

# Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange



An international study experience at UQ will broaden your horizons, change your understanding and transform your world outlook.

Consistently ranked among the world's top universities, The University of Queensland (UQ) offers award-winning teaching, world-class indoor and outdoor learning environments, and outstanding facilities. Of UQ's 56,600 student population, more than 18,000 are international students.

As a student already enrolled at an accredited university outside Australia, you can explore your interests and talents by studying at UQ for one or two semesters. With more than 4000 high-quality courses on offer, UQ is one of the most comprehensive universities in Australia. Many of these courses offer theoretical or practical components unique to UQ. Numerous courses focus on Australian topics or offer field trips to fascinating

locations in South East Queensland, while others promote group project work, research opportunities or enhance employability.

Study Abroad students have the option of choosing the standard four course (full-time load) Study Abroad program, or the three course program at a reduced tuition fee. Incoming Exchange students can choose either three or four courses.

Whatever you choose, your UQ experience will help shape you into a well-rounded global citizen able to inspire change in others.

## Where is UQ?

UQ offers one of the best campus experiences in the world in a location renowned for its welcoming, safe, and relaxed lifestyle, subtropical climate and vibrant and diverse culture.

Brisbane, the home of UQ's St Lucia and Herston campuses, is the capital city of

Queensland. Young and progressive, the city is fast becoming a hub in the Asia-Pacific for business, investment, major events and education. With a population of 2.4 million, Brisbane is also home to over 200 nationalities and 220 languages.

Gatton, the largest town in South-East Queensland's Lockyer Valley, is the home of the UQ Gatton campus. Bordered by unspoilt mountain ranges and located only 87 kilometres from Brisbane, Gatton has a culturally diverse population of approximately 7000 people.

Queensland is Australia's second-largest state by area, and is home to some of the most important natural sites in the world, including the Great Barrier Reef. The state boasts pristine beaches, coral reefs, rainforests, mountain ranges, and outback towns. One of the best ways to discover these is to enrol in a UQ course with a field trip.

[future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane](https://future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane)

## Our global reputation



We are in the top 100 globally as measured by several key independent rankings

**42nd**  
globally (3rd in Australia)

*U.S. News Best Global Universities, 2020*

**40th**  
globally (3rd in Australia)

*Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities, 2019*

**46th**  
globally (5th in Australia)

*QS World University Rankings, 2021*

**54th**  
globally (2nd in Australia)

*Academic Ranking of World Universities, 2020*

**62nd**  
globally (4th in Australia)

*Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2021*

**#1**  
University among the Group of Eight for undergraduate student experience

*QILT Student Experience Survey, 2018*

## Choose your courses

Most of UQ's 4000 courses on offer are open to Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange students, but some require permission from the relevant UQ faculty or school prior to enrolment. For courses you list on your application, UQ's Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange Advisers will request permission on your behalf, and you will receive a report with your letter of offer indicating which courses have been approved.

### Follow these simple steps to find courses:

#### 1 Go to [my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses](https://my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses)

Enter a search term in the search bar – you can search by course code or area of interest – and choose 'Courses' from the drop down menu on the right-hand side to explore available courses.

#### 2 Refine your search

On the search results page go to the left navigation menu and select as many filters as you want: for example, refine your

search to include only pre-approved courses for Study Abroad students and/or courses offered in a particular semester. TIP: if you do a new search, you will have to refine it again.

#### 3 Click on a course code or title

Check the level of the course (undergraduate or postgraduate), and which semester and campus it is offered: click on the semester for course description.

#### 4 Check the course description page

Here you will find a short description of the course as well as a link to a detailed course profile: if the course is pre-approved for Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange students, there will be a note on the sidebar on the left stating this (if the course is not pre-approved, you must meet the prerequisites to apply). To access additional course information such as learning objectives, resources, activities and assessment, click on the most recent course profile link in red.



**NOTE: Most Clinical Health Science courses (Medicine, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Occupational and Speech Therapy and Vet Science) are not available for Study Abroad or Incoming Exchange students.**

## Entry requirements

To meet UQ's entry requirements for the Study Abroad or Incoming Exchange programs you must:

- have completed at least one full-time year of study at an accredited university
- be currently enrolled at an accredited or exchange partner university
- meet specific course prerequisites for admission into certain courses
- meet UQ's **English language proficiency requirements**
- hold average to above-average results in university studies to date
- for Incoming Exchange students be nominated by your home university.

[uq.edu.au/studyabroad](https://uq.edu.au/studyabroad)

## How to apply

Go to the following link to access the online application:

[uq.edu.au/studyabroad/how-to-apply](https://uq.edu.au/studyabroad/how-to-apply)

If you are an Exchange student, choose the application type 'Incoming Exchange'.

