THE UQ EXPERIENCE

UQ students benefit from world-class facilities, academic and personal support and a great mix of sporting, recreational and social activities.
BRISBANE AND QUEENSLAND

UQ is located in a part of the world known for its relaxed lifestyle, scenic subtropical surrounds and access to world-renowned tourist attractions.

Brisbane

Brisbane is the capital of Queensland, Australia’s “Smart State”, and is widely known as the country’s most liveable city.

It is Australia’s fastest-growing capital with a population of more than 1.8 million and offers a safe, friendly, multicultural environment.

Clear skies, warm, sunny days and mild nights promote an outdoor lifestyle. The inner city is characterised by the Brisbane River, parklands and botanical gardens, recreation areas, convention facilities, museums, art galleries, a casino, malls, shopping districts and a host of cosmopolitan restaurants and cafés.

The golden beaches and fun parks of the famous Gold Coast are just an hour’s drive south. The beautiful Sunshine Coast beaches lie a short drive to the north, along with imposing National Park rainforests and tourist attractions such as Australia Zoo. Other local wildlife parks also provide opportunities to view Australian native animals and birds.

Brisbane’s reputation as a friendly, modern city makes it a popular tourist destination.

Brisbane – facts and figures

Brisbane
- Capital city of the State of Queensland, Australia.

Population
- 1,810,943 (Brisbane city and surrounding areas).
- 3,003,968 (Queensland).
- Brisbane is Australia’s third largest city after Sydney and Melbourne.

Time Zone
- GMT/UTC +10 hours.

Language
- English.
- Australia is a multicultural country so it is normal to hear people speaking a variety of languages.

Currency
- Australian Dollar (AUD$).

Climate
- Subtropical.
- Summer – December to February; Autumn – March to May; Winter – June to August; Spring – September to November.
- Summer maximum average temperatures are around 29° celsius (84° Fahrenheit).
- The average maximum daytime temperature in winter is around 21° celsius (70° Fahrenheit).
- People are advised to wear hats, cool clothing that protects from the sun and maximum UV-protection (30+) sunscreen during summer.
- A lightweight, long-sleeved jacket may be necessary during the early morning and evening in winter.


Comparative cost of living

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Queensland

Queensland attracts more than half of all international tourists to Australia. A large State, its tropical coastal strip includes sandy white beaches, coral islands and plenty of sunshine.

In the far north, the Daintree Rainforest sweeps down to the sea. As the oldest rainforest on Earth, it nurtures spectacular wildlife. The Great Barrier Reef is one of the “Natural Wonders of the World”. As the largest World Heritage Area, it stretches more than 2000 kilometres alongside the coast, and is home to around 1500 species of fish and 350 types of corals.

West of Queensland’s Great Dividing Range are mine sites and huge cattle and sheep properties. The unique red and brown landscapes of Queensland’s outback span around 800,000 square kilometres. Closer to Brisbane, some of the largest sand dunes in the world attract travellers to Stradbroke, Moreton and Fraser Islands.

Students who explore further afield in Southeast Queensland will enjoy many wonderful and unique experiences including: Jondaryan Woolshed, Natural Arch, Springbrook National Park, the Gold Coast, feeding wild dolphins at Moreton Island, and whale-watching from many vantage points.

Study Queensland
www.studyqueensland.qld.edu.au

Tourism Queensland
www.tq.com.au
CAMPUS

UQ has three main campuses – St Lucia, Ipswich and Gatton – and teaching and research sites throughout Queensland. While all share UQ’s tradition of excellence, each is an outstanding environment in its own right.

UQ St Lucia

UQ’s St Lucia campus is renowned as one of Australia’s most attractive campuses and is just seven kilometres from Brisbane’s vibrant city heart (see page 8). Bounded by the Brisbane River on three sides, the 114-hectare site provides a perfect study, research and living environment. UQ St Lucia unites the vitality of a modern campus with the tradition of an established university.

The gracious sandstone buildings, parklands and lakes encompass world-class teaching and research facilities. These include Queensland’s biggest multimedia library plus state-of-the-art laboratories and lecture theatres.

Students find everything they need on campus, including excellent sporting venues, shops, banks, a post office, restaurants and refectories.

Transport

UQ St Lucia can be reached by bus, CityCat ferry, bike and car from the surrounding suburbs and the city.

Parking is in high demand and students are encouraged to consider other transport alternatives. Parking on campus costs from $3.00 per day and is well-regulated by traffic and parking inspectors.

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Bachelor of Business Management student Kirsti Creed in the Great Court, UQ St Lucia

UQ’s expansive St Lucia campus
UQ Ipswich

UQ Ipswich offers students a unique learning environment, combining a tradition of quality education with a new and dynamic campus.

