Want a Head Start to your degree?

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

What is USQ Head Start?

USQ Head Start is our academic extension program where you can study one university course during a semester, allowing you to get a head start on your university studies early.

For more information, please visit **usq.edu.au/headstart**

5 Reasons to study USQ's Head Start Program

1. **Entry straight into USQ**
Successfully complete a course and gain entry into a related USQ degree! (Remember you'll also need to meet the degree pre-requisites).

2. **Increase your QCE credits**
Receive two credits towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) for each Head Start course successfully completed. You can receive a maximum of eight credits.

3. **Save money**
The first course is free! Want to study more? Additional courses are offered at a discount.

4. **Gain credit**
You may gain credit for the courses you pass, which means you'll have fewer courses to study when you start your degree.

5. **Get ahead**
Prepare yourself for university by getting a feel for on-campus or online study, developing uni-level study skills and discovering more about your potential degree, all before you graduate Year 12!

What can I study at USQ?

There are courses available for all students' study interests. Your journey at USQ can start in any semester and take many different directions.

The most popular Head Start courses include:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Engineering Materials
- Accounting for Decision-Making
- Foundations of Human Resource Management
- Foundation Psychology

- Foundation Programming
- Literacies and Communication for Health Care
- Introduction to Law
- Elements of Graphic Design

For the full list of courses on offer, please visit
usq.edu.au/headstart

What are the entry requirements?

To become a USQ Head Start student, you'll need to have a minimum B grade average on your latest report card.

"Head Start gave me insight into university studies, which helped cement what I wanted to study after school, all at no financial cost and putting me ahead of my peers."

Mia
Head Start graduate

Getting started

In just seven steps, you can become a USQ Head Start student.

- **Step 1**

Find a study area that interests you. Discuss with your teacher, parent or caregiver how you can fit the additional workload of a USQ course into your school study schedule.

- **Step 2**

Choose a course offered under the USQ Head Start program. They're listed at **usq.edu.au/headstart**

- **Step 3**

Download the application form online and gather all your supporting documentation. Don't forget that your application needs to be signed by your school, and parent or caregiver. You can find the USQ Head Start application at **usq.edu.au/headstart**

- **Step 4**

Upload your application, including all supporting documentation, via the online application portal by 5pm on the closing date.

- **Step 5**

USQ will assess your completed application.

- **Step 6**

Once assessed, USQ will notify you and your school via email whether your application has been successful. If you are successful, you'll receive an email with your USQ username and password along with tips to get started.

- **Step 7**

Become familiar with the USQ student online portal via our online orientation.

Want to know more?

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