

UQ
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Tertiary Preparation Program

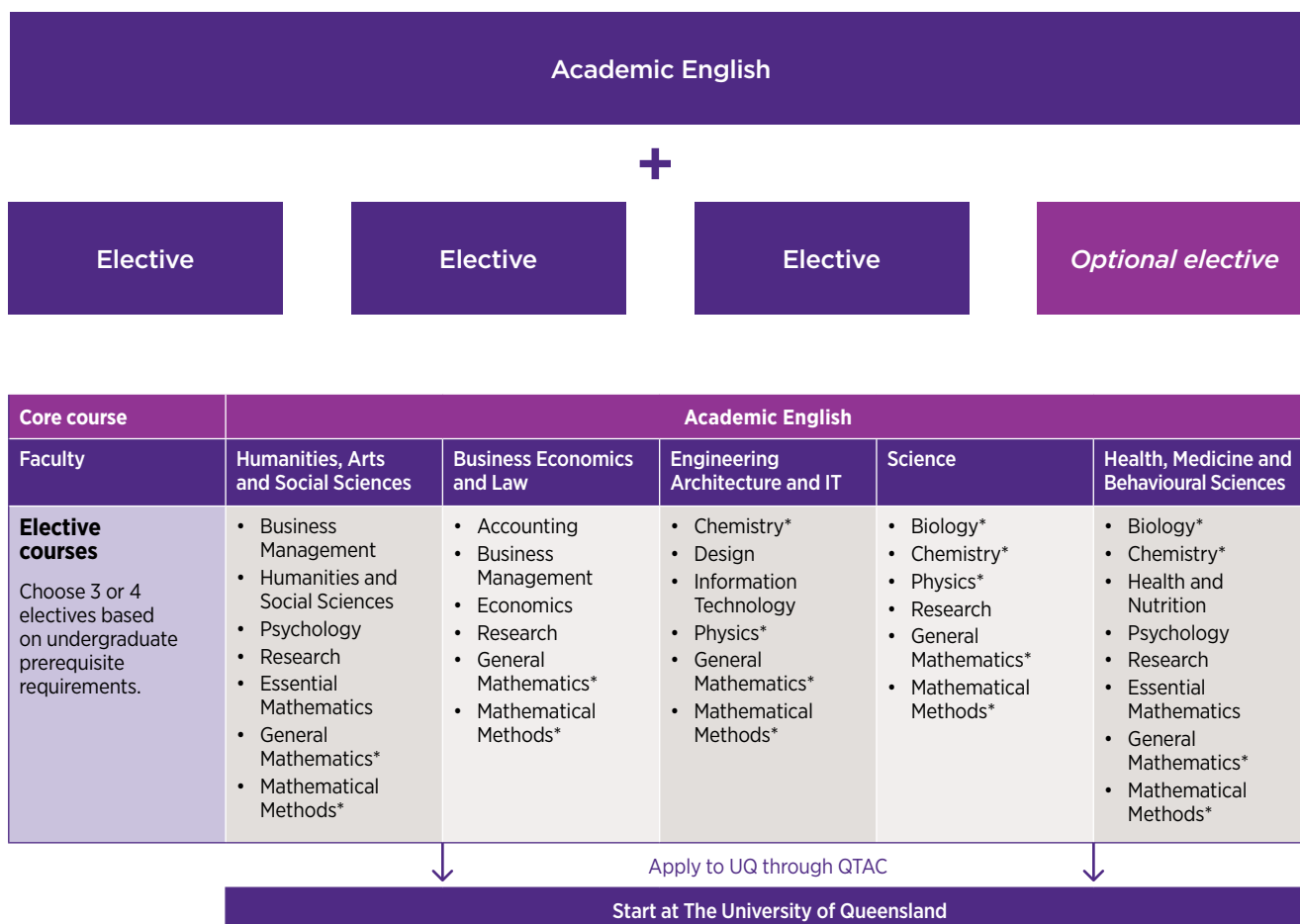


THE UNIVERSITY
OF QUEENSLAND
AUSTRALIA

Program structure

The Tertiary Preparation Program is designed to prepare you for successful entry into university study. It combines Academic English as a core course with a selection of three or four electives chosen to align with your intended undergraduate degree and prerequisite requirements.

With elective options available across a range of disciplines, you can strengthen your academic foundations, develop essential study skills, and gain confidence in a university learning environment. These options support a smooth transition to undergraduate study at The University of Queensland.



Core course

Academic English

This course focuses on developing your ability to read, write, listen and speak in academic contexts. As well as developing fluency and accuracy in each skill, you will be introduced to core academic literacies including assignment writing, referencing, critical thinking and oral presentations.

Maths electives

You may choose one Maths course.

Essential Mathematics

This basic mathematics course builds practical skills beyond basic numeracy, with a focus on problem-solving, logical thinking, and the effective use of technology. It helps you apply mathematics to real-world situations, supporting informed personal and financial decisions while highlighting its relevance to everyday life and future employment.

