

***Want a Head Start  
to your degree?***



UNIVERSITY  
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QUEENSLAND

# What is USQ Head Start?

Are you a motivated, high-achieving Year 11 or 12 student? As a USQ Head Start student, you can study one university subject during a semester, allowing you to start your university studies early. You can select from a variety of courses so you can study alongside other USQ students on-campus or online.

## Student tip



*'Set a study goal with a small reward at the end to motivate you.'*

**ELLY McCULLOCH**

Head Start Education  
Graduate

## 5 reasons to study USQ's Head Start



### Guaranteed entry

Complete a course and be eligible for guaranteed entry into a related USQ degree!

(Remember you need to meet the degree pre-requisites as well)



### Save time

Have fewer courses to study when you leave school with credit from those courses you pass.



### Save money

The first course is free! Want to study more? Additional courses are offered at a discount.



### Gain experience!

Learn about a potential career while discovering uni life at USQ on-campus or online.



### QCE points

Receive two points towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) for each USQ course.

For more information, please visit  
[usq.edu.au/headstart](https://usq.edu.au/headstart)

# ***What can I study at USQ?***

Year 11 and 12 students can study in any semester. However, Semester 1 is recommended for Year 12 students, while Semester 2 is recommended for Year 11 students. Semester 3 is also available for Year 11 and 12, as well as those students completing Year 10.

For the latest list of courses on offer, please visit [usq.edu.au/headstart](https://usq.edu.au/headstart)

## ***Areas of study include:***



Business and  
Commerce



Engineering and  
Built Environment



Information  
Technology



Creative Arts  
and Media



Health and  
Community



Law and Justice



Education



Humanities and  
Communication



Sciences

## ***What are the entry requirements?***

To become a USQ Head Start student, you will need to have a minimum B grade average on your latest report card.



*A taste of  
university life*

'The program offers a good glimpse into university life and you will gain a lot of experience before you even start your bachelor's degree.'

**Bruce Hoang**  
Head Start Psychology graduate

# How to apply?

In just seven steps, you can become a USQ Head Start student.

- 1** Find an area of study that interests you and ensure that the additional workload of the USQ course can be accommodated into your school study schedule.
- 2** Choose a course offered under the USQ Head Start program. They are listed at [usq.edu.au/headstart](https://usq.edu.au/headstart)
- 3** Complete the USQ Head Start Application Form, including all supporting documents. Don't forget that your application needs to be signed by your school principal and parent or caregiver and, of course, yourself. You can find the USQ Head Start application form at [usq.edu.au/headstart](https://usq.edu.au/headstart)
- 4** Send your application to [study@usq.edu.au](mailto:study@usq.edu.au) by 5:00pm of the closing date.
- 5** USQ will assess your application.
- 6** You and your school will be notified whether your application has been successful. This will be approximately two weeks before semester begins. If you are accepted to study a USQ Head Start course, you will receive a letter with your USQ username and password which you will need for your studies.
- 7** To help you get off to a flying start with your uni studies, there is a USQ Head Start Orientation Program for all Head Start students one week before the start of semesters 1 and 2.

## Where to send your application

Recruitment and Admissions  
University of Southern Queensland  
West Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350

Phone **1800 269 500**  
Email [study@usq.edu.au](mailto:study@usq.edu.au)




# *Want to know more?*

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