ Student Adviser is available to meet with students confidentially and provide individualised support. This may involve guidance in transitioning to life in Brisbane, linking to services on campus or within the community or during a time of crisis. Student Advisers provide assistance to students living with a disability, mental health or medical condition (temporary or on-going) or facing challenging circumstances. Student Advisers discuss with students how their condition impacts their studies and possible support options. This may include a Student Access Plan (SAP) which is an important support tool both at UQ College and UQ. Appointments can be made directly with the Student Adviser or referred by UQ College.

uqcollege.uq.edu.au/student-support/mental-health-wellbeing

Learning Advice

Our Learning Advisers are here to help you with the skills you need to succeed in your studies at UQ College. Areas of support include tips for effective study, academic writing skills, and practical help with planning and organisation. Through group workshops, free one-to-one consultations, and supported self-study in our dedicated UQ College Learning Centre, we offer practical help in a safe and friendly environment. More information on how to book, and a comprehensive guide to what we can help you with can be found on our web page.

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

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 have access to all UQ counselling and crisis support services. This includes wellbeing workshops on a range of topics, such as relationships and mindfulness. As well as, on-line resources on personal wellbeing topics such as managing stress and moods. There is a 24-hour, 7 day a week telephone crisis support provided by qualified professionals.

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/health-and-wellbeing/crisis-support

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.

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/social-and-events

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.

uqcollege.uq.edu.au/student-life/orientation

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.

life.uq.edu.au

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. 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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