

Bachelor of General Studies (BGEN) - BGenStud

CRICOS code (International applicants): 030303C

	On-campus*	Distance education#
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Campus:	Fraser Coast, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	3 years full-time, 6 years part-time or external	

Footnotes

* Not all courses in this program are available on-campus at Fraser Coast.

Not all majors are available via distance education.

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Program focus

The Bachelor of General Studies has been created for students who want to profit from a wide choice of study areas. Such programs 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. Students study courses chosen from a mix of the following discipline categories: Humanities, Social Science, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences and Business/Commerce.

Career opportunities

A General Studies program can lead to any career enhanced by a tertiary qualification. It is designed to develop knowledge in a broad range of disciplines.

Program aims

The Bachelor of General Studies aims to:

- provide a qualification of high academic standard based on a structured selection of disciplines from across the University
- provide a qualification which meets the advanced educational needs of a variety of paraprofessional services
- provide a qualification that meets the entry requirements for admission to a range of appropriate and relevant postgraduate diploma programs
- produce graduates with a broad background of general studies who are able to function effectively in a variety of public and private sector work environments.

Admission requirements

Standard admission is by completion of Year 12, including at least a sound achievement (or equivalent) in English, at an OP level (or equivalent) comparable with that of other University of Southern Queensland programs. Some majors or disciplines may require further pre-requisites.

Non-standard admission is in accordance with University of Southern Queensland regulations, especially articulation from TAFE, or successful completion of three approved units of the [Tertiary Preparation 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. You should ensure you submit your application by the [closing dates](#).

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](#).

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 maximum time for completion of the program is nine years, including time taken to complete the and/or the.

Students are required to complete 24 units as follows: Three units chosen from the corporate courses:

- [CSC1402 Foundation Computing](#)
- [CIS1000 Information System Concepts](#)
- another core course from the approved core electives listed under the Bachelor of Arts.
 - [CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship](#)
- at least six and not more than eight units chosen from a major/discipline in any category* with at least two units being at third year level**
- at least three units in a major/discipline selected from a second category*
- at least three units in a major/discipline selected from a third category*

- at least three units in a major/discipline selected from any categories* including a category previously selected
- four to six units of electives which may be selected from any major/discipline in any category* including categories/majors/disciplines previously selected.

* Categories with relevant majors/disciplines are tabled below

** A third year level course is one that builds on studies in first year level and continues through second year level

Program completion requirements

For the purpose of these programs, majors/disciplines are grouped into five categories - Humanities; Social Sciences; Biological Sciences; Physical Sciences; and Business.

Students should indicate on their enrolment form which Major/Discipline is to be taken as their 'first' discipline (six to eight units) or 'second, third, fourth' discipline (three to five units). At the relevant question in the enrolment form students should list their Majors/Disciplines against the items First Major, Second Major, Third Major/Option, Second Option as appropriate. Ideally, students should indicate all four disciplines to be studied but, if these have not been decided, the first and second majors/disciplines should be indicated. All students enrolled in this degree must contact the Program Coordinator to ensure enrolment patterns are correct.

Category	Major/Discipline*	Faculty
Humanities	Communication and Media Studies	Arts
	Creative Media	Arts
	English Literature	Arts
	Indonesian Language	Arts
	Journalism	Arts
	Language and Culture (German or Mandarin Chinese)	Arts
	Music Theory	Arts
	Music Practice	Arts
	Public Relations	Arts
	Theatre Theory	Arts
	Visual Arts Practice	Arts
	Visual Arts Theory	Arts
	Social Sciences	Anthropology
Community Welfare and Development		Arts
Economics		Business
Educational Computing		Education
Educational Studies		Education
Further Education and Training		Education
History		Arts
International Relations		Arts
Psychological Studies		Sciences
Biological Sciences	Biology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetics • Biochemistry • Microbiology • Physiology 	Sciences
	Human physiology	Sciences
	Environmental Studies	Inter-faculty
	Physical Sciences	
	Agricultural Engineering	Engineering and Surveying
	Applied Mathematics	Sciences

	Buildings and Structures	Engineering and Surveying
	Chemistry	Sciences
	Civil Engineering	Engineering and Surveying
	Computer Science	Sciences
	Computing	Sciences
	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Engineering and Surveying
	Electronic Manufacturing	Engineering and Surveying
	Environmental Engineering	Engineering and Surveying
	Geographic Information Systems	Engineering and Surveying
	Land Use Management	Engineering and Surveying
	Mathematics	Sciences
	Mathematics and Physical Sciences	Sciences
	Mechanical Engineering	Engineering and Surveying
	Operations Management	Sciences
	Physics	Sciences
	Statistics	Sciences
	Surveying	Engineering and Surveying
Business	Accounting	Business
	Administrative Management	Business
	Banking	Business
	Banking/Finance	Business
	Business Administration	Business
	Business Law #	Business
	Computer Software Development	Business
	Finance	Business
	General Commerce	Business
	Human Resource Management	Business
	Information Technology Management	Business
	Logistics and Operations Management	Business
	Management and Leadership	Business
	Marketing	Business
	Tourism Management	Business

Footnotes

* In some areas, it might not be possible to complete the normal major study requirements for professional accreditation. Permission to undertake some majors or disciplines or courses of study might be subject to meeting the pre-requisite requirements.

Students taking the Business Law discipline should select from the following courses: [LAW1101 Introduction to Law](#) (compulsory), [LAW2104 Business and Consumer Law](#), [LAW2106 Law of Business Organisations](#), [LAW2107 Environmental Law](#), [LAW2301 e-Law](#) or [LAW3104 Management Law](#).

Note: Nursing, Early Childhood, Special Education and Teaching Practice courses are not available.

Note: In order to identify individual courses for first major/discipline codes, you will need to consult the relevant Faculty section of this [Handbook](#).

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 9 years to complete this program.

Articulation

The Bachelor of General Studies is the culmination of the and/or the programs. Students who successfully complete the program may apply for admission to other USQ academic programs with appropriate credit.

Graduates from the Bachelor of General Studies program may be eligible to apply for admission to a range of Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or coursework Master programs in designated areas.

	Certificate	Associate Degree	Bachelor
Units	4	16	24
Exemptions (max)	Nil	8	12
Core	Nil	2	3
Major	Nil	8-10	15-17
Discipline 1		4	6-8
Discipline 2		3	3
Discipline 3		1-3	3
Discipline 4			3
Electives	4	4-6	4-6

Exemptions

Students may be eligible for exemptions or recognition of prior learning. The maximum exemption is 12 units.

Recommended enrolment pattern

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	
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship	1	1					
First course from first major discipline	1	1	1	1			
First course from second major discipline	1	1	1	1			
First course from third major discipline	1	1	1	1			
Another approved core course							
Second course from first major discipline	1	2	1	2			
Second course from second major discipline	1	2	1	2			

Notes:

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of General Studies who choose Psychological Studies as one of their majors should note that this qualification will not necessarily provide them with a pathway to professional accreditation as a psychologist.