The University of Queensland (UQ), the largest and oldest university in Queensland, is one of Australia’s premier learning and research institutions.

The University is a founding member of the national Group of Eight, an alliance of research-strong universities and belongs also to the global Universitas 21 alliance, which aims to enhance the quality of university outcomes through international benchmarking.

The University of Queensland is home to more than 40,700 students, including over 8,700 international students from more than 110 countries. It continues to attract the majority of the state’s highest academic achievers and is renowned nationally and internationally for the quality of its teaching and research.

UQ continues to be the most successful Australian university in winning, and being shortlisted, for the Australian Awards for University Teaching, which were established in 1997. It is one of the top three research universities in the country and is continually adding to its research achievements. The University is building a cluster of world-quality research centres and institutes that will keep it at the forefront of emerging research fields, particularly the biosciences.

UQ’s main campus is located in the picturesque inner-city suburb of St Lucia. Bounded by the Brisbane River on three sides, and only seven kilometres from Brisbane’s vibrant city heart, this 285-acre site provides students with the perfect study, research and living environment. UQ's gracious sandstone buildings, parklands, and lakes encompass world-class teaching and research facilities. UQ is a stimulating place to study, combining the vitality of a modern campus, the friendly, accessible nature of Australian society, and the culture and tradition of an established university.

BRISBANE
Australia’s New World City

Brisbane is the capital of the state of Queensland. With a population of more than 1.8 million, it offers a safe, friendly, multicultural environment.

Clear skies, warm, sunny days and mild nights prevail and the semi-tropical ambience promote an outdoor lifestyle. Summer maximum average temperatures hover around 29°C and these months (December to February) do feature some hot and humid days. Winter months are mild and very pleasant with mostly crisp, clear sunny days, blue skies, and average maximum temperatures around 22°C.

The inner city is characterised by the Brisbane River, parklands and botanical gardens, recreation areas, convention centres, 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.

For more information on living and studying in Brisbane, please visit www.studybrisbane.com.au.
2011 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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21 February
21-25 February
28 February - 22 April
25-29 April
3 May - 4 June
5-10 June
11-25 June

NB. Exams can also be held on Saturdays

25 June
19 July
18-22 July
25 July - 24 September
26-30 September
3-29 October
30 October - 4 November

For more information, please visit UQ Events online at www.uq.edu.au/events.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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<td>Number of hours per week per course</td>
<td>Usually 3 contact hours per week per course</td>
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<td>Number of weeks of study</td>
<td>16 weeks (including exams)</td>
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<td>Number of required courses</td>
<td>Minimum 6 units (3 courses) per semester to maintain student visa status. A typical full-time load of 8 units (4 courses) per semester.</td>
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Courses

Study Abroad students may select from many of the 4,000 courses across any of the seven faculties.

A full list of courses available to study abroad students can be found by going to UQ’s Courses and Programs website at www.uq.edu.au/study. Enter a search term (you can search by keyword, course code or area of interest), then select “Courses” from the drop-down menu and click on “Search”.

Once the search results have appeared, click on “Study Abroad” under “Refine your search”, which is located to the left of your screen. You will then need to click on “Show only pre-approved courses for Study Abroad students”. This will show you all the courses in your area of interest that do not require approval from UQ.

If students want to take a course that requires approval (eg. higher level courses or Law courses) the UQ Study Abroad and Exchange Advisor will forward the student’s application to the appropriate faculty.

Please note that students must provide correct current course codes on the application form for the courses they wish to study (see www.uq.edu.au/study).

Restrictions on courses

Most Health Science courses (Medicine, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Occupational and Speech Therapy and Vet Science courses) cannot be accessed by study abroad students.

Campuses

The University of Queensland has four main campuses – St. Lucia, Ipswich, Herston and Gatton, but most study abroad students complete their courses at St. Lucia or Gatton.

Students should try not to timetable courses taught at two different campuses on the same day. If the majority of a student’s courses are taught on one campus (e.g. Gatton), the student should make accommodation arrangements close to that campus.
Explanation of grades at The University of Queensland

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<td>High Distinction</td>
<td>85+</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Distinction</td>
<td>75-84</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Credit</td>
<td>65-74</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Pass</td>
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<td>1</td>
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ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

On-campus residence
There are 10 on-campus halls of residence; however, space is limited. Students interested in staying on-campus must apply early. Students can download an application from the Accommodation Services website at www.accommodation.uq.edu.au and send their application directly to the on-campus hall of residence. On-campus residential accommodation costs between AUD$10,000-$16,000 per year. Three meals a day are included in this price.

Off-campus accommodation
Off-campus halls of residence, apartments and share-housing are available. Please check the Accommodation Services website for off-campus availability and costs. Students planning to live off-campus should plan to arrive in Brisbane at least one week before Orientation to allow time to find suitable housing. Some off-campus housing can be booked online through the Accommodation Services website.

Temporary accommodation
Those students who have not arranged accommodation prior to arriving in Brisbane will be taken to temporary accommodation (paid for by the student) on arrival. Temporary accommodation must be booked through the Accommodation Services website prior to arrival.

Airport Reception
All international students are met at the Brisbane Airport or the downtown bus terminal, free of charge. Students must access the online airport reception form on the Accommodation Services website to take advantage of this service (students will receive information about this service in their acceptance packet).

HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION
All study abroad students must purchase the compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). The insurance is purchased through the University for a cost of AUD$195 per semester or AUD$390 for two semesters (these figures are based on 2010 prices and may change in 2011). The University’s preferred OSHC provider is World Care Assist (www.oshcworldcare.com.au).

STUDENT VISAS & EMPLOYMENT

Student Visa information
For information about Student Visa (non-award) requirements, please contact the nearest Australian consulate or embassy or check out the following website www.immi.gov.au/students/chooser/575.htm.

Permission to work is automatically granted with the student visa and allows students to work up to 20 hours a week during semester (www.immi.gov.au/students/_pdf/permission-to-work-students.pdf).
ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES
ALL COSTS IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS

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<td>Off-campus rent (share house)</td>
<td>$180-$200</td>
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<td>$300-$330</td>
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<td>On-campus college fees</td>
<td>$294-$482 (including food &amp; utilities)</td>
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<td>Food (off-campus)</td>
<td>$90-$120</td>
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<td>Phone</td>
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<td>Public transport (off-campus)</td>
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<td>Recreation/entertainment</td>
<td>$20-$50</td>
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Please note the expenses quoted above are a guide only. They will vary depending on location, lifestyle and personal choices.

TUITION COSTS

Study Abroad tuition fees are AUD$9500 per semester in 2010 and AUD$9750 per semester in 2011. This is a flat fee per semester for the Study Abroad program, regardless of the number of courses taken.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

1. **Academic Communication Skills (ESP:ACS)**
   ESP:ACS is delivered on a full-time basis for three weeks prior to the commencement of Orientation each semester. The program is designed to provide students with essential language and academic skills for successful university study and is offered at no additional cost to all new international UQ degree-program students. Registration in the program is strongly advised.

   2011 ESP:ACS (English for Specific Purposes: Academic Communication Skills) registration form is available online at www.icte.uq.edu.au/forms.htm. Students are encouraged to register as soon as possible to confirm their place.

   Program dates:
   Semester 2, 2010: 28 June - 16 July 2010
   Semester 1, 2011: 31 January - 19 February 2011
   Semester 2, 2011: 27 June - 16 July 2011

2. **English for Academic Communication**
   This concurrent English language support runs throughout both semesters for two hours per week and is available to international students at no additional cost for their first semester at the University. To apply or for more information about subsequent courses, see www.icte.uq.edu.au/english/courses.htm#eup

3. **WRIT1001 and WRIT1005**
   These are credit-bearing courses (2 units each) for students needing additional help with their written grammar and academic writing skills.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Application Deadlines
For Semester 1 (February-June): October 31
For Semester 2 (July-November): March 31

Applications received by the deadline will be processed within 10 working days. Applications received after the deadline, however, may take longer to be processed.

Entry requirements
To meet the University’s entry requirements, students applying for the Study Abroad program must:
- meet specific course prerequisites for admission into certain courses,
- meet UQ’s English language proficiency requirements (see below), and
- hold average to above-average results in university studies to date.

Credit gained at UQ is in most cases transferable to a student's degree at their home university.

Minimum English entry requirement
To meet the University's English language requirements, students must obtain the following results in one of the approved English language tests below:

- IELTS: 6.5 (overall band) with 6.0 (writing)
- TOEFL: 570 with TWE of 5.0
- iBT: 90 with 21 in writing

Some other forms of language assessment may be acceptable. For more information please check the following website www.uq.edu.au/hupp/index.html?page=25467&pid=0.

Completion of Application form
The application form can be downloaded at www.uq.edu.au/study/forms/international/StudyAbroadAppForm.pdf. Please ensure that all information is complete and correct. Please note that the Date of Birth must be completed in the following order: DAY, MONTH, YEAR.

Applications must include:
1. a certified copy of the student’s current transcript (translated into English); and

Student Disability arrangements
The University has equity processes for students with disabilities or long term medical conditions. If a student has a disability or long term medical condition that is likely to require services, equipment or facilities to assist them in their studies, please contact UQ’s Disability Advisor via email relax@uq.edu.au. If you would like more information, please visit the following address: www.uq.edu.au/myadvisor/student-with-a-disability.

Transcripts
One academic transcript for each study abroad student is provided free of charge and will be sent to the student’s institution at the end of each semester. Student’s who obtain a minimum semester GPA of 6.0 or above (out of 7.0) will also receive a Dean’s Letter of Commendation. All students will receive a Certificate of Participation for attending UQ as an exchange student.

Emergency contact
In the case of emergency, please contact the University Security on +61 7 3365 1234. Security will determine the appropriate person within the University to contact with regard to the nature of the emergency.
Handbook of University Policies and Procedures
This handbook can be found on www.uq.edu.au/hupp. For the University’s Discipline Policies, please see www.uq.edu.au/hupp/index.html?page=25133&pid.
For the University’s procedures regarding critical incidents affecting staff or students, please see www.uq.edu.au/hupp/index.html?page=25026&pid=25015.

Study Abroad and Exchange Newsletter
Are you receiving the Study Abroad and Exchange Newsletter electronically? It provides our partners with information about their students, new courses available at the University and updates to our procedures. If you want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact David Bunyan via email d.bunyan@uq.edu.au.

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