

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[†])

[†] 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.

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	General Mathematics (Units 3 & 4, C)
AP Calculus	Mathematical Methods (Units 3 & 4, C)
AP Biology/ Biological Science	Biology (Units 3 & 4, C)
AP Chemistry	Chemistry (Units 3 & 4, C)

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.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT-I) and Enhanced ACT (ACT) Tests (since 2005 ^{1,2})			
Composite SAT-I Score (2005-Jan 2016) ³	Composite SAT-I Score (since March 2016) ⁴	Composite ACT Score 36 scale	Selection Rank
2310			99.95
2300			99.50
2160	1460	34	99.00
2130	1440	33	98.00
2100	1420		97.00
2070	1400	32	96.00
2050	1380		95.00
2020	1360	31	94.00
1990	1350	30	93.00
1960	1330		92.00
1930	1310	29	91.00
1900	1290		90.00
1870	1270	28	89.00
1840	1250		88.00
1820	1230		87.00
1790	1210	27	86.00
1760	1190		85.00
1730	1170	26	84.00
1700	1150		83.00
1670	1130	25	82.00
1640	1120		81.00
1610	1100	24	80.00
1590	1080		79.00
1560	1060	23	78.00
1530	1040		77.00
1500	1020	22	76.00
1470	1000		75.00
1440	980	21	70.00
1410	960		65.00
1380	940	20	60.00
1350	920	19	55.00
1330	900	18	50.00

¹ Evidence of completion of the USA High School Diploma is necessary;

² If completed earlier than 2005, please contact UQ Admissions;

³ Total of SAT-I: Critical Reading, SAT-I: Mathematics and SAT-I: Writing;

⁴ Total of SAT-I: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and SAT-I: Mathematics.

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.

USA Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations ^{1,2}	
Aggregate score – minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 AP subjects ³	Selection Rank
19	99.95
18	99.50
17	99.00
16	95.50
15	92.00
14	88.00
13	84.50
12	81.00
11	78.00
10	76.00
9	73.00
8	70.00
7	68.00
6	65.00

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

² 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.

³ 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.