

A quick guide to QUT



It's never too early to start thinking about your career and study options after high school. You might like to do further study, take up an apprenticeship or enter the workforce.

Whatever you choose, aim to make an informed decision and keep your options open in case you change your mind about the career you want. Even if you're not interested in studying straight after Year 12, you may choose to go back to university study later in life.

Why plan now?

If you spend some time now exploring your options, it is more likely you will end up on a path to a career you love. Year 12 can be a very hectic time, so doing some research and planning before Year 12 can take a lot of pressure off you in this important year of your life.

Another good reason to plan early is to make sure you meet course entry requirements. There may be subjects that you should study during your senior years of high school to prepare you for study in certain courses at university. There may also be additional entry requirements for admission into courses, which may include a portfolio, audition, interview or a questionnaire. The earlier you start preparing for these extra entry requirements the better your chances will be of making a successful application.

Is university for me?

University will be very different from your school experience. You will have more freedom, but you will also be responsible for managing your own study. You'll probably spend less time in classes but more time in independent study.

One of the best things about going to university is that you can choose what you would like to study. You will also learn



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I loved school and thought that it was great, but university life is so much better. As a uni student, you have more freedom, but along with that comes a lot of responsibility. Be in charge of your own education.

with students who are passionate about your course—and that will make going to lectures enjoyable and a great way to make new friends.

For a number of careers you will not be able to work as a professional in the field until you complete a university degree, and studies show that you can improve your chances of finding a job and securing promotions by undertaking further study after school.

Do your research

There are many sources of information to help you investigate your career possibilities. You can:

- speak to your parents, teachers or guidance officer
- talk to people who are currently working in the career you are interested in
- organise work experience in the career you would like to investigate
- attend career events
- visit websites to explore your options (such as www.myfuture.edu.au).

Studying at QUT

Why choose QUT?

Many students make QUT their first choice. QUT is well known for being a university for the real world, meaning our courses give you the knowledge and practical skills needed to help you find a job. Many of our lecturers have experience working in the areas they teach, so what you learn about is relevant and up to date.

What can I study at QUT?

QUT offers a broad range of courses in built environment and engineering, business, creative industries, education, health, law and justice, and science and technology. Most of our courses are flexible, which means you can personalise your program by including some units from other study areas of interest.

The course you choose to study will determine which campus you will be studying on. All campuses are well serviced by public transport and offer you excellent learning facilities.

You can research QUT courses by visiting www.qut.edu.au/explore

How much will it cost?

Uni study is not as expensive as you might think, and it's a real investment in your future.

For most university courses the Government pays some of your course costs and you contribute the remaining amount. Many students do not pay their contribution until after they graduate from university. Visit www.goingtouni.gov.au

You will need to budget for some additional costs like general living expenses and study expenses. Visit www.studentservices.qut.edu.au/costs

QUT offers a number of scholarships and prizes to support students both financially and academically. Scholarships are available for high-achieving students, students from low-income backgrounds or regional areas, students who have excelled in sporting activities and for students studying in specific discipline areas. Visit www.scholarships.qut.edu.au

Life as a QUT student

Moving from high school to university involves all sorts of changes in your life. You'll be entering a new environment with different routines from those you've been used to, but don't panic. QUT provides a wide range of support services to help you find your way and make the most of university. Visit www.studentservices.qut.edu.au

A great start is Orientation, which occurs the week before you begin your classes, and is designed to help you get to know more about QUT and meet other new students. Visit www.orientation.qut.edu.au

QUT has peer advisers who are experienced and successful students to help you get the most out of your university study. QUT also runs free seminars throughout the year to help you with everything from writing assignments to exam preparation. Visit www.kickstart.qut.edu.au

Uni speak

QTAC Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre which processes all applications for entry to university study

Course A three- to five-year program of study leading to an approved degree

Unit A subject that you will study usually over a semester

Semester A term of 13 weeks. Most units are offered either in first or second semester, with some options available in the Summer Program (November to February).

Lecture A formal class of one to two hours per week for a unit which all students in that unit attend

Tutorial A more informal class involving a smaller group of students in each unit, led by a tutor each week

Credit points The weighting of a unit. Most units are 12 credit points.

Undergraduate This is your first study option at university level, and is usually called a bachelor degree.



Experiencing QUT

By reading this guide and doing your research you can find out quite a lot of information about QUT. But if this isn't enough, there are other ways to gain first-hand experience of QUT.

Get ahead with START QUT

START QUT is an opportunity for high-achieving students to experience university and extend their Year 12 studies.

Eligible students can take two QUT units while completing their senior studies. Students attend on-campus lectures, tutorials or workshops, and complete the same assessments as other students.

Students experience different teaching styles and learning approaches and have access to first-class academic and other support services.

Students who pass two units receive guaranteed entry to selected QUT courses following completion of Year 12, and may receive advanced standing for related units, allowing the student to accelerate their studies and reduce university fees. In addition, one QTAC bonus rank and up to four credit points towards the Queensland Certificate of Education can be awarded to students who pass two university units.

