

## **Pathways to Tertiary Study**

**(If you are concerned about your OP or Selection Rank or missing a Prerequisite subject)**

### **University study**

If you gain entry into a university program which is not your first choice, you may decide to complete the equivalent of one year of full-time study in that program to upgrade your Rank for entry into your preferred program.

If your average grades are at passing level, you would normally be eligible for the higher of your original Rank or OP and the one derived from your university study. The better your results, the greater chance you have of improving your Rank. The Graded Degree Study schedule provides you with an indication of the results you will need to achieve in order to gain certain Ranks. You should check the current cut-off required for your preferred program so that you will have some idea of how well you will need to perform to upgrade.

Upgrading is also possible by undertaking less than a year of study. However, a relatively high level of achievement will normally be necessary.

### **TAFE studies**

Successful completion of a minimum of one year of full-time study or its part-time equivalent in a TAFE or other approved private college Diploma or Advanced Diploma may sufficiently improve your Rank to gain entry into your preferred University program. TAFE Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas are listed on the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre website.

<http://www.qtac.edu.au/>

If your average grades are at passing level, you would normally be eligible for the higher of your original Rank or OP and the one derived from your Diploma or Advanced Diploma studies. The better your results, the greater chance you have of improving your Rank. You should note that the type of Diploma or Advanced Diploma studies you undertake and their relevance to the University program you are seeking entry to will not affect the Rank determined by the University.

Less than a year of study may also be considered for admission but very high levels of achievement would be necessary.

You should check the current cut-off required for your preferred program so that you will have some idea of how well you will need to perform to upgrade.

### **Open Universities Australia**

Open Universities Australia offers everyone in Australia the opportunity to study university courses for credit towards a degree. There is no entry requirement and no prerequisites for registration with Open Universities Australia. No matter what level of education you have already achieved you will be eligible to study through Open Universities Australia.

Universities determine an admission level on the basis of Open Universities Australia courses in the same way to that for students undertaking studies in any approved degree.

<http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/Main/CoursesAndProviders/GettingStarted/DistanceEducationFlexibleLearningDelivery/OpenUniversitiesAustralia.htm>

## **Bridging and Preparatory programs**

Bridging programs are designed for people whose previous education is insufficient to allow them to proceed directly to a tertiary program. There are a range of bridging and preparatory programs recognised by various universities for admissions purposes.

QTAC will continue to provide an update on Preparatory Courses available through various institutions.

<http://www.qtac.edu.au/InfoSheets/PreparatoryCourses.html>

Contact the universities for more information on Bridging Courses accepted by their institution. For example, UQ has provided an information sheet on Bridging Courses they will recognise:

<http://www.uq.edu.au/study/docs/domestic/bridging.pdf>

## **Certificate of Adult Tertiary Preparation**

The Certificate of Adult Tertiary Preparation is designed to provide you with the skills and knowledge necessary for successful study at tertiary level. The ATP is especially suitable for adults who have been away from formal education for some time including mature age applicants who have not previously completed Senior secondary studies. The ATP is offered by a number of TAFE institutes, state colleges and private education providers throughout Queensland. You should contact these providers for further details.

You normally require five subjects to complete the ATP program and Universities will assign a Rank on the basis of your results in the completed ATP program in addition to the results you achieve in the STAT if you sit for one. You should note that achievement in ATP subjects is cumulative. This means you can continue to undertake subjects each year at your convenience until you reach a Rank appropriate for entry to your preferred University program. ATP subjects also meet the prerequisite and assumed knowledge subjects required for some University programs.

Students are *strongly* advised to include in their ATP the elective module University Study Skills. This module not only offers essential preparation for university study but also provides students with a special admission rank and a guaranteed offer of a place in selected Griffith programs.

[http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au/cis/index.php?script\\_name=coursedetails&course\\_id=2452](http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au/cis/index.php?script_name=coursedetails&course_id=2452)

## **UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND**

### **UQ Special Entry Schemes**

UQ has established special entry schemes to increase the participation of particular groups in tertiary study.