If you are a Study Abroad student choose the application type: '**Incoming Study Abroad - four courses**', or '**Incoming Study Abroad - three courses**'. Please ensure that all information is complete and correct and matches the information on your passport.

**NOTE: The three course option is not a full-time study load at UQ but it does satisfy the student visa requirement. Check with your home university that you are permitted to take a reduced load before selecting this option.**

Your application must also include the following uploaded documents:

- an up-to-date official academic transcript in English
- proof of English language proficiency, if applicable, and
- a photo copy of the ID page of your passport.

### Application closing dates (recommended)

STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS	
Semester 1 (Feb–June)	31 October
Semester 2 (July–Nov)	31 March

INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS	
Semester 1 (Feb–June)	30 September
Semester 2 (July–Nov)	28 February

## English language support

### Bridging English (BE)

If you do not meet UQ's English language requirements, you can improve your English language skills at our award-winning, on-campus Institute of Continuing & TESOL Education prior to starting your Study Abroad or Exchange semester.

[icte.uq.edu.au/study/english-courses/bridging-english](https://icte.uq.edu.au/study/english-courses/bridging-english)

### English for Academic Communication (EAC)

This English language support program is offered to all UQ students (including Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange) from non-English speaking backgrounds at no additional charge. The program is held in weeks 2-7 each semester. A range of courses are offered, and each meets for two hours per week for three weeks. You may choose up to two courses in each 3-week session.

[icte.uq.edu.au/study/support-uq-students/english-academic-communication](https://icte.uq.edu.au/study/support-uq-students/english-academic-communication)

### WRIT1001 and WRIT1005

These are UQ credit-bearing courses (two units each) for students wanting to improve their grammar and academic writing skills.

[my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses](https://my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses)

## Prepare for arrival

### Orientation Week (O-Week)

O-Week is a program of social and academic activities designed to introduce you to life and study at UQ. We run special orientation sessions for Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange students on enrolment, using the library, learning assistance, and living and travelling in Australia, so you hit the ground running!

[orientation.uq.edu.au](http://orientation.uq.edu.au)

### Diversity, disability and inclusion

UQ provides free support, services and facilities for students with a disability, illness, injury or mental health condition. You can contact a disability adviser to ensure your transition to study is as smooth as possible.

[my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/diversity-disability-inclusion](http://my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/diversity-disability-inclusion)

### Visa information

All international students applying to study in Australia must have a student visa unless they have an alternative visa that enables them to study full-time. Your student visa will allow you to work up to 40 hours every two weeks.

When applying for a student visa, you must meet the Genuine Temporary Entrant criteria ([immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500](http://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500)) and have sufficient funds to pay your tuition fees and living costs (and the living costs of any dependants, if applicable) for the duration of your studies.

[future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/getting-prepared-to-come-to-australia/student-visas](http://future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/getting-prepared-to-come-to-australia/student-visas)

### Health insurance

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) provides international students with basic cover for medical and hospital care costs while in Australia. OSHC is a compulsory requirement for a student visa. UQ can organise OSHC for you through its preferred provider.

[future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/getting-prepared-to-come-to-australia/overseas-student-health-cover](http://future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/getting-prepared-to-come-to-australia/overseas-student-health-cover)

## Academic calendar

SEMESTER 1, 2021	
Orientation	15-19 Feb
Classes	22 Feb-4 Apr
Mid-semester break	5-11 Apr
Semester 1 resumes	12 Apr
Revision period	31 May-4 Jun
Examination period	5-19 Jun
Semester 1 ends	19 Jun
SEMESTER 2, 2021	
Orientation	19-23 July
Classes commence	26 July
Mid-semester break	27 Sep-5 Oct
Semester 2 resumes	5 Oct
Revision period	1-5 Nov
Examination period	6-20 Nov
Semester 2 ends	20 Nov

## Getting involved

### Summer and Winter Research

The Summer and Winter Research Programs provide you with an opportunity to gain research experience working alongside some of the university's leading academics and researchers during the break between semesters. Study Abroad and Exchange students who study at UQ for two semesters are eligible to participate. Students are able to apply for the program once they are enrolled in their first semester of study at UQ.

[employability.uq.edu.au/summer-winter-research](http://employability.uq.edu.au/summer-winter-research)

### Sport and fitness

Keep fit and have fun with a massive range of sporting, fitness and recreational facilities at our St Lucia and Gatton campuses. Explore dedicated fitness, aquatic, tennis, and athletics centres, as well as an array of sporting fields and courts. Play your way with more than 75 sports and activities, including weekly group fitness classes, across nearly 40 sporting clubs and social sports.