Only 35 minutes drive from UQ St Lucia, UQ Ipswich opened for teaching in February 1999. Students benefit from a purpose-designed teaching space utilising the latest technology in teaching, course delivery and research infrastructure. UQ Ipswich delivers a modern suite of tailored and relevant programs, equipping graduates for lasting careers in a variety of professions.

The campus boasts a wealth of dedicated, state-of-the-art learning facilities. These include Building 8, which merges traditional library and student services with innovative technology to advance learning and research. UQ Ipswich’s student/computer ratio places it at the forefront of Australian tertiary education.

At this smaller campus, students enjoy greater access to teaching staff while teaching spaces enhance learning, with seminar and group learning rooms promoting personal interaction with staff and other students. Students also enjoy a range of sporting, support and amenity services.

Students also have access to a range of campus-specific scholarships and prizes to provide financial assistance with their study. These scholarships range from $500 to $5000 on an annual basis.

A range of accommodation options is available for students wanting to live in the region (see page 23).

Ipswich city

Home to 135,000 residents, Ipswich is known as Australia’s heritage city. Just 35 minutes drive west of Brisbane, and an hour from the Gold Coast, Ipswich offers heritage trails, four-wheel-driving, bushwalking, canoeing, shopping and country markets.

City facilities include an inner-city mall, cultural centre, restaurants and coffee shops, supermarkets, banks, doctors’ surgeries, hospitals, an IT-based public library, golf courses and showgrounds.

Transport

A University-operated bus service runs four times each weekday during semester from the St Lucia campus to UQ Ipswich, then UQ Gatton and return. Train and bus timetables for travel to the campus are coordinated. Passengers can buy combined rail/bus tickets enabling travel on both Queensland Rail and the local bus service, which has a stop at the Ipswich campus. Parking on campus is available for $1.30 per day.

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UQ Gatton
UQ Gatton delivers excellence in agricultural and natural resource sciences.

UQ Gatton offers a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and students enjoy the benefits of being close to the major centres of Brisbane, Ipswich and Toowoomba. Just under an hour’s drive west of Brisbane, the campus offers a unique blend of modern teaching facilities, state-of-the-art laboratories and historic buildings.

UQ Gatton students gain a more personalised education as part of a large university with international standing. The campus operates commercial production units to support teaching, research and hands-on training. The programs offered in the areas of agribusiness and economics, agriculture and horticulture, animals and equine studies, environment, food, forestry, natural resources and veterinary science are internationally recognised as among the best of their types in Australia.

UQ Gatton students can take advantage of a range of medical, welfare, counselling and learning support services, and numerous sporting and recreational activities. Campus amenities include a post office, childcare centre, bookshops, cafés, banking facilities and a licensed club.

Gatton Shire
Gatton is a thriving town of 6000 people in the Lockyer Valley. It is just five kilometres from UQ Gatton and 90 kilometres west of Brisbane. Toowoomba, a city of 90,000 people and regional capital of the Darling Downs, is a 30-minute drive away.

The picturesque landscape includes rich farming land and tourist attractions. The town offers many services and facilities. These include supermarkets and shops, accommodation, visitor’s information centre, a hospital and other medical services, a civic centre, restaurants, banks, public library, recreational facilities, a showground, golf course and football club.

Transport
During semester, the University-operated express bus service runs four times each weekday, from UQ St Lucia to UQ Ipswich, then UQ Gatton and return.

The campus is also serviced by express coaches running between Brisbane and Toowoomba, and a bus/rail service linking Gatton and Brisbane.

There is ample, free, on-campus parking for students all year.

UQ Gatton
www.uq.edu.au/gatton
Gatton Shire
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Bachelor of Applied Science student Grant Macqueen

Foundation Building, UQ Gatton
Other teaching and research facilities

In addition to UQ’s six major research institutes (see pages 92-93), UQ has more than 45 specialised teaching and research facilities throughout Queensland, including:

> the School of Medicine and School of Population Health (see section on Herston, below) and various medical departments in the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital and the Royal Children’s Hospital
> the Dental School in Brisbane
> the Julius Kruttschnitt Mineral Research Centre and the University Mine, both at Indooroopilly near UQ St Lucia
> seismograph stations at Charters Towers and Mt Nebo
> Australia’s largest university-run marine research station at Heron Island on the Great Barrier Reef, and other marine facilities at Low Isles and North Stradbroke Island
> Customs House, UQ’s cultural, educational and heritage facility in Brisbane’s city centre, and
> UQ Business School Downtown, in Brisbane’s Central Business District (CBD), a state-of-the-art teaching and corporate functions venue.

Herston

Herston, close to Brisbane’s CBD, is UQ’s major medical teaching and research location.

