Welcome to the Faculty of Science

Today’s schedule:

Part 1: Welcome + important information

Part 2: Guidance for international students

Part 3: Where to get assistance

Part 4: Activities – get to know your classmates
Acknowledgment of Country

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.
Welcome to Australia
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Welcome to UQ 😊
Welcome to the Faculty of Science!
Key dates and important information
## Important dates – Semester 2, 2024

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<td>15-19 July 2024</td>
<td><strong>Orientation Week (O-Week)</strong> <em>(compulsory)</em></td>
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<td>31 August 2024</td>
<td><strong>Census date</strong> <em>(last date to drop courses or cancel enrolment without financial liability)</em></td>
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<td>Semester 2 classes end</td>
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### Access the recordings:
science.uq.edu.au/student-support/orientation

### UQ Academic Calendar (2024):
Program Information Session Recordings

Sem 2, 2024

Undergraduate programs

- Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Biotechnology
- Bachelor of Environmental Management
- Bachelor of Environmental Science
- Bachelor of Mathematics
- Bachelor of Science

Postgraduate programs

- Master of Agribusiness
- Master of Agricultural Science
- Master of Animal Science
- Master of Environmental Management
- Master of Financial Mathematics
- Master of Food Science and Technology
- Master of Geographic Information Science
- Master of Magnetic Resonance Technology
- Master of Occupational Health & Safety Science / Occupational Hygiene
- Master of Quantum Technology
- Master of Science (Mathematics and Statistics)
- Master of Science (Physics)

No recording (in-person induction only):

- Master of Bioinformatics
- Master of Biotechnology
- Master of Conservation Biology / Science
- Master of Molecular Biology

Access the recording of your session: science.uq.edu.au/student-support/orientation/program-information-sessions
Science Study Planner

Science study planners

Study planners to help you organise your enrolment.

- Undergraduate
  Study plans for diplomas and bachelor degrees.

- Postgraduate
  Study plans for graduate certificates, graduate diplomas and master degrees.

- Changes to our programs
  Details of changes to Science programs as a result of Program Architecture 2.

Go to: planner.science.uq.edu.au
Academic Integrity Modules *compulsory

All new to UQ students and new to a program students need to complete the compulsory Academic Integrity Modules (AIM) before the due dates.

Important: If you do not complete the modules by the due dates, you will be unable to access Blackboard Learn.UQ, view your grades and will be prevented from enrolling in the following semester until the modules have been completed.

Due dates:
- Part A by 31 August 2024
- Part B by 26 October 2024 (end of Week 13)

Note: Leave Part B until after you have completed some of this semester’s assessment tasks so you have experience with University level assessment.

What is it?
Academic integrity describes the ethical principles that underpin academia and student life. All members of the UQ community have a responsibility to support and uphold the values of academic integrity. These modules are designed to help you understand your obligations and responsibilities as a UQ student.

web.library.uq.edu.au/library-services/it/learnuq-blackboard-help.academic-integrity-modules
Australian teaching and learning style
UQ Terminology

Program  degree you’re studying  
(e.g. BSc or BSc/BE dual degree)

Course  subject, or module

Course code  name (e.g. CHEM1100, BIOL2001)

Unit (#)  measure of credit value of a course

Most courses are #2
Standard study load is #8 per semester (4 courses)
Bachelor of Science program requires
#48 (typically 6 semesters = 3 years)

Major/Field  specialisation within a program

of Study

Terminology:
my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/manage-my-program/classes-timetables
-and-coursework/about-your-timetable
Typical class types / learning activities within a course

- Lectures
- Tutorials/ Workshops
- Practicals
- Projects and group learning
- Flipped classrooms
- Self-directed learning
Lectures

In-person lecture
All UQ lectures are recorded – accessible via Learn.UQ (Blackboard)

web.library.uq.edu.au/library-services/it/learnuq-blackboard-help/lecture-recordings
Tutorials/Workshops

In-person tutorials/workshops
Practicals

Computer Lab
Practicals
How should I study the course material?
Self-directed learning

- The Learn.UQ Blackboard course site of each course contains a huge collection of self-study materials.
Flipped classrooms

• What is a flipped classroom?
  • Students complete pre-readings or watch pre-lecture videos before they come to lectures and work on problem-solving tasks during live lectures!

