

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 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work and/or further learning.

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

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of an Australian university three year Bachelor degree in any area, or equivalent.
Or
equivalent professional work experience, as determined through the [Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

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

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

All specialisations within the program consist of four units of study taken from the Recommended Enrolment Pattern section. The Program Coordinator, via usq.support@usq.edu.au may also grant substitution of one

course from outside these disciplines. At least two courses must be Level 8 (all specialisations). The student must select courses according to the pre- and co-requisite requirements contained in individual course

- [CHE1110 Chemistry 1](#)
- [WIN2200 Viticultural and Winemaking Practice](#)
- [BIO2202 Plant Physiology](#)

Articulation

A student successfully completing all courses in the Graduate Certificate of Science program will receive full credit towards the [Graduate Diploma of Science](#) in the same specialisation. Students intending to continue with the Graduate Diploma must apply for separate admission and may EITHER Graduate with a Graduate Certificate and receive full credit as exemptions into the Graduate Diploma, OR choose not to graduate with the Graduate Certificate, in order to transfer their grades, maintain their GPA and articulate into the Graduate Diploma and ultimately qualify from this higher award only. Students who wish to transfer their grades and maintain their GPA into the Graduate Diploma, must advise the Faculty in writing (usq.support@usq.edu.au) of their intention to articulate and this must occur prior to completion of the Graduate Certificate of Science.

Credit

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

Students who have successfully completed [STA2300 Data Analysis](#) are not permitted to undertake [STA8170 Statistics for Quantitative Researchers](#). Instead they should contact the Program Director to choose an alternative Level 8 course.

Applied Data Science specialisation: Where a student's enrolment pattern does not allow them to complete [STA8170 Statistics for Quantitative Researchers](#) in S1, they may replace it with [STA2300 Data Analysis](#) in S2 or S3, as long as the student completes the required number of Level 8 courses for their program.

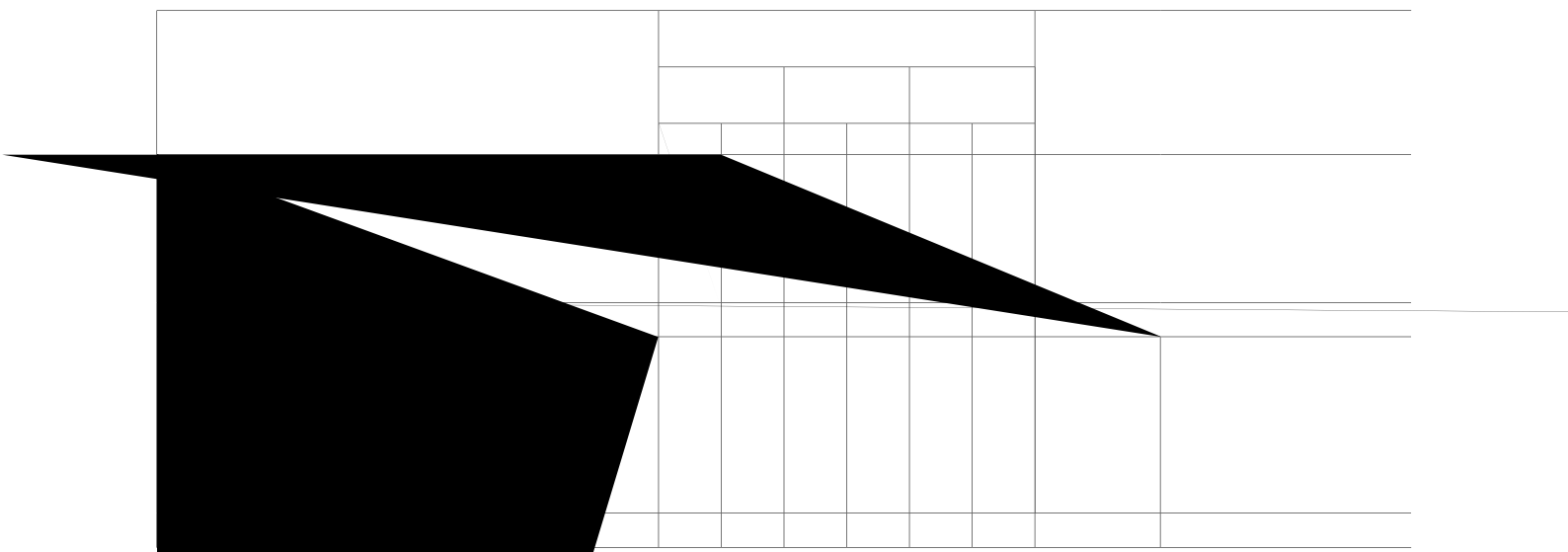
Enrolment

Enrolment patterns will need to be determined for individual students. On acceptance into the program, students must submit an enrolment pattern for approval to the Program Coordinator via usq.support@usq.edu.au. Pre-requisite courses should be taken as a guide to the assumed knowledge required for a course. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they have the assumed knowledge before enrolling in a particular course.

Agricultural Science specialisation recommended enrolment pattern - part-time

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.

