

# Diploma of University Studies (DOUS) - DipUS

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Online: 902999

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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](http://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

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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](#).

- [MKT1001 Introduction to Marketing](#)

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:

- [BIO1101 Biology 1](#) <sup>^§</sup>
- [BIO2103 Biology 2](#) <sup>^</sup>
- [CHE1110 Chemistry 1](#) <sup>^§</sup>
- [CHE2120 Chemistry 2](#) <sup>^</sup>
- [CLI1110 Weather and Climate](#)
- [CIS1000 Information Systems Concepts](#)
- [CSC1401 Foundation Programming](#)
- [MAT1000 Mathematics Fundamentals](#)
- [MAT1100 Foundation Mathematics](#)
- [MAT1102 Algebra and Calculus I](#)
- [PHY1101 Astronomy 1](#)
- [PHY1104 Physics 1](#) <sup>\*</sup>
- [PHY1107 Astronomy 2](#)
- [PHY2206 Medical Physics](#)
- [PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A](#)
- [PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B](#)
- [REN1201 Environmental Studies](#)
- [STA1003 Fundamental Statistics](#)

<sup>^</sup> These courses have a compulsory residential school.

<sup>§</sup> [BIO1101 Biology 1](#) and [CHE1110 Chemistry 1](#) are pre-requisites of [BIO2103 Biology 2](#) and [CHE2120 Chemistry 2](#) they must be studied first.

<sup>\*</sup> [PHY1104 Physics 1](#) can only be completed by students who have completed Mathematics B (4, SA) or equivalent. Students who have not completed Mathematics B (4, SA) or equivalent must complete [MAT1100 Foundation Mathematics](#) or equivalent prior to enrolling in [PHY1104 Physics 1](#). [PHY1104 Physics 1](#) has a required mathematics co-requisite. Please refer to the [Course specifications](#) for more details.

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