Pre-class edX videos: theory

In-class: application and problem solving
Projects and group learning
Help is available!

Email support from tutors and lecturers

First-year learning centres

Online discussion boards
- Get helps from instructors and classmates

Lecturer consultation/office hours

Exam revision workshops

And more!
Setting expectations
Setting expectations

As a university student in Australia, you have choices about:

• Attendance
• Amount of revision time
• Your work/leisure/study balance
• How you schedule your study
• Whether you read documentation and messages we provide

Tips:

• Get into the habit of checking your emails daily!
• Ask questions – we can’t help you if you don’t ask!
The transition to the Australian education system – who is in charge?

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<th>Overseas High School / University</th>
<th>Australian University</th>
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<td>Priorities/</td>
<td>Set by teachers and school (…and parents)</td>
<td><strong>Student</strong> balances: study, work, fun, and life</td>
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<td>responsibilities</td>
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<td>Enrolling in classes</td>
<td>Organised by parents and school (high school)</td>
<td><strong>Student</strong> must enrol in the correct courses by the deadline (University staff can guide you)</td>
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<td>Class timetable</td>
<td>Organised by school; usually set times Mon-Fri</td>
<td><strong>Student</strong> can choose their timetable from available classes set by University</td>
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<td>Study</td>
<td>Mostly in class; homework assigned as back-up learning</td>
<td><strong>Student</strong> schedules time for study / revision. Student frequently sets their own homework goals.</td>
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<td>Assessment due dates</td>
<td>Teachers remind you</td>
<td><strong>Student</strong> manages deadlines. Reminders not routine – use course profiles/Blackboard. No easy late extensions!</td>
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<td>Communication</td>
<td>School contacts parents. Parents sign permissions and access your records.</td>
<td>UQ speaks to the <strong>student</strong>. UQ does not contact parents and cannot give them information without permission.</td>
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<td>Help</td>
<td>Teachers approach you if they believe you need assistance.</td>
<td><strong>Student</strong> needs to initiate contact for assistance.</td>
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<td>Missing a class</td>
<td>Teachers provide you with information you missed when you were absent.</td>
<td><strong>Student</strong> needs to get missed notes from classmates, Blackboard, and online lecture recordings.</td>
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<td>Attending lectures</td>
<td>Teachers monitor class attendance.</td>
<td><strong>Student</strong>'s choice!</td>
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What to expect: my.uq.edu.au/starting-at-uq/what-to-expect
You are more likely to SUCCEED if you

- Attend lectures, tutorials, and practicals.
- Do some study! Time spent studying is the strongest predictor of success.
- Balance commitments – work, study, social life
- Develop a social network
- Seek help if you are having difficulties
- Get engaged and get involved!
General advice for international students
Study requirements

Visa conditions

• International students on a Student visa (subclass 500) must be enrolled full-time via internal study mode.
  
  Student visa holders should complete their program by the end date on their Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

• At UQ, most courses are worth #2 units of credit.
  
  May vary – please refer to course ECP for details.

• A standard full-time study load at UQ is #8 units (generally 4 courses) per semester.

• **Student visa holders should enrol in #8 units (4 courses) per semester.**
  
  'Full-time' is defined as 75% or more of a standard full-time study load, i.e. minimum #6 units (generally 3 courses) or more per semester.

• **Part-time study: Do not underload** (study part-time) unless you have sought permission from the Faculty.

Questions? Contact: enquire@science.uq.edu.au
Can I take extra courses?

- Called ‘overloading’ at UQ.
- Enrolling in more than full-time study (more than #8 units or 4 courses per semester) is not permitted in your first semester.
- Generally not recommended – full-time study is 100% for a reason:
  
  You don’t want to overwhelm yourself, fail courses or have to repeat!
  
