

# USA High School Qualifications

The following information is provided to assist domestic students who have completed or are undertaking their senior secondary studies in the United States of America and intend to seek admission to undergraduate study at The University of Queensland (UQ).

## ABOUT THE USA HIGH SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS

The USA High School Diploma is the standard senior secondary qualification in the USA and is also offered in a number of international schools worldwide. The typical study pattern is four years of full-time study and students will usually undertake one or more approved aptitude tests.

A completed USA High School Diploma (HSD) in combination with an aptitude test such as the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT-I) or the Enhanced ACT test can be assessed for admission into UQ undergraduate programs.

Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations that are issued by The College Board Advancement Placement Program, can also be assessed for admission into UQ undergraduate programs.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For entry to all undergraduate programs at UQ applicants must meet two basic entry requirements:

1. Eligibility (i.e. satisfy the subject prerequisites and other requirements)
2. Merit (i.e. possess a selection rank high enough for a place in the program<sup>†</sup>)

<sup>†</sup> Selection ranks range from 1 to 99 (maximum). As admission is competitive the minimum selection thresholds for programs can fluctuate from year to year.

For detailed program information, including prerequisite requirements and minimum selection thresholds from previous admission periods, please refer to [future-students.uq.edu.au](http://future-students.uq.edu.au).

## SATISFYING SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

The USA High School Diploma in combination with an approved aptitude test (such as SAT-I) will meet the English subject prerequisite but not a Maths or Science prerequisite. Only Advanced Placement (AP) subjects, which are accredited by the College Board, can meet Maths and Science subject prerequisites for UQ undergraduate programs.

The successful completion of the following AP subjects at the specified grade level will meet the listed subject prerequisites for admission to all UQ undergraduate programs.

Advanced Placement (AP) subjects	Qld Year 12 Subject Prerequisites
AP Statistics	Mathematics A (4,SA)
AP Calculus	Mathematics B (4,SA)
AP Biology/ Biological Science	Biological Science (4,SA)
AP Chemistry	Chemistry (4,SA)
AP Physics	Physics (4,SA)
AP English OR Completed USA HSD + Aptitude Test (SAT-I or ACT)	English (4, SA)

Minimum grade in AP subjects required to pass prerequisites: Grade of 3.

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## GAINING A SELECTION RANK

Results from the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT-I) and Enhanced ACT (ACT) Test can be assigned selection ranks where evidence of the completion of the USA High School Diploma is also provided.

Please note, a completed USA High School Diploma on its own without the SAT-I or ACT result cannot be assigned a selection rank. A selection rank can also be derived from Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations that are issued by The College Board Advancement Placement Program with a minimum of two AP subjects.

For more information regarding selection ranks for USA High School Equivalency examinations, including the recognised General Educational Development (GED) Test, the High School Secondary Education Test (HiSet) and the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), please contact UQ Admissions.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT-I) and Enhanced ACT (ACT) Tests (since 2005) <sup>1,2</sup>			
Composite SAT-I Score (2005-Jan 2016) <sup>3</sup>	Composite SAT-I Score (since March 2016) <sup>4</sup>	Composite ACT Score 36 scale	Selection Rank
2160	1460	34	99
2130	1440	33	98
2100	1420		97
2070	1400	32	96
2050	1380		95
2020	1360	31	94
1990	1350	30	93
1960	1330		92
1930	1310	29	91
1900	1290		90
1870	1270	28	89
1840	1250		88
1820	1230		87
1790	1210	27	86
1760	1190		85
1730	1170	26	84
1700	1150		83
1670	1130	25	82
1640	1120		81
1610	1100	24	80
1590	1080		79
1560	1060	23	78
1530	1040		77
1500	1020	22	76
1470	1000		75
1440	980	21	70
1410	960		65
1380	940	20	60
1350	920	19	55
1330	900	18	50
1350	920	19	55
1330	900	18	50

USA Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations <sup>1,2</sup>	
Aggregate score – minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 AP subjects <sup>3</sup>	Selection Rank
20	99
19	98
	97
18	96
17	95
	94
16	93
	92
15	91
	90
14	89
	88
13	87
12	86
	85
11	84
	83
10	82
	81
9	80
8	79
	78
7	77
	76
6	75

<sup>1</sup> Applicants must provide evidence of completion of the equivalent Year 12 secondary studies to be assigned a rank from this schedule.

<sup>2</sup> Applicants must provide AP results as issued by The College Board Advanced Placement Program. AP results recorded as part of a High School Academic Record are not acceptable for assessment purposes.

<sup>3</sup> A minimum of two and a maximum of four APs may be used. Aggregate to be determined from the numerical values allocated to subjects where: A=5, B=4, C=3 (Pass), D=2, E=1. When more than four APs have been taken, determine the aggregate using the best four results.

<sup>1</sup> Evidence of completion of the USA High School Diploma is necessary;

<sup>2</sup> If completed earlier than 2005, please contact UQ Admissions;

<sup>3</sup> Total of SAT-I: Critical Reading, SAT-I: Mathematics and SAT-I: Writing;

<sup>4</sup> Total of SAT-I: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and SAT-I: Mathematics.