Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange

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 56,278 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 two 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 four course (full-time load) Study Abroad program, or the three course program at a reduced tuition fee. Incoming Exchange students can choose either three or four 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, the home of UQ’s St Lucia and Herston campuses, is the capital city of Queensland and its economic and cultural hub. Young and progressive, the city is fast becoming a centre in the Asia-Pacific for business, investment, 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. Bordering 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

Our global reputation

We are in the top 50 globally as measured by several key independent rankings

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

33rd globally (3rd in Australia)
NTU Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities, 2022

50th globally (5th in Australia)
QS World University Rankings, 2023

47th globally (2nd in Australia)
Academic Ranking of World Universities, 2022

53rd globally (3rd in Australia)
Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2023

24th best student city in the world
QS Best Student Cities Ranking, 2023
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 abroad
study.uq.edu.au/study-options/study-abroad

Application closing dates (recommended)

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* 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 – four courses’, or ‘Incoming Study Abroad – three courses’. Please ensure that all information is complete and correct and matches the information on your passport.

NOTE: The three 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 two hours per week for three weeks. You may choose up to two courses in each three week session.

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

WRITT001 and WRITT005
These are UQ credit-bearing courses (two units each) for students wanting to improve their grammar and academic writing skills. These courses are offered in Semester 2 only.
my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses
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 advisor 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 40 hours every two weeks.

When applying for a student visa, you must meet the Genuine Temporary Entrant criteria (imm.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.


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


Academic calendar

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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 two 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 campus. 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. Play your way with more than 75 sports and activities to choose from, including up to 90 weekly group fitness classes, across nearly 40 sporting clubs and social sports.
uqsport.com.au

UQ Virtual Village
Meet new friends and connect with like-minded students that share your interests through facilitated online chats, forums and group hangout spaces. Whether you are into food, drinks, arts, culture, fitness, games or study - find your circle at the UQ Virtual Village.
life.uq.edu.au/village

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

All UQ campuses are smoke-free.
uq.edu.au/wellness-program/smoke-free-uq

Accommodation

Guaranteed accommodation
When you apply through UQ Guaranteed Accommodation, you are able to secure your accommodation prior to arriving in Brisbane and commencing studies at UQ.

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

Students have three main accommodation options:

1. On-campus accommodation
   If you want to arrange your accommodation ahead of time, have your meals catered, and lots of support and activities at your fingertips, consider living at one of the 10 colleges at UQ St Lucia or the Gatton Halls of Residence. Spaces at the Colleges are limited and in high demand. Apply early to avoid disappointment.
   my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation

2. Off-campus student accommodation
   If you want to be a little more independent but still have your accommodation arranged before you arrive, consider living in off-campus student housing. This is self-catered, furnished accommodation designed for students that can be booked online. Approved providers are listed on the website:
   my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation/applied-providers

3. Private housing
   The third option is to book temporary accommodation before you arrive and wait until you are in Brisbane to secure semester accommodation on the private rental market.
   rental.uq.edu.au/accommodation
**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

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<td>Rent</td>
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<td>$150–$175**</td>
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* 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.

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**Student life**

There are so many things to see and do in Brisbane and around Australia. If you love exploring amazing places, check out some of the things our students have done during their time studying abroad on the UQ Study Abroad and Exchange webpage.

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

**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