



THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Founded in 1910 The University of Queensland (UQ) is one of Australia's premier learning and research institutions. Internationally renowned for its highly awarded teaching staff, world-class facilities and superior campus environment, 45,500 students, including over 11,300 international students from 134 countries, choose to study at UQ.

In 2012 UQ was one of only 73 universities in the world to be awarded the five star plus ranking from the QS Rankings of World Universities.

UQ's main campus is located in the picturesque inner-city suburb of St Lucia. Bounded by the Brisbane River on three sides, and only seven kilometres from Brisbane's vibrant city heart, this 285-acre site provides students with the perfect study, research and living environment.

UQ is a founding member of the national Group of Eight an alliance of research-strong "sandstone" universities committed to ensuring that Australia has genuinely world class higher education institutions.

We are a member of Universitas 21, a global alliance that ensures quality university outcomes through international benchmarking.

The UQ Advantage provides students with opportunities, choices and support that enable them to realise their individual aspirations, become leaders in their chosen fields and to positively impact the society in which they live.

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND RANKINGS

- Top 50 worldwide – QS World University Rankings 2012
- Top 100 worldwide – Times Higher Education University Rankings 2012
- Top 10 in the Asia Pacific and top 100 worldwide - Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Ranking of World Universities 2012
- Five Star Plus Ranking - QS World University Rankings 2012
- Rated above world standard in more fields of research than any other Australian University - Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2010

BRISBANE

Brisbane is the capital city of Queensland and the third largest city in Australia. It is a safe, friendly, multicultural metropolis for international students.

The inner city features the Brisbane River, parklands, museums, art galleries, a casino, malls, shopping districts, convention facilities and a host of cosmopolitan restaurants and cafés.

Just an hour away are the golden beaches of the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast and the impressive national park rainforests of the hinterland. Further north are internationally renowned destinations: Fraser Island, the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsunday Islands, and the Daintree Rainforest.

Summer months are hot and humid with an average maximum temperature of 29°C. Winter months are mild and very pleasant with an average maximum temperature of 22°C.

For more information on living and studying in Brisbane, please visit:

www.studybrisbane.com.au



Brisbane River and City

2013 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SEMESTER ONE		SEMESTER TWO	
Study Abroad and Exchange Orientation	18 Feb	Study Abroad and Exchange Orientation	15 Jul
General Orientation	18-22 Feb	General Orientation	15 - 19 Jul
Classes	25 Feb - 28 Mar	Classes	22 Jul - 28 Sep
Mid-Semester Break	1 - 6 Apr	Mid-Semester Break	30 Sep - 5 Oct
Classes	8 Apr - 1 Jun	Classes	7 - 26 Oct
Revision Period	3 - 7 Jun	Revision Period	28 Oct - 1 Nov
Examination Period	8 - 22 Jun	Examination Period	2 - 16 Nov
Semester Ends	22 Jun	Semester Ends	16 Nov

For more information, please visit UQ Events online at www.uq.edu.au/events

CRICOS Code: 00025B

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION		GRADES	DESCRIPTION	CUT OFF % RANGE
Language of instruction	English	7	High Distinction	85+
Number of hours per week per course	Usually 3 contact hours per week per course	6	Distinction	75 - 84
Number of weeks of study	16 weeks (including exams)	5	Credit	65 - 74
		4	Pass	50 - 64
		3	Fail	46 - 49
Number of required courses	Minimum 6 units (3 courses) per semester to maintain student visa status. A typical full-time load is 8 units (4 courses) per semester.	2	Fail	30 - 45
		1	Serious Fail	0 - 29

COURSES

Exchange students may select from many of the 4,000 courses across our six faculties. A full list of courses can be found on the UQ Courses and Programs website (www.uq.edu.au/study).

To look up a course enter a search term, select "Courses" from the drop-down menu, then "Search". Once the search results have appeared, click on the "Study Abroad" link under "Refine your search" (to the left of the screen). Choose "Show only pre-approved courses for Study Abroad students" (only courses not requiring approval from UQ will show up).

Students should note the code of any course they wish to study - they will need to write it on their application form. If they want to take a course that requires approval (eg. higher level courses or Law courses) the UQ Exchange Advisor will forward their application to the appropriate faculty.

UQ has four main campuses - St. Lucia, Ipswich, Herston and Gatton. Most exchange students study at either the St Lucia or Gatton campus. Students should try not to timetable courses taught at two different campuses on the same day. If the majority of their courses are taught on one campus (e.g. Gatton), they should make accommodation arrangements close to that campus.

PLEASE NOTE: Most Health Science courses (Medicine, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Occupational and Speech Therapy and Vet Science courses) cannot be studied by exchange students.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications received by the deadline will be processed within 10 working days. Applications received after the deadline however may take longer to be processed and this delay could result in students missing out on on-campus accommodation.

Minimum GPA requirement: Exchange students should be students of good academic standing in their own university and must be recommended by their university to participate in the Exchange program.

Minimum English entry requirement: To meet the University's English language requirements, students must obtain the following results in one of the approved English language tests below:

IELTS: 6.5 (overall band) with 6.0 (reading, writing, speaking and listening)

TOEFL: 570 with TWE of 5.0 (listening and reading)

iBT: 90 with 21 (writing) and 20 (speaking, listening and reading)

Please Note: Some other forms of language assessment may be acceptable. For more information please check the following website: <http://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/3.40.14-english-language-proficiency-admission-requirements-university-programs>

COMPLETION OF APPLICATION FORM

The application form can be downloaded at:

www.uq.edu.au/study/forms/international/StudyAbroadAppForm.pdf

Please ensure that all information is complete and correct. Please note that the Date of Birth must be completed in the following order: DAY, MONTH, YEAR.

Applications must include:

1. a certified copy of the student's current transcript (translated into English); and
2. proof of English language proficiency (see <http://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/3.40.14-english-language-proficiency-admission-requirements-university-programs>)

Applications must be sent by the home university accompanied by a letter of recommendation. All applications must be signed by the student. Applications and accompanying documentation can be sent electronically by the home university.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Sem 1 (February-June): September 30

Sem 2 (July-November): February 28

(These are recommended deadlines)

Streamlined Visa Processing (SVP) was introduced by the University on August 1st 2012. The University's procedures are outlined here: www.uq.edu.au/international-students/svp. Should you have any questions regarding this new process, please contact the International Admissions Manager, Ms Jan Barton, j.barton1@uq.edu.au.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

English language support courses are offered to all international students (including exchange) at no additional charge.

Academic Communication Skills (ESP:ACS): ESP:ACS is delivered on a full-time basis for three weeks prior to the commencement of Orientation each semester. The program provides students with essential language and academic skills for successful university study and is offered to all new international UQ students. Registration is strongly encouraged. The 2013 ESP:ACS (English for Specific Purposes: Academic Communication Skills) information and registration form are available online at www.ict.e.uq.edu.au/esp-acs Students should register as soon as possible to confirm their place.

ESP:ACS PROGRAM DATES

Semester 1, 2013:
29 January - 15 February 2013
Semester 2, 2013:
24 June - 12 July 2012

English for Academic Communication (EAC): This concurrent English language support program is held both semesters for two hours per week. It's available to first semester international students. To apply or for more information about subsequent courses, see www.ict.e.uq.edu.au/eac

WRIT1001 and WRIT1005: These are credit-bearing courses (2 units each) for students needing additional help with their written grammar and academic writing skills.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Transcripts

One academic transcript for each study abroad student is provided free of charge and will be sent to the student's institution at the end of each semester. Students who obtain a minimum semester GPA of 6.0 or above (out of 7.0) will also receive a Dean's Letter of Commendation. All exchange students receive a Certificate of Participation for attending UQ.

