

Diploma of Arts (DART) - DipArts

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

CRICOS code (International applicants): 045302C

	On-campus	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Campus:	Fraser Coast, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	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
Standard duration:	1 year full-time, 2 years part-time or external	
Program articulation:	To: Bachelor of Arts ; Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business ; Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science ; Bachelor of Creative Arts ; Bachelor of International Studies ; Bachelor of Communication ; Bachelor of Social Science	

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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.

It should be noted that Nursing and Teaching Practice courses are not available in this degree.

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](#) programs.

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](#).

Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who reside outside Australia pay full tuition fees.

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 seven units from a major study in a single discipline area. The Diploma of Arts articulates into other Faculty of Arts degree programs and may articulate into programs from other faculties. Students are advised to discuss their course choices with the Program Coordinator to ensure optimal articulation pathways. In particular, courses can be chosen from the following discipline areas.

Category	Major/Discipline*	Faculty
Humanities	Applied Media †	Arts
	Communication and Media Studies	Arts
	Creative Media	Arts
	English Literature	Arts
	Indonesian Language	Arts
	Indigenous studies	Arts
	Journalism	Arts
	Language and Culture (German or Mandarin Chinese)	Arts
	Music (Theory and History)	Arts
	Public Relations	Arts
	Theatre Theory	Arts
	Visual Arts Theory	Arts
	Social Sciences	Anthropology
Australian Studies		Arts
Community Welfare and Development		Arts
Community Engagement and Transformation		Arts
Contemporary International Studies		
Early Childhood		Education
Educational Studies		Education
Further Education and Training		Education
History		Arts
International Relations		Arts
Popular Culture		Arts
Primary Education		Education
Sustainable Economics & Policy		Business
Special Education		Education
Biological Sciences		Biology
	Human Biology	Sciences
	Human Physiology	Sciences

Physical Sciences	Physical Sciences	Sciences
Psychology	Psychology	Sciences
Environment and Sustainability	Environment and Sustainability	Sciences
Business	Accounting	Business
	Administrative Management	Business
	Business Law #	Business
	Finance	Business
	General Commerce	Business
	Human Resource Management	Business
	Information Technology Management	Business
	International Business	Business
	Management and Leadership	Business
	Marketing	Business
	Supply Chain Management	Business
	Sustainable Business	Business
	Sustainable Economics and Policy	Business
	Tourism Management	Business
General Engineering	Agricultural Engineering	Engineering and Surveying
	Buildings and Structures	Engineering and Surveying
	Civil Engineering	Engineering and Surveying
	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
	Mechanical Engineering	Engineering and Surveying
Surveying	Engineering and Surveying	

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.
- † Springfield campus only.
- # 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](#).

Note: Nursing 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 4 years to complete this program.

Core courses

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

Residential schools

Attendance at a [residential school](#) is recommended for students enrolled externally in Indonesian Language courses.

Articulation

A Diploma of Arts, subject to selection of appropriate courses, articulates into most 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 - Fraser Coast and Toowoomba

See the appropriate Program Coordinator for advice.

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, 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

[†] Or equivalent course.

* 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.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Springfield

See the appropriate Program Coordinator for advice.

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	
Choose ONE of the following two courses:							
CMS1009 Communication in Academic and Professional Contexts ^{A*}	1	1, 2	1	1, 2, 3			
Or							
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship ^{A*}	1	1, 2	1	1, 2, 3			
First discipline	1	1	1	1			
Second discipline	1	1	1	1			

Consult the Handbook on the Web at <http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current> for any updates that may occur during the year.
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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
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			

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