

QUT Study Abroad Application Guide

Please read the information below carefully for everything you need to know about applying to the QUT Study Abroad Program.

QUT has 2 semesters Semester 1 - February to June periods each year: Semester 2 - July to November

QUT Academic

Calendar: You can view our <u>semester dates</u> via our website.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Students will need to apply through the **QUT Global Portal**.

Please submit the following documents in English:

- 1. Applicant's current university academic record (grades);
- 2. List of units which are currently being studied prior to commencement at QUT.
 - If these are showing on your current home university transcript you do not need to supply this information again;
- 3. Unit outlines from home institution (in English); and
- 4. A photocopy of your current passport details page.

Students are required to research the QUT units they want to study <u>before</u> completing their online application (refer to *Unit Selection* below for more details).

ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the English language standards for entry to the QUT Exchange Program. Results must be provided from a QUT approved English language test as follows:

IELTS Overall score of 6.5. No sub-score below 6.0.

TOEFL Overall score of 90. No sub-score below 20.

Further information regarding current English requirements is available from the QUT Global website.

Students who do not meet the English language standards for direct entry could consider studying at the <u>QUT International College</u> (QUTIC) which is a registered English Language School. We can assist you to enrol in a pathway from QUTIC to QUT's Study Abroad Programs.

Please note that the English pathway programs with QUTIC do not fall under the Study Abroad offer and separate tuition fees will apply.



UNIT SELECTION

- Individual subjects are called "units" at QUT.
- You may select units across multiple faculties and degree programs, provided that you
 meet any pre-requisites listed for the unit/s.
- Students must request a minimum of 6 units for consideration for a one semester Study Abroad program (12 if you are applying for a year). The units are to be submitted through your online application in the QUT Global Portal.
 - Please ensure you discuss your unit selections with your academic advisor at your home university before applying to QUT.
 - Your advisor will be able to confirm if the units you intend to study at QUT will give you credit towards your home institution degree (should you require this).
- QUT cannot take responsibility for the units you select for your Study Abroad program.
 Students must ensure that they have the appropriate prior academic knowledge for selected units as well as credit approval (if needed) from your home university.
- Please note: students studying a Master degree at their home institution cannot study Bachelor level units at QUT unless approval is received by both parties.

Available units

Units open to Study Abroad students are available on our website: https://www.qut.edu.au/international/study-abroad-and-exchange/subjects-you-can-study

- The above link summarises all QUT units open to Study Abroad students, including those where prior background knowledge (called pre-requisites) is required.
- For any units with pre-requisites, your home university academic transcript and submitted unit outlines will be assessed to see if you meet these requirements. This process is required to ensure you have the relevant knowledge to study the QUT unit.
- Assessment of your units may be delayed if you do not provide outlines for units you have previously studied. QUT academic staff need this information to assess your prior knowledge for your requested unit/s.

Study level

Students will be required to study at the same level as their current degree overseas.

- Students completing a Bachelor degree should select undergraduate QUT units.
- Students completing a Master degree should select postgraduate QUT units.
- The third letter of a QUT unit code denotes what level the unit is offered at.
 - o B Identifies a unit at Bachelor level. E.g. ENB101
 - N or P Identifies a unit at Masters level. E.g. AMN123 or EBP456

MBA Units

For special consideration into MBA units offered by QUT, student must meet the standard QUT entry requirements for the MBA degree program, as follows:



- Having completed a recognised Bachelor degree in any discipline with a minimum GPA of 4.5 on QUT's 7-point scale (overall 65%);
- GMAT score of at least 550:
- A minimum three years full-time equivalent relevant managerial or professional work experience post-degree (internship experiences are not sufficient to meet this requirement)
- Two completed referee report forms.

To apply for MBA units you would be required to provide the above supporting documentation with your Study Abroad application to QUT.

PRE-REQUISITES

Pre-requisites are units <u>required</u> to have been completed before entering a more advanced unit. For example:

QUT unit	AMB208	Events Marketing
QUT pre-requisite unit	BSB126	Marketing

Most units at QUT that are above introductory (first year) level will have pre-requisites.

You are therefore advised to consider the following for your QUT unit selections:

- Review the pre-requisites and be confident you have the required knowledge before selecting the unit for your application.
- It is your responsibility to make sure you have reviewed the pre-requisites for any units you select on your application.
 - You must feel confident that you can successfully complete the units you intend to study at QUT.
 - When your application is processed, QUT staff will refer to your supporting documents to assess your selected units. Your home university academic record and the unit outlines you have submitted will be reviewed to assess your prior knowledge.

CO-REQUISITES

In some cases units have co-requisites, which mean they are designed to be taken concurrently (at the same time) with another unit.

- If you want to study a unit with a co-requisite on your application, please ensure to also list the co-requisite unit.
- If approved, you would need to take the co-requisite unit in the same semester.



STUDY LOAD

- As an international student in Australia, immigration regulations require you to be enrolled as a full-time student.
- At QUT this means studying a minimum of 36 credit points (3 units). However, the normal study load at QUT is 48 credit points (4 units). The majority of units at QUT are each worth 12 credit points.

ENROLMENT

Key enrolment dates can be found on Academic Key Dates Search.

QUT Global will keep you informed regarding important key dates for unit enrolments and subsequent class registrations.

