

Diploma of Arts (DART) - DipArts

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 909351; External: 909355

CRICOS code (International applicants): 045302C

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should [contact us](#).

	On-campus	External
Start:	No new admissions	No new admissions
Campus:	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 Communication and Media	

Contact us

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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
- 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.

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 05. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for skilled/paraprofessional 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 Overall Position (OP) **17**, tertiary entrance rank **62** or equivalent qualification.[^]
- Subject Pre-requisite: English (4, SA) or equivalent.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 2.

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 2019 OP 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.

Special admissions may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your Selection Rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about USQ's [Special Admissions](#) 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 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 may articulate into other USQ undergraduate degree programs. Students are advised to contact the relevant Faculty to discuss their course choices to ensure optimal articulation pathways. In particular, courses can be chosen from the following discipline areas.

Category	Major/Discipline*	Faculty
Humanities	Film, Television and Radio	Business, Education, Law and Arts
	Communication and Media Studies	
	English Literature	
	Indigenous studies	
	Journalism	
	Language and Culture (German or Mandarin Chinese)	
	Music (Theory and History)	
	Public Relations	
	Theatre Theory	
	Visual Arts Theory	
Social Sciences	Anthropology	Business, Education, Law and Arts
	Contemporary International Studies	
	History	
	International Relations	
Biological Sciences	Biology	Health, Engineering and Sciences
	Human Biology	
	Human Physiology	
Physical Sciences	Physical Sciences	Health, Engineering and Sciences
Psychology	Psychology	
Environment and Sustainability	Environment and Sustainability	

Business	Accounting	Business, Education, Law and Arts
	Administrative Management	
	Business Economics	
	Business Law #	
	Finance	
	General Commerce	
	Human Resource Management	
	Information Technology Management	
	International Business	
	Management and Leadership	
	Marketing	
	Supply Chain Management	
	Sustainable Business	
	Sustainable Economics and Policy	
	Tourism Management	
General Engineering	Agricultural Engineering	Health, Engineering and Sciences
	Buildings and Structures	
	Civil Engineering	
	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	
	Electronic Manufacturing	
	Environmental Engineering	
	Geographic Information Systems	
	Land Use Management	
	Mechanical Engineering	
	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.

Students taking the Business Law discipline should select from the following courses: LAW1101 (compulsory), LAW2104 , LAW2106

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 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 in their first semester of study. A credit for [CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship](#) may be granted for students with a previous USQ undergraduate degree.

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.

Credit

Graduates from other USQ programs within the last 10 years may be credited for 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 Toowoomba

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	
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship [†]	1	1, 2			1	1,2,3	Enrolment is not permitted in CMS1000 if MGT1200 has been previously completed.
First major/discipline	1	1			1	1	
Second major/discipline	1	1			1	1	
Third major/discipline	1	1			1	1	
First major/discipline	1	2			1	2	
Second major/discipline	1	2			1	2	
Third major/discipline [#]	1	2			1	2	
Elective	1	2			1	2	

Footnotes

[†] Students who have completed CMS1009 Communication in Academic and Professional Contexts cannot enrol in [CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship](#).

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

Notes:

Students must undertake [CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship](#).

It is also possible to use the remaining seven units of study to contribute towards an Arts major (majors consists of 8 units), 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

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	
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship ^{^†}	1	1, 2			1	1.2.3	Enrolment is not permitted in CMS1000 if MGT1200 has been previously completed.
First major/discipline	1	1			1	1	
Second major/discipline	1	1			1	1	
Third major/discipline	1	1			1	1	
First major/discipline	1	2			1	2	
Second major/discipline	1	2			1	2	
Third major/discipline [#]	1	2			1	2	

Consult the Handbook on the Web at <http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current> for any updates that may occur during the year. (DISCONTINUED) Diploma of Arts (DART) - DipArts (2022)

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
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.

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Notes:

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Note that courses at Springfield 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.