



## Program objectives

On the successful completion of the Diploma of Social Studies Foundations graduates will have:

- demonstrated an ability to successfully pursue an undergraduate program of study in the Faculty of Arts
- acquired sufficient knowledge about human services programs of study to make an informed choice about further undergraduate study in the Faculty of Arts
- developed an enhanced awareness of the nature of study in the Faculty of Arts
- developed foundation knowledge, skills and competencies in a series of first year undergraduate human services courses

## Admission requirements

International applicants must have a minimum entry level of IELTS 6.0 or equivalent.

There is no specified minimum educational achievement entrance standard.

Normally, to be eligible for enrolment in the program a person will have attained an age of at least 18 years in the year of the proposed enrolment.

Students will need to complete the online application form for entry to the Diploma Programs. All applicants are required to complete online diagnostic tests in Mathematics, e-literacy, and English Communication Skills. Applicants will then be given advice detailing whether the Diploma Program is the most appropriate pathway for them to undertake. Some students may be advised to undertake the [Tertiary Preparation Program](#).

## How to apply

### Domestic students

Application for the Foundation Diplomas may be made [directly to USQ](#).

### International students

This program is available to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

## Program fees

### Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#). Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

### Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

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## **Program structure**

The Program consists of four core courses followed by four foundation courses in the social sciences. Students must successfully complete the four compulsory core courses before they will be enrolled in the four foundation social science courses.

### **Core courses**

There are four compulsory courses:

- [DIP1000 E-Literacy for Contemporary Society](#)
- [DIP1001 Academic and Professional English](#)
- [DIP1002 Strategies for Successful Study](#)
- [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#)

[DIP1000 E-Literacy for Contemporary Society](#) and [DIP1002 Strategies for Successful Study](#)

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