

University of Southern Queensland
Pathways Guide 2024



UniSQ

There is more than one way to get into uni.

It's not a matter of 'how' – or even 'when'. But knowing **where** to get started? That can make all the difference.

You have found your 'where' at the University of Southern Queensland. We're a university that adapts to you; we understand the path to get here is different for everyone. If it's been some time since you studied, you didn't complete high school, or your career goals have changed, our pathway programs can support you on your university journey.

Your pathway to university is tailored to your skills, experience and the degree you want to study. Gain the confidence to study at uni along the way.

| | Tertiary Preparation Pathway | Diploma of University Studies ¹ | Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program ¹ | UniPrep | Head Start | English language programs |
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| Is this program for me? | You haven't studied for a while, or haven't completed high school, and want to ensure you're ready to study. Alternatively, you do not meet entry requirements (subject pre-requisites, assumed knowledge requirements, etc.) for the UniSQ undergraduate degree of your choice. | You are new to study, haven't studied in a while, or haven't completed Year 12, and would like an introduction to your chosen study area at university. You want to graduate with a formal qualification or continue on with a bachelor's degree. | You are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and interested in studying at university but haven't studied for a while or may not meet entry requirements (subject pre-requisites, assumed knowledge requirements, etc.) for a UniSQ degree, and want to prepare yourself for university study. | You are currently in Year 11 or 12 and would like to consider university after high school, but are not completing an ATAR, or concerned you won't get the ATAR required. You want an introduction to university-level study; to begin your degree with confidence, or to see if university is for you. | You are a high-achieving Year 10, 11 or 12 student and keen to explore studying at university while still at high school. Through Head Start, you become familiar with how to study at university, explore the subject areas you are interested in and inform your future study decisions. | You are from a non-English-speaking background and wish to improve your English and study skills to meet entry requirements to your chosen university degree. Our 3 English for Academic Purposes courses are for students aiming for an IELTS 5.0–6.0 or equivalent. Our 3 Advanced Communication Skills courses are for students aiming for an IELTS 6.5–7.5 or equivalent. |
| What will I study? | You will complete relevant courses (subjects) that allow you to gain entry to, and best prepare for, the undergraduate degree you're interested in studying. Depending on your entry needs, you are likely to study courses that will develop your academic reading, writing and general study skills. You may also study courses that introduce you to specialised disciplinary areas. | You'll study 4 core courses (subjects) and 4 discipline courses from one of the many specialisations available to prepare you for a bachelor's degree. | Courses (subjects) with a First Nations focus which develop your writing, general study and computing skills. | You'll study 2 courses (subjects) designed to help you transition from school to university and develop your academic writing skills before starting your degree. | Choose from over 60 UniSQ courses (subjects) that can count toward your UniSQ undergraduate degree. | A variety of English language courses to develop the English and academic skills needed for study at university. UniSQ offers different English language programs depending on your current level of English. You will be given a placement test to determine the best level for you. |
| How long will it take if I study full-time? | Throughout the year there are 6 intake opportunities. Each study period (block) is 6 weeks long and you can study 1-2 courses per block. | About 8-12 months of full-time study. There are 3 intakes throughout the year and part-time study is available. | Typically 4 months (1 trimester) of full-time study, with part-time study available. Start in January or September. | Courses are offered across 2 study periods, March to June or July to October. Usually, 1 course is completed in Year 11 and 1 in Year 12; with the option of completing both courses in 1 year. | You can study one course per study period. Most courses are offered in trimesters starting in January, May or September. Year 10 students can join Head Start in September. | The number of courses you will need to take will depend on your entry level of English and the program you would like to study at university. The duration of your study may therefore vary (from 10 to 30 weeks) based on your individual requirements. There are various start dates during the year; please visit unisq.edu.au/english-language-programs for more information. |
| Are my classes on-campus or online?² | Online or on-campus at UniSQ Toowoomba, Springfield and Ipswich. | Online | Online and on-campus (with 2 highly recommended residential schools on-campus at UniSQ). | Online through your school, or option for weekly on-campus classes at UniSQ Toowoomba, Springfield and Ipswich. ² In addition, there is an online weekly tutorial available for all students after school. | Head Start courses are offered online, on-campus (Toowoomba, Springfield or Ipswich), or externally (a mix of online and on-campus). Discover more about our range of courses at unisq.edu.au/head-start | All our English language courses are offered on-campus at UniSQ Toowoomba. We have six different levels of English. |
| How much will it cost?³ | Free | Fees apply ³ | Free | Free ⁴ | Free for your first course. Any additional courses are at a reduced rate. | Fee-free for Australian citizens and permanent residents. Fees apply for international students. ³ |
| Will it give me entry into a UniSQ degree once I graduate?⁵ | You will be eligible to apply for direct entry into select UniSQ undergraduate degrees. | You will receive a UniSQ qualification and be eligible to apply for direct entry into select UniSQ undergraduate degrees. Some of your studies could also count as credit toward your undergraduate degree. | You will be eligible to apply for direct entry into select UniSQ undergraduate degrees. | Successful completion will provide you with the required English subject pre-requisite and ensure you are eligible to apply for a wide range of UniSQ degrees. You are also eligible to apply for a degree through the UniSQ Early Offer program. Upon successful completion of this program, you will receive 2 QCE points and meet the QCE literacy requirement. | Successful completion of a course allows entry into a UniSQ degree through the Early Offer program. ⁵ Receive 2 QCE points for each Head Start course completed. You can receive a maximum of 8 credits. | You may be eligible to apply for direct entry into select UniSQ undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. |

¹ This program is currently being redeveloped. Visit [unisq.edu.au/pathways](https://www.unisq.edu.au/pathways) for the latest information.

² Courses offered at various campuses are subject to enrolments.

³ Find more details on university fees at [unisq.edu.au/fees](https://www.unisq.edu.au/fees)

⁴ The UniPrep program is funded through the Australian Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnership Program.

⁵ Degree-specific entry requirements will need to be met. Early Offer entry may not apply for some quota-managed degrees.

Where there is a will, there is a pathway.

We have entry options that take into account your relevant skills, experience or passion. Whether you're a school leaver or returning to study, we have a pathway for you.

| | I am a Year 11 or 12 student | I have completed a TAFE/VET program | It's been some time since I've studied | I'm an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person | I'm an international or domestic student from a non-English-speaking background |
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| UniPrep | ● | | | | |
| Head Start | ● | | | | |
| English language programs | | | | | ● |

Not sure what's the right path for you? Get in touch.

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 unisq.edu.au/pathways

 unisq.edu.au/book

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The University of Southern Queensland acknowledges the First Nations of southern Queensland and their ongoing connection to Country, lands, and waterways. Further, we recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first educators and researchers of Australia. We pay deep respect to Elders past and present.