  Adjusting to Australian university teaching style can be a challenge – different education system.
  
  Consider your work/study/social life balance and your personal wellbeing.
- Seek permission from the Faculty before overloading; consider the impact on your student visa.

Questions? Contact: enquire@science.uq.edu.au
Study requirements

- **Internal courses**: Requires students to attend in-person learning activities and assessments on campus.
  - Most UQ courses offered via Internal (in-person) study mode.
  - May incorporate some aspects of online delivery (e.g. some online lectures, options for online tutorials, online assessment, etc.)

- **External courses**: Delivered entirely online (participate online for all learning and assessment activities)

- **Student visa holders must enrol via internal study mode** wherever possible.
  - Some courses may *only* be available via external study mode.
  - Student visa holders *may* be permitted to enrol in an external course if there are no other options and the course is compulsory for their program.

- Always seek guidance from the Faculty before enrolling in external mode; consider the impact on your visa.

Questions? Contact: [enquire@science.uq.edu.au](mailto:enquire@science.uq.edu.au)
Working While Studying 🗓

Student on a Student Visa
If you have a student visa, you can work:
- up to 48 hours per fortnight (2-week period) during university semesters, and
- full-time hours during vacations.

In general, you shouldn’t expect a casual job to cover your tuition fees or expenses.

study.ug.edu.au/university-life/getting-prepared-to-come-to-australia/working-while-studying

Attend a Working on a Student Visa workshop and learn:
- Work limitations of your student visa
- How to obtain a Tax File Number (TFN)
- Where to look for student-friendly jobs
- Income tax on your earnings/savings

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/workshops
Reminder: Who should I ask for help?
Who should I contact for help?

**Faculty of Science** - Student Enquiries team

**St Lucia campus:**
Building 69 (Level 2, Ground level)
Phone: +61 7 3365 1888
Email: enquiries@science.uq.edu.au

**Gatton campus:**
N.W. Briton Annexe (Building 8101a)
Phone: +61 7 5460 1276
Email: enquiries@science.uq.edu.au

Website: science.uq.edu.au/contact

**Office hours:** Monday to Friday
8:30am – 4:30pm *Brisbane AEST time

Science Student Enquiries team can assist with:

- Planning your studies (choosing courses each semester)
- Enrolment in SI-net
- Study mode queries (changing from External to Internal study mode)
- Timetabling queries *see below
- **Booking academic advising appointments**
- Credit for prior study (credit exemptions or RPL)
- Under-enrolment or overloading
- Program and Major/Field of Study change queries
- Progress checks and program variations
- Graduation advice
- Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) extension requests and advice

**Timetabling queries**

Preferencing issues, class allocations, timetable clashes, no available classes (waitlisting), etc.

**Email only:** science.mytimetable@uq.edu.au

Always include your full name + program + UQ Student ID number (for example: 41234567) + a description of your issue
Contact your School

School of Agricultural and Food Sustainability (AGFS)
Phone: +61 7 3365 1171 (St Lucia)
       +61 7 5460 1321 (Gatton)
Email: agriculture@enquire.uq.edu.au
Website: agriculture.uq.edu.au

School of Biomedical Sciences (SBMS)
Phone: +61 7 3365 3132
Email: sbms@enquire.uq.edu.au
Website: biomedical-sciences.uq.edu.au

School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences (SCMB)
Phone: +61 7 3365 3925
Email: enquiries@scmb.uq.edu.au
Website: scmb.uq.edu.au

School of the Environment (SENV)
Phone: +61 7 3365 6455
Email: environment@enquire.uq.edu.au
Website: environment.uq.edu.au

School of Mathematics and Physics (SMP)
Phone: +61 7 3365 3265
Email: smp.student@uq.edu.au
Website: smp.uq.edu.au

School of Veterinary Science (SVS)
Phone: +61 7 5460 1834
Email: vetenquiries@uq.edu.au
Website: veterinary-science.uq.edu.au

Your School can assist with:
- Permission to enrol in certain courses
- