

Information for International Baccalaureate students



UQ welcomes International Baccalaureate students

Explore the academic and extracurricular opportunities UQ can offer you and make the most of your IB diploma.

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma graduate, you are incredibly well prepared for success at UQ. The program's international flavour, academic rigour and emphasis on enquiry-based learning means you will enter university with a global outlook, excellent work ethic and critical thinking skills. UQ recognises this, and offers many opportunities for you to accelerate your studies.

Credit and/or exemption for IB Students

You can receive credit for selected UQ courses if you achieve a specified grade in your final year of the IB. In some cases, an exemption rather than credit will be offered, with the table opposite outlining the minimum grades required. Depending on the structure of your degree program, IB courses studied and grades achieved, you may be awarded up to one semester (eight units) of credit towards your degree.

What does the award of credit mean?

The award of credit means that you earn credit towards the completion of a program of study at UQ, which means you will need to complete fewer courses for your program. You may be awarded specified or unspecified credit, depending on the particular IB subject.

- Specified credit means that you do not have to undertake the specific course for which the credit is granted.
- Unspecified credit means that you are awarded credit towards an introductory-level UQ program, but the credit is not awarded for a specific UQ course.

What does exemption mean?

If you are offered an exemption, you do not have to undertake that particular course. Exemption does not earn credit towards your degree, but lets you progress more quickly into advanced-level studies without having to undertake prerequisite courses at the introductory level.

Who is eligible?

The IB credit scheme is open to students who completed the IB in 2008 or later. Credit and/or exemption may be granted for studies in English, Music, Psychology, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science and Economics. In the majority of cases, only IB subjects successfully completed at the Higher Level (HL) will be considered for the award of credit and/or exemption.

How to apply for credit/exemption

You can apply for credit and/or exemption once you have accepted an offer and enrolled. Download the form here: uq.edu.au/study/docs/IB-credit.pdf

Lodge your completed application form directly with the UQ Student Centre on your campus, or send it to:

The UQ Student Centre
Level 1, JD Story Building
The University of Queensland
Brisbane, Queensland 4072, Australia

What does that mean?

Bachelor's degree A qualification awarded for the first level of study undertaken at university, typically requiring three to five years of study.

Course A component of study within a program, similar to a subject at high school.

Dual major Two majors studied in the same program as an extended area of specialised study (note that this is different to a dual program).

Dual program Two UQ degree programs undertaken at the same time (sometimes known as dual/parallel/combined/double degree).

Prerequisites Courses that you have to pass before you can enrol in a particular course, providing you with the appropriate foundation knowledge.

Program A sequence of study leading to the award of a qualification such as a bachelor's degree, graduate diploma, or certificate.

Units Units represent the value of individual courses that contribute to the total requirement of an academic program. A standard full-time study load is eight units per semester.

IB benefits at UQ

Depending on the study plan of your UQ program, how your IB studies are structured, and the results you achieve, you can gain up to one semester (eight units) of academic credit.

Check the tables below to find out which courses qualify you for credits and/or exemptions towards your degree, and how your language studies are recognised at UQ.

Courses

IB Subject	Minimum grade required	Credit/exemption
Biology (HL)	6	Specified credit for BIOL1020 (2 units)
Chemistry (HL)	6	Specified credit for CHEM1100 (2 units) or CHEM1004 (2 units)
Computer Science (HL)	6	Specified credit for CSSE1001 (2 units)
Economics (HL)	6	Exemption from ECON1010 (2 units) and ECON1020 (2 units)
English (HL)	6	Specified credit for ENGL1800 (2 units)
Mathematics (HL)	3	Exemption from MATH1040 (2 units) and MATH1050 (2 units)
Mathematics (SL)	4	Exemption from MATH1040 (2 units)
Music (HL)	6	Unspecified credit for a music elective at first-year level (2 units)
Psychology (HL)	6	Specified credit for PSYC1020 (2 units) and exemption from PSYC1030 (2 units)
Psychology (SL)	6	Exemption from PSYC1020 (2 units)
Sports, Exercise and Health Science (HL)	6	Eligible credit for BIOL1040 (2 units)
Business Management (HL)	6	Exemption for MGMT1301 (2 units)



Languages

Students will need to complete the placement questionnaire at languages-cultures.uq.edu.au/study/whats-my-language-level to be placed in the appropriate stream. As a guide, the following table shows the minimum UQ entry point for those achieving a grade of 4 or better in the following IB subjects.

