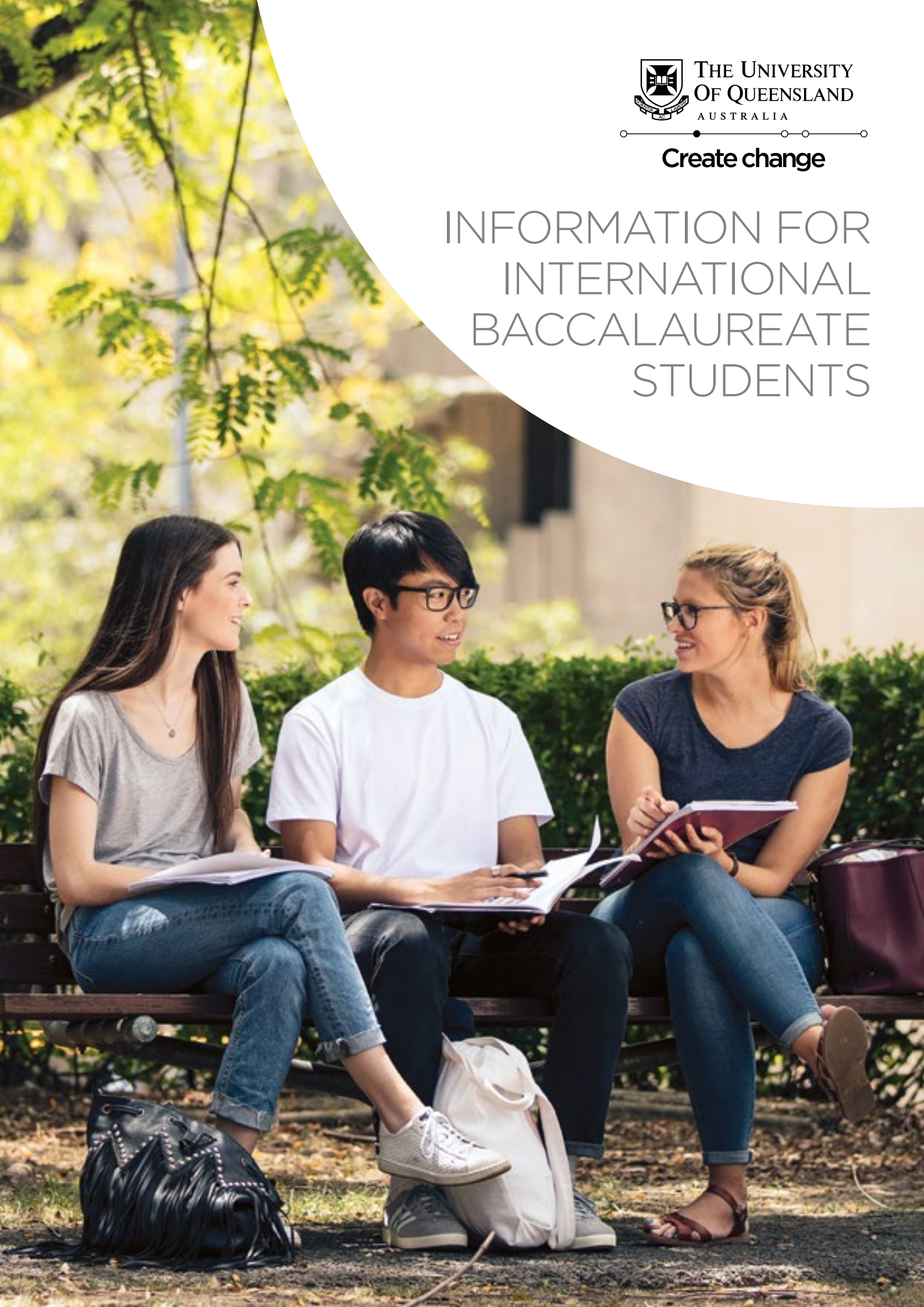




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# INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS



# UQ WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS

Explore the academic and extracurricular opportunities UQ can offer you and make the most of your IB diploma.

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma graduate, you are incredibly well prepared for success at UQ. The program's international flavour, academic rigour and emphasis on enquiry-based learning means you will enter university with a global outlook, excellent work ethic and critical thinking skills. UQ recognises this, and offers many opportunities for you to accelerate your studies.



## CREDIT AND/OR EXEMPTION FOR IB STUDENTS

You can receive credit for selected UQ courses if you achieve a specified grade in your final year of the IB. In some cases, an exemption rather than credit will be offered, with the table opposite outlining the minimum grades required. Depending on the structure of your degree program, IB courses studied and grades achieved, you may be awarded up to one semester (eight units) of credit towards your degree.