Once you have enrolled in your units, you will need to await class registrations to open (which occurs at a later date in line with the academic key dates). Each unit may deliver classes on a range of days and times that are available for you to choose from, and students are recommended to register for their classes as soon as possible.

Students are responsible for their Study Plan management and to generate a clash-free class timetable. QUT Global will provide you with more detailed information about how to enrol after you accept your offer to study with us.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

QUT semester 1 (February - June): 2nd January of the same year. QUT semester 2 (July - November): 1st June of the same year.

Please contact us if you need support to send applications after the above dates: stae@qut.edu.au.

QUT ACADEMIC RECORD

All students enrolled in the QUT Study Abroad program will receive one official QUT Academic Record. This will be sent by mail within approximately 3 months of you finishing your semester/year with QUT.



QUT GLOBAL STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION

 Ms Choity Jones; Mrs Dianne Farley; Mrs Natalie Pye; Ms Truc Huynh; Ms Gemma Sinclair; Mr Febs Ierome.

Our team works across all study abroad and exchange program areas and should be contacted via email on stae@qut.edu.au.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

It is important you accept your QUT offer in a timely manner to allow sufficient time for travel and student visa arrangements.

Step 1 Apply Online	 If you are applying through an agent or QUT Study Abroad partner institution, please select them from the referral list in the portal. If you have independently chosen to study abroad at QUT (i.e. not applying through an agent or partner institution) please select that option. Submit all required supporting documentation. You will not be able to save the application before submitting it to QUT. Please note that missing documentation will delay the application processing period.
Step 2: QUT will Assess your Application	QUT Global will assess your application and our team will liaise with QUT academic staff for assessment of units requiring prerequisite knowledge.
Step 3: Letter of Offer	 For eligible applicants, QUT Global will contact you and/or your agent/home institution with a "letter of offer". Applicants will need to satisfy the offer requirements as well as any potential conditions prior to accepting the offer.
Step 4: Acceptance of Offer	 Follow the instructions emailed to you to accept the offer; this may include the need to upload or email further supporting documents if offer conditions are stated in the document. At this time, you will be required to pay the tuition deposit and your Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC; see next section) fees. If you will be studying at QUT on a Working Holiday Visa (WHV) you must supply your Visa Grant Letter along with a translated copy of your Health Insurance Policy with acceptance documents.
Step 5: Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE)	When your documents and payment (from Step 4) are received you will be formally admitted to the Study Abroad program and



will be issued with an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) to apply for your Australian student visa.

• We do not recommend that students make payments for flights until they receive their Australian Student Visa.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

<u>OSHC</u> is compulsory for obtaining an Australian Student Visa (subclass 500). For further information regarding the OSHC requirements refer to the <u>information provided by the Australian Department of Health</u>.

OSHC is not required for students studying on a <u>Working Holiday Visa</u>. Applicable students must arrange their own health insurance cover in this case and the policy must include cover for basic medical and hospital treatment, including cover for repatriation to their home country. Students must be covered for the entire duration of their Study Abroad Program (as per the offer letter dates) and submit a translated copy of the insurance policy with their acceptance to QUT.

VISA MATTERS

The Australian student visa requirements are administered by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP). We advise students to check the DIBP website for the most up to date information relating language proficiency documentation and visa application requirements.

For further visa and immigration related information, we direct you to the following web links:

- DIBP immigration information for students
- Student visa (subclass 500)

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

You will be emailed a detailed arrival guide with your formal QUT acceptance and eCoE documentation. Until then, here is some information you should consider upon application.

Compulsory Orientation

The week before semester commences is <u>Orientation Week</u> or "O' Week" at QUT. This week will hold important information sessions for all QUT students.

Orientation Week for Semester 1, 2018: 12 February – 16 February

Orientation Week for Semester 2, 2018: 16 July - 20 July



The Study Abroad Orientation Session is usually held on the first day of O' Week and is compulsory to attend. We recommend students arrive approximately 1 week prior to orientation week so they can adjust and prepare for their semester with at QUT.

Late Arrival Information

The only reason we may make an exception to not attend orientation is if students have exams to attend at their home institution during this week.

The absolute last day you can arrive on campus at QUT is the Monday of week 2 of classes. This date is non-negotiable. Students who cannot arrive by this day will have to postpone their study abroad semester and may be able to come in a future semester.

Airport Transfer

QUT provides a free 24 hour <u>airport reception</u> service to students at the commencement of their program at QUT. The airport reception service will be able to transport you to your prearranged accommodation. Inbound Study Abroad students can book this service online.

Temporary Accommodation

We recommend students book <u>temporary accommodation</u> for their first few weeks in Brisbane and use the time to search for more permanent accommodation options.

Permanent Accommodation

QUT has an Accommodation Office to assist inbound students in locating a suitable place to stay during their time at QUT. In Brisbane, there are a range of <u>permanent accommodation options</u> including Student Accommodation providers, Homestay service and share houses.

It is not recommended for students to book permanent accommodation prior to arrival to QUT. Many students look for a share house after arriving in Brisbane and are usually able to arrange their accommodation in Brisbane within two weeks.

Thank you for choosing QUT for your Study Abroad Program, we look forward to welcoming you to campus soon!