

Diploma of University Studies (DOUS) - DipUS

	Online
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year full-time, 2 years part-time
Program articulation:	From: Certificate of University Studies To: Bachelor of General Studies ; or a pre-specified undergraduate program depending on area of specialisation

Notes:

The number of units of credit towards an undergraduate program will depend on the specialisation and courses studied with a maximum of eight credits being available.

The first four courses are compulsory and are only available online.

Only domestic students can articulate from the ; [Certificate of University Studies](#).

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Program aims

The Diploma of University Studies contains separate strands for both domestic and international students with a non-English-speaking background.

The **domestic strand** aims to equip students with the necessary skills to successfully respond to the numeracy, literacy, critical thinking and e-literacy demands of higher education studies and the professional workplace, in addition to assisting students to successfully manage the complexities of life/work balance.

The **international strand**, which is primarily for students from non-English speaking backgrounds, has a stronger emphasis on the use of English for academic and professional purposes and to develop strategies that equip them for successful university study specific to their professional areas.

Both strands of the Diploma provides students with a broad introduction to the academic culture of university studies and an enhanced understanding and knowledge of foundational issues, principles and strategies needed in order to be successful in the first year undergraduate level of study, before providing students with four first-year undergraduate courses of specialisation in a discipline area.

The program will appeal to **domestic students** who want to enhance and develop their broad award-level study skills prior to undertaking a range of discipline courses and determining whether to embark on a more specialised degree program, or opting instead to graduate out with a new sub-degree qualification. For **international students** from non-English speaking backgrounds, the program encompasses the development of similar generic skills but aims to initially develop their speaking, listening, writing, reading and mathematical

skills, so that they are then able to participate successfully in their Australian university discipline activities conducted in English.

Program objectives

On successful completion of the Diploma of University Studies graduates should be able to:

- (1) apply knowledge, skills and competencies in a series of generic first year award-level undergraduate courses
- (2) use foundation knowledge, skills and competencies in an area of specialisation from a first year undergraduate discipline area
- (3) apply enhanced awareness of the nature of award-level study in the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts, or the Faculty of Health, Engineering, and Sciences
- (4) use effective communication and interpersonal skills and an ability to successfully pursue an undergraduate program of study in either the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts, or the Faculty of Health, Engineering, and Sciences.

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:

International applicants must have a minimum entry level of IELTS 5.5 or equivalent.

There is no specified minimum educational achievement entrance standard.

Normally, to be eligible for enrolment in the program a person will have attained an age of at least 18 years in the year of the proposed enrolment.

Students will need to complete the online application form for entry to the Diploma Program. All applicants are also required to complete online diagnostic tests in Mathematics, e-literacy, and English Communication Skills. Applicants will then be given advice detailing whether the Diploma of University Studies is the most appropriate pathway for them to undertake. Some students may be advised to undertake the [Tertiary Preparation Program](#).

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.

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 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. Students 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](#) 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 Finder](#).

Program structure

This program consists of four core courses followed by four courses of specialisation from a discipline area.

Students must successfully complete the four core courses before they are able to undertake the four courses of specialisation.

Students using the Diploma of University Studies to exit from the [Bachelor of General Studies](#) will be required to ensure that equivalent knowledge of the Diploma of University Studies core courses has been met.

Program completion requirements

To successfully complete the Diploma of University Studies students must successfully complete the four compulsory core courses and also the four specialisation courses.

Required time limits

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

Core courses

Core courses: Domestic strand

There are four compulsory courses for domestic students:

- [DIP1000 E-Literacy for Contemporary Society](#)
- [DIP1001 Academic and Professional English](#)
- [DIP1002 Strategies for Successful Study](#)
- [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#) or [DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy](#)

Students can commence with any of the four courses but for students unaccustomed to online learning it is recommended they start with [DIP1000 E-Literacy for Contemporary Society](#).

Students who want to progress to the specialisations in Construction, Engineering, Spatial Science, or Science need to take [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#). All other students need to take [DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy](#).

Students can progress their studies in either part-time or full-time mode. All four core courses can be taken in a single semester for those pursuing full-time studies.

Core courses: International strand

There are four compulsory courses for international students:

- [DIP1006 Academic and Professional Writing](#)
- [DIP1007 Academic and Professional Speaking and Listening](#)
- [DIP1008 Academic and Professional Numerical Literacy B](#)
- [DIP1009 Academic and Professional Reading](#)
- [DIP1010 Academic and Professional Numerical Literacy A](#)

Students who want to progress to the specialisations in Construction, Engineering, Spatial Science, or Science need to take [DIP1008 Academic and Professional Numerical Literacy B](#). All other students need to take [DIP1010 Academic and Professional Numerical Literacy A](#).