### What does the award of credit mean?

The award of credit means that you earn credit towards the completion of a program of study at UQ, which means you will need to complete fewer courses for your program. You may be awarded specified or unspecified credit, depending on the particular IB subject.

- Specified credit means that you do not have to undertake the specific course for which the credit is granted.
- Unspecified credit means that you are awarded credit towards an introductory-level UQ program, but the credit is not awarded for a specific UQ course.

### What does exemption mean?

If you are offered an exemption, you do not have to undertake that particular course. Exemption does not earn credit towards your degree, but lets you progress more quickly into advanced-level studies without having to undertake prerequisite courses at the introductory level.

## Who is eligible?

The IB credit scheme is open to students who completed the IB in 2008 or later. Credit and/or exemption may be granted for studies in English, Music, Psychology, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science and Economics. In the majority of cases, only IB subjects successfully completed at the Higher Level (HL) will be considered for the award of credit and/or exemption.

## How to apply for credit/exemption

You can apply for credit and/or exemption once you have accepted an offer and enrolled. Download the form here:

[uq.edu.au/study/docs/IB-credit.pdf](https://uq.edu.au/study/docs/IB-credit.pdf)

Lodge your completed application form directly with the UQ Student Centre on your campus, or send it to:

**The UQ Student Centre**  
**Level 1, JD Story Building**  
**The University of Queensland**  
**Brisbane, Queensland 4072, Australia**

## What does that mean?

**Bachelor's degree** A qualification awarded for the first level of study undertaken at university, typically requiring three to five years of study.

**Course** A component of study within a program, similar to a subject at high school.

**Dual major** Two majors studied in the same program as an extended area of specialised study (note that this is different to a dual program).

**Dual program** Two UQ degree programs undertaken at the same time (sometimes known as dual/parallel/combined/double degree).

**Prerequisites** Courses that you have to pass before you can enrol in a particular course, providing you with the appropriate foundation knowledge.

**Program** A sequence of study leading to the award of a qualification such as a bachelor's degree, graduate diploma, or certificate.

**Units** Units represent the value of individual courses that contribute to the total requirement of an academic program. A standard full-time study load is eight units per semester.

For a complete glossary of terms, see page 98 of the *UQ Guide 2019: Australian Undergraduate* or visit [dictionary.uq.edu.au](https://dictionary.uq.edu.au).

# IB BENEFITS AT UQ

Depending on the study plan of your UQ program, how your IB studies are structured, and the results you achieve, you can gain up to one semester (eight units) of academic credit.

Check the tables below to find out which courses qualify you for credits and/or exemptions towards your degree, and how your language studies are recognised at UQ.

## Courses

IB SUBJECT	MINIMUM GRADE REQUIRED	CREDIT/EXEMPTION
Biology (HL)	6	Specified credit for BIOL1020 (2 units)
Chemistry (HL)	6	Specified credit for CHEM1100 (2 units) or CHEM1004 (2 units)
Computer Science (HL)	6	Specified credit for CSSE1001 (2 units)
Economics (HL)	6	Exemption from ECON1010 (2 units) and ECON1020 (2 units)
English (HL)	6	Specified credit for ENGL1800 (2 units)
Mathematics (HL)	3	Exemption from MATH1040 (2 units) and MATH1050 (2 units)
Mathematics (SL)	4	Exemption from MATH1040 (2 units)
Music (HL)	6	Unspecified credit for a music elective at first-year level (2 units)
Psychology (HL)	6	Specified credit for PSYC1020 (2 units) and exemption from PSYC1030 (2 units)
Psychology (SL)	6	Exemption from PSYC1020 (2 units)
Sports, Exercise and Health Science (HL)	6	Specified credit for BIOL1040 (2 units)



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Students who study the International Baccalaureate Diploma are extremely well positioned for future success at university. The skills they gain through studying six rigorous subjects, combined with Theory of Knowledge, Creativity, Activity, Service and the Extended Essay, enable the students to become critical and compassionate thinkers, lifelong learners and informed participants in local and global affairs. At Cleveland District State High School, our values of international mindedness and continuous improvement are embodied in the IB mission statement. Our IB students are excited about their future learning and career journeys, which for many will begin at one of Australia's top universities. UQ offers IB graduates attractive credits and exemptions in recognition of the depth and rigour of the IB Diploma Programme.

## Prerequisite subject equivalents

This table shows IB equivalents for UQ prerequisite subjects. IB students are required to achieve grades of 3 or better for HL, or 4 or better for SL.