<http://www.uq.edu.au/study/index.html?page=4289>

### **TAFE/VET (Vocational Education and Training) students**

Are you a current TAFE/VET student or recent TAFE/VET graduate looking to study at UQ? UQ is making it easier for people with TAFE and other vocational education qualifications to enter university. There are many options available to you to further your training and to achieve a UQ degree

<http://www.uq.edu.au/study/index.html?page=90428>

### **Credit for TAFE study**

UQ has a formal articulation agreement with TAFE Queensland. If you completed an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Diploma or Advanced Diploma within the last five years, and are enrolled in a UQ program in the same or a directly relevant discipline area, you may be eligible to receive credit towards your program.

<http://www.uq.edu.au/study/index.html?page=102983>

## **QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

### **Don't meet the entry requirements?**

If you don't have a high enough OP or rank to get into the course you want, you may be able to improve your chances through:

- special entry programs
- upgrading through a degree course or diploma
- upgrading through a TAFE and QUT combined qualification (dual award).

<http://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/dont-meet-the-entry-requirements>

### **Elite athletes entry program, and OP or rank bonus .**

If you're an elite athlete applying to QUT for the first time for an undergraduate course, you can receive a bonus of up to 3 OP scores (or 6 ranks). This might help you get into the course you want even if your original OP or rank doesn't meet the cut-off.

<http://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/special-entry-programs/elite-athletes-elite-athletes-entry-program>

### **Low income students: Q-Step Scheme**

If you're from a low-income background, QUT's Q-Step Scheme offers an OP (or rank) boost and a guaranteed bursary.

<http://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/special-entry-programs/low-income-q-step-program>

### **Indigenous Australians: Oodgeroo entry program**

If you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, our Oodgeroo Unit alternative entry program can give you a better chance of getting into the course you want, as well as a bursary to help you with study or living costs.

<http://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/special-entry-programs/indigenous-australians-oodgeroo-program>

### **Engineering Technology, Maths C, Languages other than English (LOTE) students: Entry bonus scheme**

If you've completed certain subjects at school, or university level units, we'll add bonus points to your rank (or OP equivalent). This might help you get into the course you want even if your original OP or rank doesn't meet the cut-off.

<http://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/special-entry-programs/engineering-technology-maths-c-languages-other-than-english-lote-students-entry-bonus-scheme>

### **Upgrade through a degree course or diploma**

Upgrading through another degree course or diploma will help you to get the highest possible rank. You can use any bachelor degree course, or TAFE Queensland diploma or advanced diploma to upgrade. But it's usually a good idea to study something related to your preferred course.

For example, if you don't get into the Bachelor of Pharmacy, you could do a year of the Bachelor of Applied Science (Chemistry). Or if you're aiming for the Bachelor of Health Science (Nutrition and Dietetics) you could upgrade based on a year of the Bachelor of Health Science (Nutrition). To get an idea of whether you're likely to receive credit, check whether the two courses have subjects in common, or contact the course coordinator or faculty student service office for your preferred course.

<http://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/dont-meet-the-entry-requirements>

### **Dual QUT University/TAFE Qualifications**

You can apply for a dual award, which lets you graduate first with a diploma, advanced diploma or associate degree from TAFE Queensland, and then with a bachelor degree from QUT.

You start your TAFE course first, and when you successfully complete it, you'll automatically be offered a place in your QUT course. You'll also receive credit for your TAFE studies, which means you won't have to complete all of the subjects listed in your bachelor degree course structure and you may be able to graduate sooner. You apply for dual awards online through QTAC. When you've successfully completed your TAFE course we'll send you a letter offering you a place in your QUT course.

<http://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/dont-meet-the-entry-requirements>

## **GRIFFITH**

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<http://www.griffith.edu.au/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/other-pathways-to-griffith/additional-pathways>

### **TAFE Partnership Admissions Scheme**

The University also has a close relationship with particular partnership TAFE Institutes within the Brisbane-Gold Coast corridor through the TAFE Partnerships Admissions Scheme. Because of this relationship, this scheme allocates higher ranks for completed Advanced Diploma and Diploma qualifications from the five partnership institutes which are: Brisbane North Institute of TAFE; Gold Coast Institute of TAFE; Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE; Skills Tech Australia; Southbank Institute of Technology.

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/other-pathways-to-griffith/additional-pathways>

### **Dual Griffith University/TAFE Qualifications**

Griffith University, in conjunction with TAFE Queensland, also offers a number of dual Griffith University/TAFE programs. In most of these dual programs students study the first year at TAFE, then study subsequent years at both TAFE and Griffith University gaining both a TAFE qualification and a Griffith University degree. Dual qualification students are made direct offers into a Griffith University degree on satisfactorily completing their TAFE studies.

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/other-pathways-to-griffith/additional-pathways>

### **Certificate programs**

The University offers certificate programs composed of Griffith courses. You would normally complete four courses equivalent to a full-time semester of study but over two or more semesters. The courses studied are eligible for credit. The Certificate programs website can provide you with further information.

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/certificate-programs>

### **Bridging courses offered by SEET**

The Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology group at Griffith offers a number of preparatory courses to prospective and commencing students to assist with university study. Bridging courses meet prerequisites for entry into university degrees.

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/science-environment-engineering-technology/programs-courses/bridging-courses>

### **Queensland Institute of Business and Technology**

Located at the Mt Gravatt campus and in partnership with Griffith University, QIBT delivers Foundation Qualifying programs in the following areas: Biosciences; Commerce; Criminology and Criminal Justice; Engineering; Graphic Design; Hotel Management; Information Technology. QIBT provides a bridge between secondary school and undergraduate level studies. QIBT students who have completed a Diploma will meet the prerequisites for certain Griffith degrees.

<http://www.qibt.qld.edu.au/>

### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applications**

Griffith University provides additional tutoring and support services to assist Indigenous Australian students to undertake tertiary study successfully, including a special Tertiary Preparation Program that is offered to new students before the start of first semester.

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/gumurrii-student-support-unit/>

## **Disabilities Services**

Prospective applicants with disabilities are encouraged to contact Griffith University as soon as possible to discuss any special requirements or assistance needs. The Disabilities Coordinator works with applicants in resolving difficulties and making arrangements, to assist them in planning for study at the University.

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/student-equity-services>

## **Griffith Uni-Reach program**

The aim of the Griffith Uni-Reach program is to increase opportunities for students from targeted Brisbane schools to attend Griffith University. Many of these students are disadvantaged by the general admissions processes and would otherwise be excluded from studying at university. The program offers students various means of improving their academic performance.

With the support of principals, teachers, and guidance officers, students are identified in selected schools. These students meet with a Griffith University mentor on a weekly basis for the period leading up to their final exams. Students who attend Griffith University after completion of this program and year 12 will receive continued support to address any transition difficulties in their first semester.

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/student-equity-services>

## **ACU**

### **Pathway Programs**

ACU's Pathway Programs are designed to enable students to develop skills and to make the transition into university study as easy as possible. There are a number of different options students can pursue. Successful completion of these programs can lead to entry to degree level courses.

[http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/see\\_also/other\\_courses/pathway\\_courses/](http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/see_also/other_courses/pathway_courses/)

### **accessACU – Entry Bonus Scheme**

accessACU is a bonus scheme which aims to improve access to higher education. Through the scheme, you may be awarded up to 10 bonus points toward your entry score.

#### **Subject Bonus**

You may be awarded up to 10 bonus points if you have performed particularly well in specific year 12 subjects that are relevant to the course for which you are applying.

#### **Geographic Region Bonus**

You will be awarded five bonus points if your home address has a postcode that is identified by the University as being:

- within the local government area of, or adjacent to, the campus that you are applying to attend, or;
- in an area geographically relevant to the campus, where there is a low participation rate in higher education

[http://www.acu.edu.au/information\\_for/future\\_undergraduate\\_students/changing\\_your\\_preference/accessacu/](http://www.acu.edu.au/information_for/future_undergraduate_students/changing_your_preference/accessacu/)

### **Early Achievers' Program**

An Early Achiever is a person who aims to bring about change in their communities, professions and industries. Students who, like ACU, understand the importance of working toward the common good and have a willingness to make a contribution to their communities, whether it be at school or church, or through sporting, cultural or charitable organisations. ACU believes these students should be recognised for their contribution and leadership potential, and grants them status as Early Achievers, assuring them a place at ACU ahead of other applicants.

[http://www.acu.edu.au/about\\_acu/why\\_choose\\_acu/choosing\\_the\\_right\\_university\\_to\\_attend/early\\_entry/](http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/why_choose_acu/choosing_the_right_university_to_attend/early_entry/)

### **Elite Athlete Program**

ACU caters for students who are also pursuing athletic goals during their formal academic studies. The University will consider admitting a limited number of students who have outstanding sporting or appropriate recreational/vocational performance but do not meet normal entry criteria.