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AGR8003 Critical Issues in Agriculture		2				2		
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Approved courses: Choose two from the following:								
AGR2303 Agronomy		1				1		
AGR3303 Agricultural Materials and Post-Harvest Technologies		1				1		
AGR4305 Agricultural Soil Mechanics						1		
CLI8001 Climate Risk						1		
SCI3302 Industry Placement[#]		3		1,2,3				Pre-requisite: Completion of 2nd year (or 2 years full time study in a relevant area)
AGR8002 Emerging Technologies in Agriculture		2				2		



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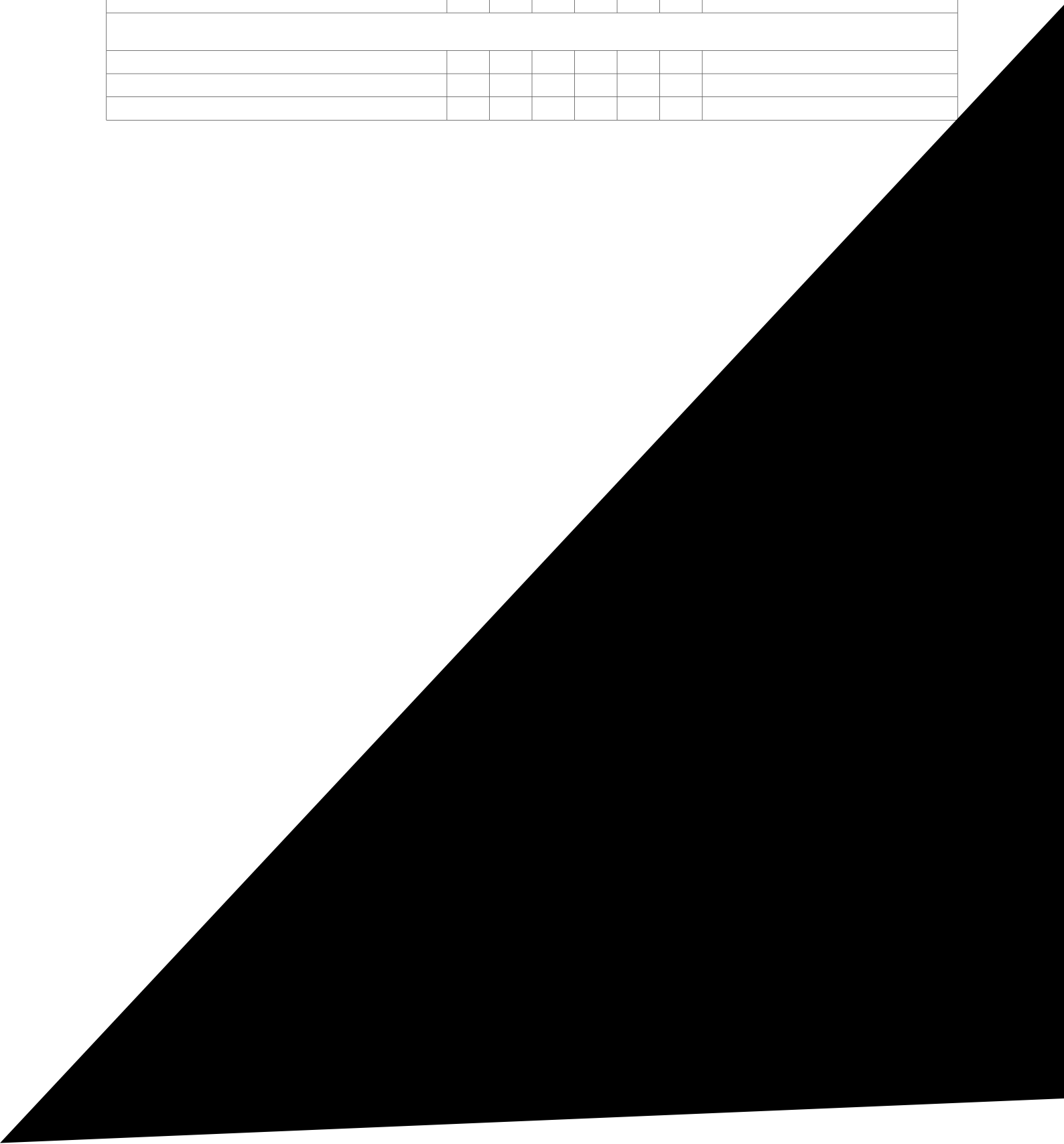
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Astronomy specialisation recommended enrolment pattern - part-time

Students are able to enrol in any of

Students may seek approval from the Discipline Coordinator to enrol in courses not listed in this table.

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**Psychology in Schools specialisation recommended enrolment pattern - part-time
S3 entry**

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BIO8201 Biology Foundations						2		

Footnotes

- † External offering has a highly recommended residential school (linked to an assessment item and non-attendance will mean a student misses an element for assessment preparation or an element of assessment).
- * Astronomical observations for each course are made remotely via Internet access to USQ's Mt Kent Observatory. Voluntary field nights will also be made available.
- + This course uses in-home practical kits. There is no residential school requirement.

Wine Science specialisation recommended enrolment pattern - part-time

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.†