[uqsport.com.au](http://uqsport.com.au)

### UQ Mates Virtual Village

UQ Mates is a free online platform where you can connect, seek support, share your hobbies and interests and explore the greater online community with your fellow UQ students and peers. Whether you are into food, drinks, arts, culture, fitness, games or study - find your circle at UQ Mates.

[my.uq.edu.au/uqmates](http://my.uq.edu.au/uqmates)

### Join a student club, group or society

Expand your social life by joining one of the University's 220 clubs and societies, including QUEST, the Queensland University Exchange Student Society. QUEST is made up of over a thousand Questies each year, from all over the world, making it one of the most vibrant and fun clubs on campus ([questssociety.net](http://questssociety.net)).

[uqu.com.au/clubs-societies](http://uqu.com.au/clubs-societies)

### Employability

Enhance your employability and gain experience during your time at UQ through volunteering, mentoring, research or leadership programs. You also have access to a range of free careers seminars and workshops to help you make industry connections, or provide advice on your resume or feedback on interview techniques.

[employability.uq.edu.au](http://employability.uq.edu.au)



All UQ campuses are smoke-free.

[uq.edu.au/wellness-program/smoke-free-uq](http://uq.edu.au/wellness-program/smoke-free-uq)



## Accommodation options

Students have three main accommodation options:

### 1 On-campus colleges

If you want to arrange your accommodation ahead of time, have your meals catered and lots of support and activities at your fingertips, consider living at one of the ten colleges at UQ St Lucia or the Gatton Halls of Residence. Spaces at the Colleges are limited and in high demand. Apply early to avoid disappointment.

[liveuq.edu.au](http://liveuq.edu.au)

### 2 Off-campus student accommodation

If you want to be a little more independent but still have your accommodation arranged before you arrive, consider living in off-campus student housing. This is self-catered, furnished accommodation designed for students that can be booked online. Preferred providers are listed on the website

[my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation/approved-providers](http://my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation/approved-providers)

### 3 Private housing

The third option is to book temporary accommodation and wait until you arrive in Brisbane to secure permanent accommodation.

If you choose this option, plan to arrive in Brisbane at least two to three weeks before the start of Orientation because it can take some time to find a suitable place and get settled in. This option offers the widest variety of choices and prices.

[rental.uq.edu.au/Accommodation](http://rental.uq.edu.au/Accommodation)

### Guaranteed accommodation

UQ offers guaranteed accommodation to incoming Study Abroad and Exchange students commencing at St Lucia or Herston campus.

[my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/accommodation/about-accommodation/guaranteed-accommodation](http://my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/accommodation/about-accommodation/guaranteed-accommodation)



## Estimated living expenses

All costs are in Australian Dollars (A\$). Please note the expenses quoted are a guide only. They will vary depending on location, lifestyle and personal choices.

[future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane/cost-living](http://future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane/cost-living)



Busra from Belgium discovers the fabulous natural sites close to Brisbane at the Glasshouse Mountains.



### Monthly cost of living

	STUDENT LIVING IN ON-CAMPUS COLLEGE	STUDENT LIVING OFF-CAMPUS / STUDENT ACCOMMODATION
Rent	\$2000-\$2800*	\$480-\$1760*
Utilities (gas, electricity, water)	included in rent	\$150-\$175**
Food	included in rent	\$320-\$600
Mobile phone / internet	\$80-\$120	\$80-\$120
Public transport	\$40	\$50-\$100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2120-\$2960</b>	<b>\$1080-\$2755</b>

\* On-campus and off-campus accommodation costs are usually lower in Gatton. The monthly cost for a standard resident room in the Halls of Residence in Gatton is approximately \$1190.

\*\* Many student accommodation providers include electricity, gas and internet costs in rent; however, check with your provider to be sure.

This table should be taken as a guide only. For the most accurate costs of living, visit: [future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane/cost-living](http://future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane/cost-living)

### Student Blog

If you want to know more about what it's like to be a Study Abroad or Exchange student at UQ, you can read about our students' daily life and adventures on our blog.

[uq.edu.au/studyabroad/studentblogs](http://uq.edu.au/studyabroad/studentblogs)



Insider Guides provides a helpful online Cost of Living Calculator to estimate your weekly, monthly and yearly living costs in greater detail.

[insiderguides.com.au/cost-of-living-calculator](http://insiderguides.com.au/cost-of-living-calculator)

### For more information

More information about UQ for international Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange students, including the study environment, links to estimated living costs, tuition fees, refund policies, support services, information for students with families and your legal rights as an international student, can be found online.

[uq.edu.au/studyabroad](http://uq.edu.au/studyabroad)

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