IB SUBJECT	STANDARD LEVEL (SL) AND HIGHER LEVEL (HL)	AB INITIO
Chinese	Stream C (Post-secondary)	Stream B (Low Intermediate)
French	Stream C (Post-secondary)	Stream B (Intermediate)
German	Stream B (Post-secondary)	Stream A (Beginners stream)
Indonesian	Stream B (Intermediate)	N/A
Japanese	Stream B (Intermediate)	Second-year Stream A (Beginners stream)
Korean	Stream B (Post-secondary)	N/A
Spanish	Second-year Stream A (Post-secondary)	Second-year Stream A (Beginners stream)

Prerequisite subject equivalents

This table shows IB equivalents for UQ prerequisite subjects. IB students are required to achieve grades of 3 or better for HL, or 4 or better for SL.

QLD	IB
Biology or Biological Science	- Biology (HL or SL)
Chemistry	- Chemistry (HL or SL)
Earth Science	- Environmental Systems and Societies (HL or SL)
English or English as an Additional Language or Literature	- English A1 or English A2 or English B (HL or SL) - English A: Literature (HL or SL) - English A: Language and Literature (HL or SL)
General Mathematics	- Mathematical Studies (SL)
Mathematical Methods	- Mathematics (HL or SL) - Mathematical Methods (HL or SL) - Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations (HL or SL)* - Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches (SL)*
Specialist Mathematics	- Mathematics (HL) - Mathematical Methods (HL or SL) - Further Mathematics (HL) - Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches (HL)*
Physics	- Physics (HL or SL) - Physical Science (HL) - Phys Chem Systems (HL)

* New IB Diploma subjects. First exams will be completed in 2021.

Your studies at UQ

Improve your career opportunities and broaden your skills and knowledge with a concurrent diploma, dual program or honours degree.

Concurrent diploma

Improve your career prospects and explore your passion for languages by enrolling in a concurrent diploma alongside your undergraduate program. You generally spread the load as extra courses across the duration of your degree, but can sometimes study several of the required courses simultaneously in one or two semesters.

Dual programs

A dual program, also called a double degree, enables you to explore two different areas of interest and give yourself a competitive edge in the workforce by completing two programs at the same time. By studying only the mandatory courses for each program, with fewer or no electives, you can graduate with two degrees in a much shorter time than if you studied them separately.

Honours

Completing an honours degree at UQ gives you the research training needed to go on to a Master of Philosophy or Doctor of Philosophy. Honours training also gives you additional skills and knowledge to enhance your career prospects and/or undertake professional work.

UQ offers three honours models, depending on the program:

- **Option 1:** Enter a one-year bachelor's honours degree after graduating from a bachelors degree in the same discipline.
- **Option 2:** Enter a bachelor's degree and (at some point during that degree) apply to change programs to a bachelor's honours degree.
- **Option 3:** Enter a four-year (or more) bachelor's honours degree, with all students graduating with honours.



Explore
your options

Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)

UQ Open Days

UQ ATAR
Advice Event



Your path to UQ

Entry and eligibility

As a domestic student completing the IB Diploma, you may be eligible for entry to your chosen UQ undergraduate program if you have:

- achieved the minimum score or rank required for admission
- fulfilled all subject prerequisite requirements.

Apply to UQ

If you are a domestic student you need to apply for entry to UQ via the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC).

You can arrange for your IB results to be released electronically via the IBIS (International Baccalaureate Information System) directly to QTAC. Your school IB Coordinator can assist you in arranging the electronic results release.

*IB results may not be available for December early offer release. Results will be available for the mid-January major offer release.

UQ Subject Incentive Scheme

UQ's Subject Incentive Scheme is designed to reward achievement, encourage skills that are highly valued by employers around the world, and add to students' competitive edge. The Scheme provides up to five adjustments towards your entry rank if you have passed the following approved studies:

- two adjustments for an approved language other than English (LOTE)
- two adjustments for Mathematics (HL)
- one adjustment if you have successfully completed a university-level enrichment program concurrently with your IB Diploma, such as UQ's Enhanced Studies Program (ESP).

The scheme is open to:

- domestic and international applicants currently completing Year 12 in Australia
- Australian citizens currently undertaking Year 12 overseas.

For more information, contact UQ Admissions, or see future-students.uq.edu.au. No extra application process is required in order to receive adjustment factors. Adjustments will be made to your entry rank as part of your QTAC application.

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