General Mathematics*

This intermediate mathematics course covers basic algebra, regression analysis, geometry, measurement, financial mathematics, statistics, graphs and network analysis. You'll develop the everyday maths skills needed for a non-mathematically based tertiary program.

Mathematical Methods*

In this advanced mathematics course, you will develop your understanding of the mathematical concepts of algebra, calculus and statistics that will equip you with the necessary skills to solve real-life mathematical problems. Topics include linear equations, computation, sequences and series, logarithmic functions, trigonometry, differential and integral calculus, statistics and probability.

Electives

It is recommended you choose courses that will prepare you for your desired undergraduate degree program.

Accounting

This course is ideal for students interested in pursuing further studies in the areas of accounting, business and finance.

You will develop the ability to perform basic accounting processes and calculations, and prepare basic accounting reports. By the end of the course, you will be equipped to use accounting knowledge to interpret basic accounting information, while also gaining a broader understanding of why accounting is crucial to effectively managing a business.

Biology*

Biology provides opportunities for you to develop your understanding of cells and multicellular organisms and how they regulate their internal environment in response to stimuli. You will also develop your understanding of DNA, patterns of inheritance and the processes and mechanisms of how life on Earth has changed and diversified over time. You will learn about factors influencing biodiversity and have the opportunity to investigate several local ecosystems by attending a field trip to Nudgee Beach.

This course is recommended if you wish to progress into Science, Medicine and Health programs.

Business Management

Covering a broad range of management concepts and business operations, this course helps you develop an appreciation of business principles, planning, marketing, organisational behaviour and human resource management.

You will apply the theory learnt in class to plan your own business enterprise in a group.

Chemistry*

This course introduces the foundational concepts of physical, inorganic and organic chemistry, with a focus on the study of the structure and properties of materials.

You will develop valuable skills required for scientific investigation and critical evaluation and provides opportunities for experience in laboratory techniques and analysis.

This course is recommended if you wish to progress into Science, Medicine, Health and Engineering programs.

Design

This course is an introduction to the fundamental processes and methods of design that are applied to the built environment, engineering, and other closely related disciplines. You will learn about the work of designers and how they evaluate problems and generate solutions.

This course is recommended if you wish to progress to programs related to Architecture, Design, and Engineering.

Economics

In this course you will explore macroeconomic and microeconomic issues and develop an understanding of how decision makers within the economy (consumers, firms, governments) use limited resources to satisfy the level of demand.

You will also develop an ability to make economic decisions based on an analysis of economic information.

Health and Nutrition

This course introduces you to the multidimensional nature of health and wellbeing, and how it is influenced by diet and exercise. You will gain an understanding of the function of nutrients in the body, the challenges facing the food system and how the body responds to exercise.

You will apply this knowledge to develop a personal diet and exercise plan to improve or maintain your own health and fitness.

Humanities and Social Sciences

This 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 to progress to programs within the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Information Technology

In this course you will develop foundational knowledge of computer systems and practical programming skills using Python, SQL, and HTML/CSS. You will apply these skills to design and develop an information management application for a small business.

This course is recommended if you wish 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. The practical work in the course will give you experience in laboratory techniques and analysis.

This course is recommended if you wish to progress to Engineering or Science programs.

Psychology

Discover what drives human thought and behaviour in this engaging course. You will explore brain function, cognition, perception, memory, and learning, while gaining insight into intelligence, mental health, and psychological disorders and their treatment. The course also examines the powerful influence of emotion, motivation, social relationships, attitudes, and culture in shaping individual and group behaviour.

This course is recommended if you wish to progress to Health, Medicine, or Behavioural Science-related programs.

Research

In this course, you will investigate a topic of your own choice, by selecting and analysing relevant literature. This will help you to develop critical thinking skills which will benefit any undergraduate program of your choice.

This course offers you a high degree of autonomy over your chosen area of investigation, while following a prescribed research pathway.

This course is under review and may not be offered from 2027 onwards.

* These courses may be prerequisites for an undergraduate degree at The University of Queensland

Consultation

UQ undergraduate program aspirations

Desired UQ undergraduate program:

Required selection rank:

Required prerequisites:

Course selection

1 Academic English

2 Elective:

3 Elective:

4 Elective:

5 *Optional elective:*

Notes:

My commitment to success

I am enrolling in the Tertiary Preparation Program because:

By completing this program, I will:

To support my success, I commit to:

Student signature:

Date:

Getting a selection rank

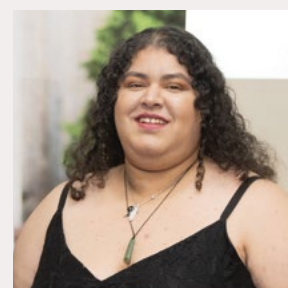
The table below shows the selection rank you can achieve from the TPP. This is based on your Grade Point Average (GPA) from completing the full program (4 or 5 courses). There is an incentive for high achievers to preference UQ on QTAC applications.

