Certificate of University Studies (COUS) - DipISF

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 05. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for skilled/paraprofessional work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View USQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under Course Admission Information Set via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following 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 also required to complete online diagnostic tests in Mathematics, e-literacy, and English Communication Skills. Applicants will then be given advice detailing whether the Certificate of University Studies is the most appropriate pathway for them to undertake. Some students may be advised to undertake the Tertiary Preparation Program .

All students are required to satisfy the applicable English language requirements.

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved English language program. On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

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

Program structure

Students must successfully complete four core courses before they are able to graduate with a Certificate of University Studies, or continue and transition into a USQ Diploma.

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 or DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy

Students can commence with any of the four courses but for students unaccustomed to online learning it is recommended they start with DIP1000 E-Literacy for Contemporary Society.

Students who want to progress to the Diploma of Engineering and Spatial Science Foundations, or the Diploma of Science Foundations need to take DIP1003 Essential Mathematics. All other students need to take DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy.

Students can progress their studies in either part-time or full-time mode. All four courses can be taken in a single semester for those pursuing full-time studies.

Program completion requirements

To graduate from the Certificate of University Studies students must successfully complete the four compulsory core courses.

Required time limits

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

IT requirements

Students must have reliable and ready access to email and the Internet. Students should have access to a scanner for DIP1004 Mathematical Literacy. For information technology requirements, please see the minimum computing standards.

Certificate of University Studies Recommended Enrolment Pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

The recommended enrolment pattern for the four compulsory core courses is as follows: