Choose UQ for Study Abroad or Incoming Exchange

Our global reputation

UQ ranks among the world's top universities, as measured by several key independent rankings

An international study experience at UQ will broaden your horizons, change your understanding and transform your world outlook.

Consistently ranked among the world's top universities, The University of Queensland (UQ) offers award-winning teaching, world-class indoor and outdoor learning environments, and outstanding facilities. Of UQ's +55,000 student population, more than 21,000 are international students.

As a student already enrolled at an accredited university outside Australia, you can explore your interests and talents by studying at UQ for one or 2 semesters. With more than 4000 high-quality courses on offer, UQ is one of the most comprehensive universities in Australia. Many of these courses offer theoretical or practical components unique to UQ. Numerous courses focus on Australian topics or offer field trips to fascinating locations in South East Queensland, while others promote group project work, research opportunities or enhance employability.

Study Abroad students have the option of choosing the standard 4 course (full-time load) Study Abroad program, or the 3 course program at a reduced tuition fee. Incoming Exchange students can choose either 3 or 4 courses.

Whatever you choose, your UQ experience will help shape you into a well-rounded global citizen able to inspire change in others.

Where is UQ?

UQ offers one of the best campus experiences in the world in a location renowned for its welcoming, safe, and relaxed lifestyle, subtropical climate and vibrant and diverse culture.

Brisbane is the home of UQ's St Lucia and Herston campuses and the capital city of Queensland. Innovative and progressive, the city is a thriving global centre in Asia-Pacific for business, investment, technology, major events, and education. It is also home to over 200 nationalities and 220 languages.

Gatton, the largest town in South-East Queensland's Lockyer Valley, is the home of the UQ Gatton campus. Bordered by unspoilt mountain ranges and located only one hour's drive from Brisbane, Gatton has a culturally diverse population of approximately 7000 people. UQ Gatton students enjoy a laidback, country lifestyle in a close-knit community.

Queensland is Australia's second-largest state by area, and is home to some of the most important natural sites in the world, including the Great Barrier Reef. The state boasts pristine beaches, coral reefs, rainforests, mountain ranges, and outback towns. One of the best ways to discover these is to enrol in a UQ course with a field trip.

study.uq.edu.au/study-options/study-abroad/study-options

35th globally (3rd in Australia)
*CWTS Leiden Ranking, 2023**

36th globally (3rd in Australia)
U.S. News Best Global Universities, 2023

37th globally (4th in Australia)
NTU Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities, 2023

43rd globally (6th in Australia)
QS World University Rankings, 2024

51st globally (2nd in Australia)
Academic Ranking of World Universities, 2023

22nd best student city in the world
QS Best Student Cities Ranking, 2024

*measured by the impact indicator P (top 1%), ordered by P (top 1%) using fractional counting.

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Did you know?

As a Study Abroad student, you have the option to take 4 courses (a full-time study load) or just 3 for a reduced tuition fee.

Choose your courses

Most of UQ's 4000 courses on offer are open to Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange students, but some require permission from the relevant UQ faculty or school prior to enrolment. For courses you list on your application, UQ's Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange Advisers will request permission on your behalf, and you will receive a report with your letter of offer indicating which courses have been approved.

Follow these simple steps to find courses:

1 Go to my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses

Enter a search term in the search bar – you can search by course code or area of interest – and choose 'Courses' from the drop down menu on the right-hand side to explore available courses.

2 Refine your search

On the search results page go to the left navigation menu and select as many filters as you want: for example, refine your search to include only pre-approved courses for Study Abroad students and/or courses offered in a particular semester.

TIP: if you do a new search, you will have to refine it again.

3 Click on a course code or title

Check the level of the course (undergraduate or postgraduate), and which semester and campus it is offered: click on the semester for course description.

4 Check the course description page

Here you will find a short description of the course as well as a link to a detailed course profile: if the course is pre-approved for Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange students, there will be a note on the sidebar on the left stating this (if the course is not pre-approved, you must meet the prerequisites to apply).
To access additional course information such as learning objectives, resources, activities and assessment, click on the most recent course profile link in red.

NOTE: Most Clinical Health Science courses (Medicine, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Occupational and Speech Therapy and Veterinary Science) are not available for Study Abroad or Incoming Exchange students.

Entry requirements

To meet UQ's entry requirements for the Study Abroad or Incoming Exchange programs you must:

- have completed at least one full-time year of study at an accredited university
- be currently enrolled at an accredited or exchange partner university
- meet specific course prerequisites for admission into certain courses
- meet UQ's **English language proficiency requirements**
- hold average to above-average results in university studies to date
- for Incoming Exchange students be nominated by your home university.

study.uq.edu.au/study-options/study-abroad

Application closing dates (recommended)

Study abroad students	
Semester 1 (Feb–June)	31 October*
Semester 2 (July–Nov)	31 March^

Incoming exchange students	
Semester 1 (Feb–June)	30 September*
Semester 2 (July–Nov)	28 February^

* The year prior to commencement

^ The year of commencement

How to apply

Go to the following link to access the online application:

study.uq.edu.au/admissions/study-abroad/submit-your-application

If you are an Exchange student, choose the application type 'Incoming Exchange'.

If you are a Study Abroad student choose the application type: '**Incoming Study Abroad – 4 courses**', or '**Incoming Study Abroad – 3 courses**'. Please ensure that all information is complete and correct and matches the information on your passport.

Note: The 3 course option is not a full-time study load at UQ but it does satisfy the student visa requirement. Check with your home university that you are permitted to take a reduced load before selecting this option.

Your application must also include the following uploaded documents:

- an up-to-date official academic transcript in English
- proof of English language proficiency, if applicable, and
- a photo copy of the ID page of your passport.

English language support

Bridging English (BE)

If you do not meet UQ's English language requirements, you can improve your English language skills at our award-winning, on-campus English language institute prior to starting your Study Abroad or Exchange semester.

uqcollege.uq.edu.au/study-options/english-courses/be

English for Academic Communication (EAC)

This English language support program is offered to all UQ students (including Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange) from non-English speaking backgrounds at no additional charge. The program is held in weeks 2-7 each semester. A range of courses are offered, and each meets for 2 hours per week for 3 weeks. You may choose up to 2 courses in each 3 week session.

uqcollege.uq.edu.au/study-options/english-courses/eac

WRIT1001 and WRIT1005

These are UQ credit-bearing courses (2 units each) for students wanting to improve their grammar and academic writing skills. These

Prepare for arrival

Orientation Week (O-Week)

O-Week is a great introduction to life at UQ and is held one week before semester starts. You can browse clubs and societies, listen to live music, meet new and interesting people at events, pick up free stuff, and most importantly, attend your program's welcome session.

orientation.uq.edu.au

Diversity, disability and inclusion

UQ provides free support, services and facilities for students with a disability, illness, injury or mental health condition. You can contact a disability adviser to ensure your transition to study is as smooth as possible.

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/diversity-disability-inclusion

Visa information

All international students applying to study in Australia must have a student visa unless they have an alternative visa that enables them to study full-time. Your student visa will allow you to work up to 48 hours every 2 weeks.

When applying for a student visa, you must meet the Genuine Temporary Entrant criteria (**immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/genuine-temporary-entrant**) and have sufficient funds to pay your tuition fees, living costs (and the living costs of any dependants, if applicable) for the duration of your studies.

study.uq.edu.au/university-life/getting-prepared-to-come-to-australia/student-visas

Health insurance

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) provides international students with basic cover for medical and hospital care costs while in Australia. OSHC is a compulsory requirement for a student visa. UQ can organise OSHC for you through its preferred provider.

study.uq.edu.au/university-life/getting-prepared-to-come-to-australia/overseas-student-health-cover

Academic calendar

SEMESTER 1, 2024	
Orientation Week	12–16 Feb
Classes commence	19 Feb
Mid-semester break	1–7 Apr
Semester 1 resumes	8 Apr
Revision period	27–31 May
Examination period	1–15 Jun
Semester 1 ends	15 Jun

SEMESTER 2, 2024	
Mid-year Orientation Week	15–19 Jul
Classes commence	22 Jul
Mid-semester break	23–27 Sep
Semester 2 resumes	30 Sep
Revision period	28 Oct–1 Nov

Getting involved

Summer and Winter Research

Enhance your employability, extend your knowledge of an area of interest, and develop your analytical, critical thinking and communication skills by participating in the Summer or Winter Research Program. Successful applicants are eligible for funding to support their participation in the program. Study Abroad and Exchange students who study at UQ for 2 semesters are eligible to participate.

employability.uq.edu.au/summer-winter-research

Sport and fitness

You'll be spoilt for choice with a massive range of sporting, fitness and recreational opportunities on offer at our St Lucia and Gatton campuses. Explore Queensland's largest multi-sport complex, featuring dedicated fitness, aquatic, tennis, and athletics centres, as well as an array of sporting fields and courts. Stay active and meet new people through weekly social sport or join a UQ affiliated sports club – there's more than 35 to choose from. There are also plenty of group fitness classes offered.

uqsport.com.au

#UQLIFE

Your UQLife is more than just study. It encompasses a range of events, experiences and programs to keep you engaged, motivated and connected. Immerse yourself in O-Week and UQ Theatre Festival. Participate in captivating conversations that celebrate Australia's indigenous cultures during NAIDOC WEEK. Get among weekly live music, markets, health and wellness events and more.

life.uq.edu.au

Join a student club, group or society

Expand your social life by joining one of the University's 220 clubs and societies, including QUEST, the Queensland University Exchange Student Society. QUEST is made up of over a thousand Questies each year, from all over the world, making it one of the most vibrant and fun clubs on campus.

uqu.com.au/connecting-u/clubs-societies

Employability

Enhance your employability and gain experience during your time at UQ through volunteering, mentoring, research or leadership programs. You also have access to a range of free careers seminars and workshops to help you make industry connections, or provide advice on your resume or feedback on interview techniques.

study.uq.edu.au/enhance-your-employability

Accommodation

Guaranteed accommodation

Applying through UQ Guaranteed Accommodation will help you secure your stay before arriving at UQ in Brisbane. The UQ residential colleges (on-campus) and UQ approved providers (off-campus) set aside a guaranteed number of rooms so you are able to compare, choose and secure the most appropriate accommodation easily.

my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation/guaranteed-accommodation

Accommodation options

On-campus living

St Lucia Residential Colleges

If you want to have your meals catered, a welcoming collegial community with lots of support and activities, and to walk to class, consider living at one of the 10 colleges at UQ St Lucia.

Kev Carmody House

Located minutes away from the heart of the St Lucia campus, the brand-new Kev Carmody House features 610 spacious rooms with ensuite bathrooms, a rooftop pool, and a range of social areas to cook and catch up with friends.

Gatton Halls of Residence

Set among historic buildings and the beautiful outdoors of regional Queensland, The Halls have provided UQ Gatton students with a home since 1897. Rooms include fully catered and self-catered options.

my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation

Off-campus living

Purpose-built student living

Join students from universities across Brisbane at one of our recommended student accommodation providers. A variety of studio, single-bedroom and twin share options is available.

my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation/purpose-built-student-living

Private housing

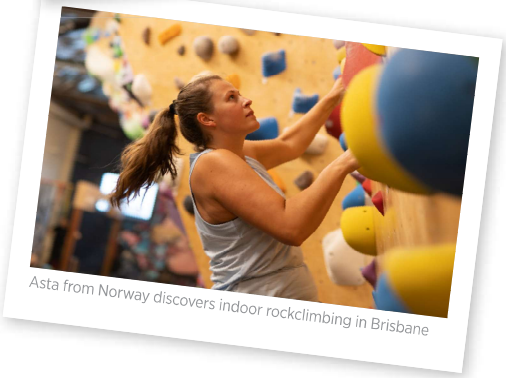
Brisbane's private rental market features everything from share houses to high-rise apartments. To find a room, apartment or house, first check our UQ Rentals database. There are also private rental accommodation websites, and you can rent

Estimated living expenses

All costs are in Australian Dollars (A$). Please note the expenses quoted are a guide only. They will vary depending on location, lifestyle and personal choices.

study.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane/cost-living

Busra from Belgium discovers the fabulous natural sites close to Brisbane at the Glasshouse Mountains.



Asta from Norway discovers indoor rockclimbing in Brisbane

Monthly cost of living

	Student living in on-campus college	Student living off-campus / Student accommodation
Rent	$2000–$2800*	$720–$2240*
Utilities (gas, electricity, water)	included in rent	$150–$175**
Food	included in rent	$560–$1120
Mobile phone / internet	$60–$120	$60–$120
Public transport	$120	$120
TOTAL	**$2180–$3040**	**$1610–$3755**

* On-campus and off-campus accommodation costs are usually lower in Gatton. The monthly cost for a standard resident room in the Halls of Residence in Gatton is approximately $1190.

** Many student accommodation providers include electricity, gas and internet costs in rent; however, check with your provider to be sure.

This table should be taken as a guide only.

Student life

There are so many things to see and do in Brisbane and around Australia. If you love exploring amazing places, discover why UQ and Queensland are the best choice to study and live.

study.uq.edu.au/university-life

Cost of living calculator

Study Australia provides a helpful online Cost of Living Calculator to estimate your weekly, monthly and yearly living costs.

costofliving.studyaustralia.gov.au

For more information

More information about UQ for international Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange students, including the study environment, links to estimated living costs, tuition fees, refund policies, support services, information for students with families and your legal rights as an international student, can be found online.

study.uq.edu.au/study-options/study-abroad

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