QLD	IB
Biology	- Biology (HL or SL)
Chemistry	- Chemistry (HL or SL)
English or English for ESL Learners	- English B (HL or SL) - English A: Literature (HL or SL) - English A: Language and Literature (HL or SL)
Mathematics A or Mathematics in Society	- Mathematical Studies (SL)
Mathematics B or Mathematics I	- Mathematics (HL or SL)
Mathematics C or Mathematics II	- Mathematics (HL)
Physics	- Physics (HL or SL)

## Languages

Students will need to complete the placement questionnaire at [languages-cultures.uq.edu.au/study/whats-my-language-level](https://languages-cultures.uq.edu.au/study/whats-my-language-level) to be placed in the appropriate stream. As a guide, the following table shows the **minimum** UQ entry point for those achieving a grade of 4 or better in the following IB subjects.

IB SUBJECT	STANDARD LEVEL (SL) AND HIGHER LEVEL (HL)	AB INITIO
Chinese	Stream C (Post-secondary)	Stream B (Low Intermediate)
French	Stream C (Post-secondary)	Stream B (Intermediate)
German	Stream B (Post-secondary)	2nd course Stream A (Beginners stream)
Indonesian	Stream B (Intermediate)	N/A
Japanese	Stream B (Intermediate)	2nd year Stream A (Beginners stream)
Korean	Stream B (Post-secondary)	N/A
Russian	Stream B (Post-secondary)	2nd course Stream A (Beginners stream)
Spanish	2nd year Stream A (Post-secondary)	2nd course Stream A (Beginners stream)

Please note this is not an exhaustive list of languages offered at UQ. For more information, see [languages-cultures.uq.edu.au](https://languages-cultures.uq.edu.au).

SL: standard level; HL: higher level

## YOUR STUDIES AT UQ

Improve your career opportunities and broaden your skills and knowledge with a concurrent diploma, dual program or honours degree.

### Concurrent diplomas

Improve your career prospects and explore your passion for music or languages by enrolling in a concurrent diploma alongside your undergraduate program. You generally spread the load as extra courses across the duration of your degree, but can sometimes study several of the required courses simultaneously in one or two semesters.

### Dual programs

A dual program, also called a double degree, enables you to explore two different areas of interest and give yourself a competitive edge in the workforce by completing two programs at the same time. By studying only the mandatory courses for each program, with fewer or no electives, you can graduate with two degrees in a much shorter time than if you studied them separately.

### Honours

Completing an honours degree at UQ gives you the research training needed to go on to a Master of Philosophy or Doctor of Philosophy. Honours training also gives you additional skills and knowledge to enhance your career prospects and/or undertake professional work.

UQ offers three honours models, depending on the program:

- **Option 1:** Enter a one-year bachelor honours degree after graduating from a bachelor degree in the same discipline.
- **Option 2:** Enter a bachelor degree and (at some point during that degree) apply to change programs to a bachelor honours degree.
- **Option 3:** Enter a four-year (or more) bachelor honours degree, with all students graduating with honours.

## YOUR PATH TO UQ

### Entry and eligibility

As a domestic student completing the IB Diploma in Australia, you may be eligible for entry to your chosen UQ undergraduate program if you have:

- achieved the minimum score or rank required for admission
- fulfilled all subject prerequisite requirements.

### Apply to UQ

If you are completing the IB Diploma in Australia or New Zealand, you need to apply for entry to UQ via the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC).

You can arrange for your IB results to be released electronically via the IBIS (International Baccalaureate Information System) directly to QTAC. Your school IB Coordinator can assist you in arranging the electronic results release.

### UQ Subject Incentive Scheme

UQ's Subject Incentive Scheme is designed to reward achievement, encourage skills that are highly valued by employers around the world, and add to students' competitive edge. The Scheme provides up to five adjustments towards your entry rank if you have passed the following approved studies:

- two adjustments for an approved language other than English (LOTE)
- two adjustments for Mathematics (HL)
- one adjustment if you have successfully completed a university-level enrichment program concurrently with your IB Diploma, such as UQ's Enhanced Studies Program.

The scheme is open to:

- domestic and international applicants currently completing Year 12 in Australia
- Australian citizens currently undertaking Year 12 overseas.

For more information, contact UQ Admissions, or see [future-students.uq.edu.au](mailto:future-students.uq.edu.au).

No extra application process is required in order to receive adjustment factors. Adjustments will be made to your entry rank as part of your QTAC application.

# Explore your options

**21-22 JULY 2018**  
Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)

**5 AUGUST 2018**  
St Lucia Open Day

**19 AUGUST 2018**  
Gatton Open Day

**17 DECEMBER 2018**  
UQ OP Results Advice Night



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