START QUT students do not pay tuition fees, but may need to cover some costs such as textbooks and other learning materials.

Students must be recommended by their school, have parent/guardian support and be accepted by the relevant QUT faculty. Applications close 31 October 2010. For more information visit www.qut.edu.au/startqut

Email a student

QUT's email-a-student service allows future students to contact real university students. You can email a current QUT student from a study area you're interested in to find out what university life is really like. Visit www.qut.edu.au/makeit

Holiday campus tours

At QUT every day is open day. You and your parents are invited to tour QUT with a student ambassador and experience campus life first hand. Tours take approximately half an hour to complete and there is no need to book; just arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the tour to register with the student ambassadors.

28 June–2 July and 27 September–1 October During the September holiday program, you will be able to participate in faculty-specific seminars or tours.

For Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses meet at A Block, and for Caboolture campus meet at J Block, 10am–12pm daily. Visit www.qut.edu.au/explore



A day in the life of Mitch Kelly

6:00am I wake up and go for a run to keep fit for the upcoming soccer season.

6:40am Arriving home, I pack my bag and get ready for the day ahead.

8:15am During the 20 minute train ride to the city I relax and listen to my iPod.

9:00am First up today is the weekly motorsport meeting. We are discussing chassis packaging and engine positioning. I take notes and sketches of the proposed ideas to later test with our 3D model.

11:00am My first class of the day is a Thermodynamics prac. Today we are plotting power and torque curves using the engine dynamometer.

1:00pm I catch up with my mates for lunch before our afternoon lecture. We have Subway and discuss our design assignment due next week.

2:00pm Our Engineering Stress Analysis lecture begins. I take notes on the lecture slides I downloaded last night. Everything I need is available online through QUT Blackboard, including video lectures.

4:15pm When I arrive home I head for the study to do a few problems to reinforce what we covered in the lecture. Then I move onto motorsport and play around with the engine assembly until I'm happy with its positioning. I redesign the chassis rear end for the new position, and check all the clearances. It's amazing what you can do with the software available at uni.

7:00pm My girlfriend arrives and we make dinner together. You have to be more independent living out of home, but it's better than commuting from the Sunshine Coast each day.

8:00pm We sit down in front of the TV and watch a couple of our favourite shows.

10:00pm Time for bed for some much needed rest.



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Bachelor of Mathematics/
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I began my uni research in Year 10 when I completed the Match My Skills quiz during a computer session. The 10-minute quiz identified my skills and interests and matched them to degrees at QUT.



Where to next?

Choosing what you are going to study at university is a big decision. You need to research courses and universities, and carefully consider your options to make an informed decision about your study choices.

To find out more about QUT:

- attend an event such as QUT's Open Day or visit a regional market www.qut.edu.au/explore
- collect a QUT course booklet from your school guidance officer or order a copy online at www.qut.edu.au/explore

- visit QUT's Make It website to complete the Match My Skills interactive quiz and find out the courses that match your interests and abilities www.qut.edu.au/makeit
- email a real QUT student with your questions or view video of students answering frequently asked questions at www.qut.edu.au/makeit
- visit QUT on a holiday campus tour www.qut.edu.au/explore

For parents

At QUT we understand that helping your son or daughter make their course choice and settle into university is much easier if you have access to all the information you need. This guide, however, is just the beginning. QUT holds information sessions for parents during the year, publishes an eNewsletter for parents and has a designated website. For more information visit www.qut.edu.au/parents

Please visit us

QUT Student Centres

The QUT Student Centre on each campus can assist you with general enquiries about admission, academic credit, enrolment, fees, student ID cards and other matters.

Gardens Point

2 George Street, Level 1, A Block

Kelvin Grove

Victoria Park Road, Level 6, F Block

Caboolture

Tallon Street, Ground Floor, J Block

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2010 calendar of events

QUT staff and students will be available at the following 2010 events to answer your questions. You can sign up to receive email reminders about upcoming events at www.qut.edu.au/explore

Regional Careers Markets
March–August
Queensland and New South Wales

Return to Study Seminar
21 April, 6–7pm
Kelvin Grove campus

Parent Information Seminar
21 April, 6–7pm
Kelvin Grove campus

Careers and Employment Expo
7–9 May
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
9am–4pm Friday
10am–4pm Saturday

Holiday Campus Tours
28 June–2 July
Gardens Point, Kelvin Grove and Caboolture campuses
10am–12pm daily

TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo)
17–18 July
Exhibition Building
RNA Showgrounds
10am–4pm daily

QUT Open Day
25 July
Kelvin Grove campus
9am–3pm

QUT Caboolture Campus Open Day
15 August
Caboolture campus
10am–2pm

Adult Tertiary Entry Expo
1 September
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
11am–6pm

Holiday Campus Tours
27 September–1 October
Gardens Point, Kelvin Grove and Caboolture campuses
10am–12pm daily

Faculty activities and tours also available. For full program visit www.qut.edu.au/explore

QUT Real Decisions
21 December
Gardens Point campus
10am–2pm