

## Diploma of Arts (DART) - DipArts

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 909351; Distance education: 909355; Fraser Coast campus: 919351

CRICOS code (International applicants): 045302C

	On-campus	Distance education
<b>Semester intake:</b>	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
<b>Campus:</b>	Fraser Coast, Toowoomba	-
<b>Fees:</b>	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
<b>Standard duration:</b>	1 year full-time, 2 years part-time or external	
<b>Program articulation:</b>	To: <a href="#">Bachelor of Arts</a> ; <a href="#">Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business</a> ; <a href="#">Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science</a> ; <a href="#">Bachelor of Creative Arts</a> ; <a href="#">Bachelor of International Studies</a> ; <a href="#">Bachelor of Communication</a> ; <a href="#">Bachelor of Social Science</a>	

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### Program focus

#### For Arts students

The program aims to provide students with an introduction to study in Arts disciplines and programs, and to provide a basic qualification for credit transfer/exemption in other programs.

#### For students intending to transfer to other USQ programs

The Diploma of Arts is available as an entry point for most USQ programs not subject to auditions and interview requirements. This program should appeal to those who have left school but who want to sample a range of university subjects before embarking on a more specialised degree program. The program offers substantial choice and flexibility, allowing entry to a wide range of career and study options, including transfer to other degree programs.

### Program aims

#### For Arts students

The program aims to produce diplomates who have:

- demonstrated competencies in communication skills necessary for further academic study in appropriate discipline areas

- acquired basic knowledge in one or more disciplines in a relevant degree program.

### **For students intending to transfer to other USQ programs**

This program aims to:

- provide students with an introduction to university study by a free selection of courses from across the University.

### **Program objectives**

To produce diplomates who have:

- an awareness of the nature of study in the arts, humanities, and social sciences
- developed foundation knowledge, skills and competencies in at least one discipline area
- a fundamental ability to express thoughts with clarity and coherence in written and/or oral forms
- acquired sufficient knowledge to make informed choices about possible further study.

### **Admission requirements**

Successful completion of Year 12 or equivalent.

Students seeking to enrol in Music, Theatre or Visual Arts courses must pass the relevant audition/portfolio requirements.

International applicants must have met the [University's English language requirements](#) or have completed the [University's ELICOS/EAP](#) program.

### **How to apply**

#### **Domestic students**

[Application for undergraduate programs](#) may be made through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). The same procedure applies whether you plan to study on-campus or by distance education.

If you completed Year 12 at a Queensland secondary school you will be assessed for entry on the basis of your Overall Position (OP) or equivalent score. Year 12 students from other states or territories are considered for entry on the basis of their UAI, ENTER or TER and the subject prerequisites indicated. Other applicants will be based on their overall Rank.

#### **International students**

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

### **Program fees**

#### **Commonwealth supported place**

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#). Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

#### **Domestic full fee paying place**

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

### **International full fee paying place**

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

### **Program structure**

The Diploma of Arts comprises eight units of study, generally requiring completion of eight courses, one of which is a core course. The remaining seven units of courses come from USQ course offerings. While students may choose any seven courses, it is recommended that study is chosen from three discipline areas unless students plan to complete a major study in a single discipline area. The Diploma of Arts may articulate into other degree programs.

### **Required time limits**

Students have a maximum of 4 years to complete this program.

### **Core courses**

Commencing students must complete [CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship](#) or equivalent.

### **Major studies**

Students may enrol in any seven courses for which they have met any pre-requisite requirements. However, where students wish to progress to full degree programs, it is strongly recommended that they select courses from at least two different majors (and preferably up to three majors) in order to ensure a smooth progression to degree programs.

Students may choose to complete a major by taking seven units of study in the one discipline, but this will normally require completion of the program over more than one year of study. Such completed majors will be noted on the Diploma testamur.

*Note: not all courses are available at Fraser Coast campus.*

### **Articulation**

A Diploma of Arts, subject to selection of appropriate courses, articulates into all USQ programs. Students must keep in mind that normal entry requirements still apply for their chosen area of study ie interviews, auditions etc.

### **Exit points**

This program can be used as an exit point for all USQ programs, where a student has completed at least eight courses.

### **Exemptions**

Graduates from other USQ programs may be exempted from the core requirements of the Diploma of Arts.

### **Course transfers**

Courses may be transferred to other programs; students should consult the relevant Faculty.

## Recommended enrolment pattern

See the appropriate Program Coordinator for advice. Please note that students intending to apply for the Bachelor of Nursing should contact the Faculty of Sciences for enrolment advice and approval before enrolling in any courses.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
<a href="#">CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship</a> *	1	1, 2	1	1, 2, 3			
First discipline	1	1	1	1			
Second discipline	1	1	1	1			
Third discipline	1	1	1	1			
First discipline	1	2	1	2			
Second discipline	1	2	1	2			
Third discipline#	1	2	1	2			
Elective	1	2	1	2			

### Footnotes

\* This course is for intending Arts students. Other students should see their relevant Faculty for advice.

# Selected from a fourth discipline area or from any of the other three discipline areas

### Notes:

Students must take [CMS1000](#) . Note that courses at Fraser Coast are limited.

It is also possible to use the remaining seven units of study to complete an Arts major, e.g. History, Language, etc., but because of the possible pre-requisites, this will normally mean completing this sequence of courses in part-time mode across more than one year of study.