Re-sits (or Supplementary exams)

Non-award students are not eligible for supplementary assessment following any fail grade as these provisions are solely for UQ program students to enable them one chance following a failure as defined in the General Award Rules (<http://www.uq.edu.au/student/GeneralRules2012/2012GARs.pdf>)

Please note: students should not plan to leave Brisbane before the end of the examination period as exams cannot be rescheduled.

Tuition Fees

Exchange students who have been recommended by a partner university with an official exchange agreement with UQ are not required to pay tuition. However they will be required to pay for associated living costs in Australia (see page 4).

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

On-campus residence: There are 10 on-campus halls of residence. Space is limited and students interested in staying on-campus should apply early. Students can download an application from www.uq.edu.au/student-services/accommodation Send this directly to the on-campus hall of residence. The cost is between AUD\$15,000 - AUD\$18,000 per year and includes three meals a day.

Off-campus accommodation: Off-campus halls of residence, apartments and share-housing are available. Please check the Accommodation Services website for off-campus availability and costs. Students living off-campus should arrive in Brisbane at least one week before Orientation to find suitable housing. Some off-campus housing is listed at www.uq.edu.au/student-services/accommodation

Temporary accommodation: Those students who have not arranged permanent accommodation prior to arriving in Brisbane will be taken to temporary accommodation (paid for by the student) on arrival. Temporary accommodation must be booked through the Accommodation Services website prior to arrival.

Airport reception: All international students are met at the Brisbane Airport or the downtown bus terminal, free of charge. Students must access the online airport reception form on the Accommodation Services website to take advantage of this service (students will receive information about this service in their acceptance packet).

PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL

Student Disability arrangements

The University has equity processes for students with disabilities or long term medical conditions. If a student has a disability or long term medical condition that is likely to require services, equipment or facilities to assist them in their studies, please contact UQ's Disability Advisor via email disability@uq.edu.au.

(www.uq.edu.au/myadvisor/students-with-a-disability)

Student Visas and Employment

For information about Student Visa (non-award) requirements, please contact the nearest Australian consulate or embassy or check out the following website www.immi.gov.au/students/ Permission to work is automatically granted with the student visa and allows students to work up to 20 hours a week during semester

(www.immi.gov.au/students/_pdf/permission-to-work-students.pdf)

Health Insurance Information

All exchange students must purchase compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) through the University for the length of the student visa. The cost for 6 months is AUD\$218, and the cost for 14 months is AUD\$435 (these figures are based on 2012 prices and may change in 2013). The University's preferred OSHC provider is World Care Assist.

(www.uq.edu.au/international-students/get-health-cover)

ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES

ALL COSTS IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS

Accommodation

Off-campus rent (share house)	\$175-\$220 per week
On-campus college fees	\$472 per week

Other Expenses

Books/supplies	\$850 (for year)
Food (off-campus)	\$50-\$80 per week
Electricity/gas (off-campus)	\$25 per week
Phone	\$10 per week
Public transport (off-campus)	\$20 per week
Recreation/entertainment	\$50 per week
Clothing/personal	\$600 (for year)

Please note the expenses quoted are a guide only. They will vary depending on location, lifestyle and personal choices. (www.uq.edu.au/international-students/living-costs)

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Emergency Contact

In the case of emergency, please contact University Security on +61 7 3365 1234. Security will determine the appropriate person within the University to contact with regard to the nature of the emergency.

UQ Policies and Procedures

For the University's Discipline Policies, please see (<http://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/3.60.04-student-integrity-and-misconduct>)

For the University's procedures regarding critical incidents affecting staff or students, please see (<http://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/7.60.01-critical-incident-management>)

Study Abroad and Exchange Newsletter

Are you receiving the Study Abroad and Exchange Newsletter? It provides our partners with information about their students, new courses available at the University and updates to our procedures. If you want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Jan McCreary via email jan.mccreary@uq.edu.au.

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