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 kno

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

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:

