

Bachelor of General Studies (BGEN) - BGenStud

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 909501; External: 909505;
Springfield campus: 929501

CRICOS code (International applicants): 030303C

	On-campus§	Online«
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Campus:	Springfield, 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:	3 years full-time, 6 years part-time	
Program articulation:	From: Diploma of University Studies	

Footnotes

§ Not all courses in this program are available on-campus at Springfield.

« Not all majors are available online.

Contact us

Students who wish to enrol in this program are strongly advised to [contact us](#) to set out a study plan before arranging their enrolment in their chosen courses.

Future Australian and New Zealand students	Future International students	Current students
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Program aims

The Bachelor of General Studies aims to equip students with the skills to synthesise information across knowledge domains and develop academic capabilities such as searching, comprehending and evaluating information from a range of sources. The program provides the foundation for self-directed and lifelong learning as well as proficiencies in self-management and interpersonal skills across a range of contexts, preparing students for further study or new study direction.

Program objectives

On completion of this program students should be able to:

- (1) gain a foundation knowledge and apply key competencies in academic writing, mathematics, digital literacies, and study skills
- (2) articulate ideas and concepts across a range of knowledge domains
- (3) apply creative, critical and analytical skills to solve problems in diverse contexts
- (4) communicate with academic clarity and coherence in written and oral forms

(5) apply ethical decision-making in diverse applications.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 07. Graduates at this level will have broad and coherent knowledge and skills for professional work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View USQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Have achieved a minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of **59**, or equivalent qualification.[^]
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 2.

Please note: 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](#).

Applicants are advised to also address the following:

- [Assumed knowledge](#) expectations: English (Units 3 & 4, C).

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

[^] These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2021 ATAR and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Adjustment factors may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your entrance rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about USQ's [Adjustment Factors](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#)

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Program structure

The Bachelor of General Studies provides students with the ability to choose their own study pathways from across the University, subject to meeting any pre-requisite requirements and with the approval of the Program Coordinator. This program does not have named majors that will appear on the student testamurs at completion of the program.

Students must complete 24 units:

- 4 core units
- 20 elective units
 - (1) Students cannot do more than 12 Level 1 units
 - (2) Students must complete at least four (4) Level 3 courses.

Students can choose courses from across the University based on meeting the pre-requisite requirements and the study plan being approved by the Program Coordinator.

Students who wish to use the program as a pathway to other studies must also consult with the Program Coordinator of the program they wish to articulate into, to ensure the courses chosen provide a suitable pathway.

Students are required to complete 24 units as follows:

Area of study	Number of units
<p>Core courses[^] There are four compulsory level 1 courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIP1000 E-Literacy for Contemporary Society • DIP1001 Academic and Professional English • DIP1002 Strategies for Successful Study • DIP1003 Essential Mathematics or DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy 	4 units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The remaining 20 units can be taken from all levels, but students cannot take more than eight (8) extra level 1 courses (in addition to the core courses above, to bring the maximum number of permissible level 1 courses to 12). • Students must take at least four (4) level 3 courses. 	20 units*

Students must consult the Program Coordinator in planning their course selections to gain approval for their study plan or changes to their approved study plan.

Total	24 units
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Footnotes

- ^ Students who have equivalent knowledge in these areas may be eligible to apply for credit/exemptions. Students should complete the core courses in their first year unless they have approved credit/exemptions.
- * Course selection will be subject to normal pre-requisite requirements.

Students should choose three discipline areas from the following USQ programs#:#

- [Associate Degree of Engineering](#)
- [Bachelor of Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of Business](#)
- [Bachelor of Communication and Media](#)
- [Bachelor of Engineering Science](#)
- [Bachelor of Human Services](#)
- [Bachelor of Science](#)

Students cannot take Nursing or Law courses.

Required time limits

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

Exit points

Students may exit with the [Diploma of University Studies](#) if they have completed 8 courses as follows:

- 4 core units from the Bachelor of General Studies
- 4 other courses.

Students may exit with the Associate Degree of General Studies if they have completed 16 courses as follows:

- 4 core units from the Bachelor of General Studies
- 12 other units of which at least 4 units must be level 2.

Credit

Candidates for admission to the Bachelor of General Studies may be eligible for up to 16 units of credit on the basis of successful completion of relevant, equivalent undergraduate study from a recognised university or institution offering equivalent study. Credit approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by USQ.

Candidates who have equivalent knowledge in core unit area/s may be eligible to apply for credit/exemptions.

Recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
DIP1000 E-Literacy for Contemporary Society					1	1, 2, 3	
DIP1001 Academic and Professional English					1	1, 2, 3	
DIP1002 Strategies for Successful Study					1	1, 2, 3	
DIP1003 Essential Mathematics					1	1, 2, 3	

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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Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
or							
DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy					1	1, 2, 3	
<p>The remaining 20 units can be taken from all levels, but students cannot take more than eight (8) extra level 1 courses (in addition to the core courses above, to bring the maximum number of permissible level 1 courses to 12).</p> <p>Students must take at least four (4) level 3 courses.</p>							

Notes:

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of General Studies who select 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.

Education

The Bachelor of General Studies is a pathway to the [Bachelor of Education](#) which has minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements for entry. Please contact Business, Education, Law and Arts Academic Program Support, email: usq.support@usq.edu.au for advice on GPA entry requirements.