Grade Point Average (seven-point scale)	Selection Rank		
	4 Courses	5 Courses (UQ degree programs)	5 Courses (Non-UQ degree programs)
6.75 - 7.00	86.00	93.00	88.00
6.50 - 6.74	86.00	91.00	88.00
6.25 - 6.49	85.00	89.00	87.00
6.00 - 6.24	84.00	87.00	86.00
5.75 - 5.99	83.00	86.00	86.00
5.50 - 5.74	82.00	85.00	85.00
5.25 - 5.49	81.00	84.00	84.00
5.00 - 5.24	80.00	83.00	83.00
4.75 - 4.99	79.00	82.00	82.00
4.50 - 4.74	78.00	81.00	81.00
4.25 - 4.49	77.00	79.00	79.00
4.00 - 4.24	75.00	76.00	76.00
3.75 - 3.99	70.00	71.00	71.00
3.50 - 3.74	66.00	67.00	67.00
3.25 - 3.49	62.00	63.00	63.00
3.00 - 3.24	58.00	59.00	59.00
2.75 - 2.99	54.00	55.00	55.00
2.50 - 2.74	50.00	51.00	51.00
2.25 - 2.49	45.00	46.00	46.00
2.00 - 2.24	45.00	45.00	45.00
<2.00	45.00	45.00	45.00

I feel very confident going into university now.

UQ College helped me build the foundation I needed, not just academically, but personally too. It was life changing and I really enjoyed studying there.

I would 100 per cent recommend the TPP - it's one of the best things I've done.



Shieda Ballangarry - Goreng Goreng and Bumbaynggirr woman
Tertiary Preparation Program student (Intake 2, 2024)

Student support

UQ College offers a wide array of support services designed to assist you at every stage of your academic and personal journey. Our resources, spanning academic advising, personal welfare, and social integration, are structured to foster success both in the classroom and beyond.

Academic and learning advice

Our Learning Advisers are committed to providing personalised assistance to help students achieve academic success. We offer practical help in a professional and supportive environment.

Areas of support

- Critical thinking, research, and reading skills.
- Planning, time management, and effective note-taking.
- Structuring academic writing, referencing, and academic integrity.
- Managing exams, revision, and presentation skills.

Health and wellbeing

Our advisers are here to help you navigate life as a student at UQ College.

Areas of support:

- Connecting you with services on campus and in the community.
- Managing challenges during difficult or unexpected situations.
- Providing guidance during times of crisis.
- Adjusting to life in a new city.

Frequently asked questions

What is the teaching style in the program?

Classes are typically split into 2-hour sessions. Most are conducted in a workshop or seminar style, with classwork completed individually, in pairs, or in small groups. There are generally 20 to 25 students per class.

Does the TPP run parallel to the UQ semesters?

Yes, the TPP is taught over two semesters, with dates roughly aligning with UQ semester dates. This helps to give you an insight into the wider university life.

When do I choose my courses?

When you accept your offer, the Admissions team will send you an enrolment confirmation along with course selection information. Course selection will be completed before the start of the program. If assistance is needed, you can contact timetable@uqcollege.uq.edu.au for help with course selection.

Will I have any opportunities to become part of any UQ student programs?

All UQ College students have access to over 200 student clubs and programs and are welcome to participate in all UQ student activities.

What happens after I finish the Tertiary Preparation Program? Do I get a guaranteed place at UQ?

You will need to apply for your desired UQ undergraduate degree through QTAC. Advice on how to do this will be provided by UQ College Student Services when it is time to put in your QTAC preferences.

Next steps

Thank you for attending your Tertiary Preparation Program interview. Our Admissions team will be in touch shortly with next steps for enrolment. Once you are enrolled, our Student Services team will send you information regarding Orientation, which will run in the first week of your program.

Please find contact details below if you have any questions.

Enquiries

For general enquiries.

Email: enquiries@uqcollege.uq.edu.au

Admissions

For queries related to your application.

Email: admissions@uqcollege.uq.edu.au

Student administration

For queries about course enrolment, timetables, student records, student services, or other general administration matters.

Email: studentadmin@uqcollege.uq.edu.au

Student experience

For any support related to student activities and events at UQ College, including event registration, schedules, and other questions.

Email: studentexperience@uqcollege.uq.edu.au

Student wellbeing

For current students to contact a UQ College Student Wellbeing Adviser, book a meeting, and get personal support.

Email: studentwellbeing@uqcollege.uq.edu.au

Learning advice

For current students to contact a UQ College Learning Adviser, book a meeting, and get academic support.

Email: learningadvice@uqcollege.uq.edu.au

Academic manager

For questions about the TPP, courses, assessment and other academic matters.

Email: academicmanager@uqcollege.uq.edu.au





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