Students can progress their studies in either part-time or full-time mode. It is recommended part-time students take [DIP1009](#) and [DIP1007](#) first, and then [DIP1008](#) or [DIP1010](#) and [DIP1006](#). All four core courses can be taken in a single semester for those pursuing full-time studies.

Indigenous Community Development

After completing the four compulsory courses students must select four courses from the following selection:

- [ISE1000 Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Australia](#)
- [ISE1001 First Nations Literature and Writings](#)
- [ISE1002 Comparative and Contemporary Indigenous Cultures](#)
- **or**
- [ISE1003 Contexts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art and Representation](#)
- One elective from the following list of courses, or an alternative elective approved by the Program Co-ordinator:

- [CDS1000 Community Welfare and Development](#)
- [PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology](#)
- [CDS1001 Human Relations and Communications](#)
- [CDS2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights in the Human Services](#)
- [HIS1001 Introduction to Australian History](#)
- [HMT1000 A History of Ideas](#)
- [ANT1001 Introductory Anthropology](#)

Students who successfully complete the Diploma of University Studies (Indigenous Community Development) are able to articulate into the [Bachelor of Arts](#), [Bachelor of Social Science](#) or the [Bachelor of General Studies](#). The number of units of credit towards these undergraduate programs will depend on the major and courses studied with a maximum of eight credits being available.

Business and Commerce

After completing the four compulsory courses students can select four Business and Commerce courses from the following selection:

- [ACC1101 Accounting for Decision-Making](#)
- [CIS1000 Information Systems Concepts](#)
- [ECO1000 Economics](#)
- [FIN1101 Introduction to Corporate Finance](#)
- [LAW1500 Introduction to Business and Company Law](#)
- [MGT1000 Organisational Behaviour](#)

- [MKT1001 Introduction to Marketing](#)

Students who successfully complete the Diploma of University Studies (Business and Commerce) are able to articulate into the [Bachelor of Business and Commerce](#). The number of units of credit towards these undergraduate programs will depend on the major and courses studied with a maximum of eight credits being available.

Construction

After completing the four compulsory courses students can select four courses from the following selection:

- [CMG1001 Introduction to Construction Management and the Built Environment](#)
- [CMG1002 Residential Construction: Methods, Materials and Management](#)
- [ENG1002 Introduction to Engineering and Built Environment Applications](#)
- [ENG1100 Introduction to Engineering Design](#)
- [ENG1003 Problem Solving in Engineering and the Built Environment](#)
- [ENM1500 Introductory Engineering Mathematics](#)

Students who successfully complete the Diploma of University Studies (Construction) are able to articulate into the [Associate Degree of Engineering](#), [Associate Degree of Construction](#) or the [Associate Degree of Spatial Science](#). The number of units of credit towards these undergraduate programs will depend on the major and courses studied with a maximum of eight credits being available.

Creative Arts

After completing the four compulsory courses students can select four courses from the following:

- [VSA1000 Introduction to Art Theory](#)
 - [VSA1003 Soft Architecture](#)
 - [THE1001 Theatre in Context 1: Sophocles to Shakespeare](#)
 - [THE1002 Theatre in Context 2: Bourgeois to Broken](#)
 - [MUI1007 Making Music 1: Learning Musical Languages](#)
 - [MUI1003 Musical Contexts 1: Turning Points in Western Music](#)
 - [FTR1000 Elements of Graphic Design](#)
- OR
- [FTR1002 Fundamentals of Media](#)
 - [FTR1006 Scriptwriting](#)

Students who successfully complete the Diploma of University Studies (Creative Arts) are able to articulate into the [Bachelor of Creative Arts](#) (Film, Television and Radio only) Theatre, Music and Visual Arts requires an audition and/or interview for entry or the [Bachelor of Arts](#). The number of units of credit towards these undergraduate programs will depend on the major and courses studied with a maximum of eight credits being available.

Engineering

After completing the four compulsory courses students can select four courses from the following selection:

- [ENG1002 Introduction to Engineering and Built Environment Applications](#)
- [ENG1100 Introduction to Engineering Design](#)
- [ENG1003 Problem Solving in Engineering and the Built Environment](#)
- [ENM1500 Introductory Engineering Mathematics](#)
- [CIV1500 Applied Mechanics](#)
- [ELE1301 Computer Engineering](#)
- [ELE1502 Electronic Circuits](#)
- [MEC1201 Engineering Materials](#)

Students who successfully complete the Diploma of University Studies (Engineering) are able to articulate into the [Associate Degree of Engineering](#) or the [Associate Degree of Spatial Science](#). The number of units of credit towards these undergraduate programs will depend on the major and courses studied with a maximum of eight credits being available.

Science

After completing the four compulsory courses students can select four courses from the following selection of foundation courses:

- [PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A](#)
- [PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B](#)*
- [CSC1402](#)
- [CSC1401 Foundation Programming](#)
- [STA2300 Data Analysis](#)
- [MAT1000 Mathematics Fundamentals](#)
- [BIO1101 Biology 1](#)^{^§}
- [CHE1110 Chemistry 1](#)^{^§}
- [PHY1104 Physics 1](#)
- [REN1201 Environmental Studies](#)
- [PHY1101 Astronomy 1](#)
- [BIO2103 Biology 2](#)[^]
- [CHE2120 Chemistry 2](#)[^]
- [PHY1911 Physics 2](#)
- [PHY1107 Astronomy 2](#)
- [CLI1110 Weather and Climate](#)
- [MAT1100 Foundation Mathematics](#)

* The on-campus Toowoomba offering of this course is not available in 2018

[^] These courses have a compulsory residential school.

[§] [BIO1101 Biology 1](#) and [CHE1110 Chemistry 1](#) are prerequisites of [BIO2103 Biology 2](#) and [CHE2120 Chemistry 2](#) they must be studied first

Students who successfully complete the Diploma of University Studies (Science) are able to articulate into the [Bachelor of Science](#). The number of units of credit towards this undergraduate program will depend on the major and courses studied with a maximum of eight credits being available.

Social Studies

After completing the four compulsory courses students can select four courses from the following selection:

- [CDS1000 Community Welfare and Development](#)
- [CDS1001 Human Relations and Communications](#)
- [CDS2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights in the Human Services](#)
- [PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A](#)
- [PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B](#)*
- [PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology](#)
- [SOC1000 Approaches to the Social Sciences](#)
- [ANT1001 Introductory Anthropology](#)

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Students who successfully complete the Diploma of University Studies (Social Studies) are able to articulate into the [Bachelor of Human Services](#), the [Bachelor of Social Science](#) or the [Bachelor of Science](#). The number of units of credit towards these undergraduate programs will depend on the major and courses studied with a maximum of eight credits being available.

Spatial Science

After completing the four compulsory courses students can select four courses from the following selection:

- [ENG1002 Introduction to Engineering and Built Environment Applications](#)
- [ENG1003 Problem Solving in Engineering and the Built Environment](#)
- [ENM1500 Introductory Engineering Mathematics](#)
- [GIS1401 Geographic Data Presentation](#)
- [GIS1402 Geographic Information Systems](#)
- [SVY1102 Surveying A](#)
- [SVY1110 Introduction to Global Positioning System](#)
- [URP1001 Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning](#)

Students who successfully complete the Diploma of University Studies (Spatial Science) are able to articulate into the [Associate Degree of Engineering](#) or the [Associate Degree of Spatial Science](#). The number of units of credit towards these undergraduate programs will depend on the major and courses studied with a maximum of eight credits being available.

IT requirements

Students must have reliable and ready access to email and the Internet. For information technology requirements, please see the [minimum computing standards](#).

Enrolment

Recommended enrolment pattern - Domestic students

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.

Students undertaking the Diploma of University Studies must complete the four compulsory courses first.

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	
Students undertaking the Construction, Engineering, Science or Spatial Science specialisations must take the following course:							
DIP1003 Essential Mathematics					1	1,2,3	
Students undertaking the Business and Commerce, Creative Arts, Indigenous Community Development, or Social Science specialisations must take the following course:							
DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy					1	1,2,3	

Recommended enrolment pattern - International students

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	
DIP1007 Academic and Professional Speaking and Listening					1	1,2,3	
DIP1009 Academic and Professional Reading					1	1,2,3	
DIP1006 Academic and Professional Writing					1	1,2,3	

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	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
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DIP1008 Academic and Professional Numerical Literacy B					1	1,2,3	
Students undertaking the Business and Commerce, Creative Arts, Indigenous Community Development, or Social Science specialisations must take the following course:							
DIP1010 Academic and Professional Numerical Literacy A					1	1,2,3	

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