The University operates within the Royal Brisbane Hospital, Royal Children’s Hospital, Royal Women’s Hospital and Queensland Radium Institute. Herston is also the location of the Mayne Medical School.

School of Medicine
www.som.uq.edu.au/som

School of Population Health
www.sph.uq.edu.au

Herston map

Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospitals
KEY FACILITIES

UQ’s state-of-the-art Library, unsurpassed information technology support, superior teaching facilities and Student Centres are key to unlocking your learning potential.

Library

The UQ Library is the State’s largest, integrating physical space and virtual and real information resources.

Library features include:

> 13 branches (at UQ St Lucia, UQ Gatton, UQ Ipswich, Herston, the major teaching hospitals and the Dental School)
> the largest research collection in Queensland with millions of books, newspapers and scholarly journals, thousands of videos and DVDs and hundreds of online databases, as well as an extensive online Quick Reference Collection, microfilm, manuscripts and pictorial materials
> 24-hour-a-day access via the Library website to the Library’s catalogue
> extended opening hours (up to 84 hours per week)
> more than 1300 computers in eZones and throughout the Library for student use
> facilities for laptops, including network ports and laptops available for loan
> photocopying and printing facilities
> generous borrowing privileges (up to 42 items at a time)
> assistance, tours and free Information Skills Training classes to help students access and use Library resources
> AskIT, providing computing help and a range of services and training classes for important software applications
> access to UQConnect Wireless Network, and
> Liaison Librarians who work with faculties, schools, centres, teaching hospitals and departments, individual staff and students to deliver information services and assistance in support of teaching, learning and research at UQ.

Information technology

UQ recognises IT is an integral part of study, and provides students with a range of IT and online services.

All UQ students are provided with a free UQConnect Internet account, which allows Internet access and email from on-campus or home via dial-up.

A range of other online services is available, including:

> free national dial-up through UQConnect, UQ’s own ISP. This allows dial-up access to the Internet from anywhere in Australia for the cost of a local call
> free email with all students receiving an official UQ email address that can be accessed anywhere in the world via my.UQ (for more information on the my.UQ student portal, see below)
> on-campus Internet access, available throughout all UQ campuses via one of the fastest information networks in the world. The UQConnect Wireless Network is also available at many common student areas
> discounted Internet with students receiving significantly discounted rates for full service Internet accounts through UQConnect
> discounted hardware and software for UQ students when purchasing computers through UQConnect Portable Computing
> my.UQ, a personalised portal to online student services. This portal can be used to check email and personal student records, study resources and calendars
> mySI-net, a valuable resource enabling students to enrol in courses, and providing information such as lecture material, tutorial notes, discussion groups and class timetables
> a HelpDesk providing telephone and online IT support seven days a week, and
> UQ’s Information Technology Services (ITS) provides the IT infrastructure at UQ, and one of the most advanced networks in Australia, connecting more than 18,000 on-campus computers.

University Library

www.library.uq.edu.au
Email universitylibrarian@library.uq.edu.au
Phone +61 7 3346 4312

AskIT

http://askit.uq.edu.au
Email help@askit.uq.edu.au
Phone +61 7 3365 8811

UQConnect

www.uqconnect.net

National Dial-up number 0198 307 170
Teaching facilities

The University provides teaching space, teaching aids and facilities to suit a wide range of teaching styles.

The three major campuses include more than 180 teaching rooms. These range from collaborative learning spaces to seminar rooms and traditional lecture theatres. Computer laboratories, rooms and practical training areas cater for specialised needs. Large lecture theatres are fitted with data-projection, central video relay, and personal address systems. Video-conferencing is also available.

The University provides a range of teaching facilities including traditional lecture theatres and seminar rooms. Recently, innovative Collaborative Teaching and Learning Centres (CTLC) were established, adding new dimensions to available teaching spaces. The Centres are equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual teaching equipment and consist of a series of spaces that allow for group work, teaching, photocopying, printing and recreation.

UQ anticipates and responds to student learning and research needs, producing positive graduate outcomes and providing the information infrastructure necessary for leading-edge research activities (see page 14).

Student Centres

Student Centres on each UQ campus are the central locations for assistance with a range of administrative matters.

All students can visit a Student Centre, the one-stop-shop for all student matters and enquiries. If further specialist advice is needed, students will be directed to an appropriate area.

Student Centres provide information on international student issues, plus forms and service for:

> admission procedures
> enrolment procedures
> examinations and assessment
> fees
> graduation
> ID cards
> mySI-net (online enrolment system)
> prizes and scholarships
> public transportation
> short-term loans
> traffic and parking, and
> UQ Abroad.

www.uq.edu.au/student-centre