

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Information Technology (BEHI) - BEng(Hons) BIT

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 907352; External: 907355

CRICOS code (International applicants): 079517G

Programs at USQ are regularly reviewed to ensure they remain professionally-relevant, in order to enhance the graduate outcomes of our students. This program is currently being re-accredited and is as a consequence likely to undergo some changes. Full details will be available when it is approved. If you have any questions, please [contact us](#) directly.

Program aims

This combination of an Engineering program with a program in Information Technology provides students with the opportunity to become qualified Engineers with a very strong background in Computer Systems and Applied Computer Science.

Graduates of this combined program will have a high level of knowledge of both hardware and software components of computer systems and the interrelationships between the two. They will have well-developed skills in both hardware and software design and development.

For more details of the two programs that comprise this award, applicants are asked to refer to the [Engineering and Built Environment](#) and the [Information Technology](#) sections of this Handbook.

Program objectives

Graduates of the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Information Technology program will have met the separate objectives of the [Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\)](#) and the [Bachelor of Information Technology](#) programs.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including univ

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students 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. Students 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.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The program involves five years of full-time study.

Students may apply for admission to study part-time or externally, however applicants should ensure they are able to complete this program within the maximum duration of ten years. To achieve this, students will need to complete a minimum of four units of study per year. To complete the program part-time within the standard duration of eight years, students will need to complete a minimum of five units of study per year.

Where students intend to complete the program using a combination of full-time and part-time study, the maximum time for completion will be calculated on a pro-rata basis.

The Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Information Technology is a 40 unit program consisting of Academic courses and Practice courses.

Academic courses are one-unit courses and involve approximately 155 hours of student work per unit.

Practice courses are zero unit courses and each involves approximately 50 hours of student work.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 10 years to complete this program.

Electives/Approved courses

Approved courses are included in the list of Academic courses. Students should select these courses from the approved courses list.

Practical experience

To be eligible to graduate from the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Information Technology, students must obtain an aggregate of at least 60 days of suitable work experience during their program. This experience may be in an engineering office or laboratory where the student would be working principally with professional engineers and engineering associates. It may, however, be preferable for students to spend some

time in field or factory activities to gain insight into industrial practice and to see what is involved in converting designs into finished products.

Students are required to enrol in [ENG4909 Work Experience - Professional](#) in the latter part of their program and keep a record of appropriate experience as specified in the Course Specification. The work experience is to be endorsed by an appropriate person in the organisation providing the experience and submitted to the examiner. The student must meet all costs associated with the acquisition of work experience to satisfy this requirement.

The record of work experience must be made available for perusal by the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences upon request. The acceptability or otherwise of employment experience, and the period of that type of experience that may be credited towards the 60 days, will be determined by the Examiner of [ENG4909 Work Experience - Professional](#).

Credit or exemptions for [ENG4909 Work Experience - Professional](#) will not normally be considered.

IT requirements

Access to an up-to-date computer is necessary. On-campus students can access appropriately equipped laboratories, but should consider acquisition of their own computer. External students should be able to access a computer with the following [minimum standards](#) as advised by the University. All students should have access to email and the Internet via a computer running the latest versions of Internet web browsers such as Internet Explorer or Firefox. The University has a wireless network for on-campus students' computers. In order to take advantage of this facility and further enhance their on-campus learning environment, students should consider purchasing a notebook/laptop computer with wireless connectivity. Specialist software is required for some courses.

Residential schools

The attendance requirement of residential schools within this degree is indicated by the following letters: V = Voluntary; O = Optional; C = Compulsory; R = Recommended; HR = Highly Recommended; M = Mandatory. To find out more about [residential schools](#), visit the [Residential School Schedule](#) to view specific dates for your degree, or visit the [Policy and Procedure Library](#).

Students are required to undertake practical and professional activities relevant to their program through enrolment in a series of Practice courses in the program. Practice courses are zero unit courses that may be undertaken in either on-campus or external mode and the final grades available are P

Exit points

Students who, for whatever reason, are unable to complete the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Information Technology and who satisfy all of the requirements of any of the [Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\)](#), the [Bachelor of Engineering Science](#), the [Associate Degree of Engineering](#) or the [Diploma of Engineering Studies](#) may be permitted to exit with that award.

Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

Work Experience

Work and industrial experience that has not been formally assessed, does not normally qualify for course credit in the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Information Technology program. Existing work experience may be used to satisfy the practical/work experience requirements when completing the [ENG4909 Work Experience - Professional](#) practice course.

Course transfers

Students who are enrolled in either the [Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\)](#) program or the [Bachelor of Information Technology](#) program may transfer to the program with advanced standing. If they have 57 Tm(v)a7anding. If the