[http://www.acu.edu.au/about\\_acu/faculties\\_schools\\_institutes\\_centres/faculties/health\\_sciences/schools/exercise\\_science/students/future\\_students/elite\\_athletes/](http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_schools_institutes_centres/faculties/health_sciences/schools/exercise_science/students/future_students/elite_athletes/)

### **Centre for Indigenous Education and Research**

Australian Catholic University (ACU) also offers other courses for Indigenous students, supported by Dhara Daramoolen, Jim-baa-yer, Weemala and Yalbalinga Indigenous Higher Education Units.

[http://www.acu.edu.au/about\\_acu/faculties\\_schools\\_institutes\\_centres/centres/centre\\_for\\_indigenous\\_education\\_and\\_research/](http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_schools_institutes_centres/centres/centre_for_indigenous_education_and_research/)

### **USQ**

#### **Tertiary Preparation Program**

The Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP) is a bridging program designed to enable prospective higher education students to master the essential prerequisite knowledge and skills required to ensure they succeed with their undergraduate studies. It is designed to cater for a range of groups including past school leavers who need to update or improve their ranking to qualify for tertiary entrance, and other adults who may not have completed secondary school and are seeking a second chance to enter tertiary study.

<http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/lang/ACEQorPREPorTPPG.html>

#### **Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program**

The Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP) has been developed to give Indigenous students tertiary preparation skills, with an Indigenous focus. If you would like to undertake university study but don't have the right school qualifications IHEPP is for you.

The main emphasis of the IHEPP program is to develop computing, communication, mathematical, analytical and study skills necessary for successful tertiary study.

Successful completion of IHEPP may lead to enrolment into a USQ undergraduate program, increased employment opportunities, and the opportunity to apply for entry into other universities.

<http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/lang/IHEP.html>

#### **Foundation Diplomas**

Foundations Diplomas equip students with the necessary skills to successfully respond to the numeracy, literacy, and e-literacy demands of higher education studies and the professional workplace, as well as assisting students to successfully manage the complexities of life/work balance. The diploma program provides students with a broad introduction to study in particular disciplines and programs. The program will appeal to those who want to enhance and develop their broad study skills prior to sampling a range of courses in an area of interest, and determining whether to embark on a more specialised degree program in that area of interest.

##### **Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundations**

This course will suit students considering work in areas such as Education, Nursing and Social Sciences. Sampling a range of Social Science and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies related courses to determine whether to embark on a more specialized degree program in the Faculty of Arts.

<http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/lang/DISF.html>

##### **Diploma of Business Foundations**

This course will suit students considering work in a business environment. The program will appeal to those who want to sample a range of business courses to determine whether to embark on a more specialised degree program in the Faculty of Business and Law.

<http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/lang/DOBF.html>

### Diploma of Creative Arts Foundations

The Diploma of Creative Arts Foundations equips students with a basic introduction to the rigor, practice and theory associated within creative arts disciplines. This program should appeal to those who wish to sample from either the Music, Theatre, Creative Media or Visual Art disciplines in order to determine whether to embark on a more specialized degree program in the School of Creative Arts (Faculty of Arts). Students may create a suite of four courses from either discipline area in order to sample the creative arts across the disciplines.

<http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/lang/DCAF.html>

### Diploma of Engineering and Spatial Science Foundations

This diploma program provides you with a broad introduction to engineering as a science and profession, and the concepts of systems and real world teamwork. Problem solving skills and foundation level mathematical and physics competencies are developed. The program should appeal to those wanting to sample a range of engineering courses in order to determine whether to embark on a more specialised associate degree program from the Faculty of Engineering and Surveying.

<http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/lang/DESF.html>

### Diploma of Science Foundations

This diploma program provides students with a broad introduction to study in Science disciplines and programs and an improved understanding and knowledge of foundational issues and principles in the science environment. The program will appeal to those who want to sample a range of foundation science courses to determine whether to embark on a more specialised degree program in the Faculty of Sciences.

<http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/lang/DOSF.html>

### Diploma of Social Studies Foundations

This diploma program provides students with a basic introduction to the skills, issues, principles and theoretical frameworks needed by those considering work in various social services. The program should appeal to those who want to sample a range of social science related courses in determining whether to embark on a more specialized degree program in the Faculty of Arts

<http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/lang/DSSF.html>

**See other University/TAFE/College website for alternative pathways into those institutions.**