

Tertiary Studies Selection Rank

This information is provided to assist domestic students who intend to or are currently undertaking tertiary study as an admissions pathway into another undergraduate program at The University of Queensland (UQ) to increase their selection rank.

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[†])

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

How to calculate your GPA

UQ's grading system includes:

High Distinction = 7
Distinction = 6
Credit = 5
Pass = 4
Fail = 3; = 2; = 1

The formula for the GPA calculation is:

The sum of (the grade result in each course multiplied by its unit value) / The sum of the unit value of each course

For example, if you have completed 4 courses as listed below:

AAAA1000 (2 units) grade 4
BBBB1000 (2 units) grade 5
CCCC1000 (1 unit) grade 5
DDDD1000 (1 unit) grade 7

Step 1:

Multiply the unit value of each course by its grade

AAAA1000: $2 \times 4 = 8$
BBBB1000: $2 \times 5 = 10$
CCCC1000: $1 \times 5 = 5$
DDDD1000: $1 \times 7 = 7$

Step 2:

Add the resulting amounts together $8 + 10 + 5 + 7 = 30$

Step 3:

Add the units for each course together $2 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 6$

Step 4:

Divide the total grade amount (result from Step 2) by the total unit amount (result from Step 3) $30/6 = 5.00$

For assistance with calculating your GPA, please contact UQ Admissions.

For detailed program information, including prerequisite requirements and minimum selection thresholds from previous admission periods, please refer to future-students.uq.edu.au.

Tertiary Studies Pathway

In determining selection ranks for tertiary studies, four factors are taken into account: grades, level of study, duration of study and where the study was undertaken.

One full-time year of tertiary study

Once you complete one full-time year of bachelor level study at any university (including the equivalent of one full-time year over part-time study or multiple institutions), UQ will only use your GPA to derive a selection rank. Your OP/ATAR/IB and other qualifications will not be used.

Grades

A student's performance is measured by their Grade Point Average (GPA). For UQ, grades are expressed on a 7-point numerical scale, where 7 is the highest and 4 is the pass mark. Other tertiary institutions may use different grading systems, and for tertiary entrance purposes at UQ, these grades are converted to the 7-point scale for the purpose of determining a selection rank. Generally a GPA is the sum of the unit grades divided by the number of units attempted. Contact UQ Admissions if you are unsure on how to calculate your GPA.

Level of study

For the purposes of allocating selection ranks, tertiary study is defined by UQ's Admission Rules as accredited study completed at one of the following levels: Bachelor degree or higher (i.e., Honours, Post-graduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, Masters Coursework, Masters Research, and PhD). The level of study can make a difference to selection ranks as under UQ's Admission Rules: in addition to the rank assigned on the basis of the cumulative GPA for any coursework study, a standard alternative rank can also be assigned for complete research and postgraduate coursework programs.

Completed program level/rank ^a	Maximum selection rank
2B Honours ^b	97
Masters by coursework ^b	97
2A or 1st Honours ^b , Masters by thesis, PhD and Higher Degrees	99

^a 3rd honours, graduate certificate, graduate diploma, postgraduate qualifying and comparable courses are assessed on the appropriate schedule for bachelor degree study.

^b Incomplete qualifications are assessed on the appropriate schedule for bachelor degree study.

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Duration of study

For UQ, a standard full-time load is eight units per semester. Once you have completed the equivalent of one full-time year of bachelor or higher level study (i.e., 16 units at UQ), you will be assigned a selection rank based solely on the basis of this study and all other qualifications at a lower level will be disregarded. For multiple attempts at tertiary study, the University derives selection ranks from the total cumulative GPA. When combining, if the cumulative duration totals less than one year, the selection rank will only be used if it advantages the applicant.

Selection ranks assigned to studies less than one full year in duration are not high enough to gain entry into the more competitive programs, such as dentistry and physiotherapy. The following schedule indicates the selection ranks attainable for studies that are less than one full year in duration.

Bachelor or higher level study of less than one full-time year

Bachelor Degree ^a			
GPA 7-point scale	0.5 semester FTE or more ^b	1 semester FTE or more	1.5 semesters FTE or more ^c
6.5+	85	88	94
6.25-6.49	84	86	93
6.00-6.24	83	85	92
5.75-5.99	82	84	91
5.50-5.74	81	83	90
5.25-5.49	80	82	89
5.00-5.24	79	81	89
4.75-4.99	78	80	88
4.50-4.74	77	79	87
4.25-4.49	76	78	86
4.00-4.24	75	77	84
3.75-3.99	72	74	78
3.50-3.74	70	72	76
3.25-3.49	68	71	74
3.00-3.24	66	69	73
2.75-2.99	61	66	71
2.50-2.74	55	63	66
2.25-2.49	45	59	64
2.00-2.24	45	55	57
<2.00	45	45	45

^a Refers to study by coursework including bachelor degree (awarded without honours), graduate certificate, graduate diploma, postgraduate qualifying and comparable courses including coursework masters and coursework doctorate level studies and non-award level study.

^b At least half of the normal full-time load for one semester or the equivalent undertaken over more than one semester

^c At least three-quarters of the normal full-time load for one year or the equivalent undertaken on a part-time basis

Note: Non-award enrolment in courses which are assessed at bachelor or higher level may also be included

5 Year Rule

In some cases, UQ may be able to disregard tertiary study from more than five years ago. Contact UQ Admissions for more information.

UQ Only Rule

In some cases, UQ may be able to disregard tertiary study from another university if you complete one full-time year of study at UQ. Contact UQ Admissions for more information.

Where the study is undertaken

When assigning selection ranks to one full year or more of tertiary study, we can allocate more generous rankings to studies undertaken at UQ. Students wishing to improve on a rank obtained from another institution should consider completing one full year of bachelor or higher studies at UQ.

Where students have completed study at both UQ and other institutions (totalling one full year or more of study), the GPAs are not combined together to calculate the rank. Instead, individual tertiary ranks are calculated for each study period using the respective schedules for UQ and all other institutions, which are then combined by weighting the respective durations of the study periods. Contact UQ Admissions for clarification.

Bachelor or higher level study of one full-time year or more

Bachelor Degree ^a		
GPA 7-point scale	UQ	All other institutions
6.5+	99	99
6.25-6.49	99	98
6.00-6.24	99	98
5.80-5.99	99	97
5.50-5.79	98	97
5.25-5.49	97	96
5.00-5.24	96	96
4.50-4.99	95	95
4.25-4.49	94	94
4.00-4.24	93	93
3.75-3.99	88	88
3.50-3.74	85	85
3.25-3.49	82	82
3.00-3.24	79	79
2.75-2.99	76	76
2.50-2.74	72	72
2.25-2.49	67	67
2.00-2.24	60	60
<2.00	45	45

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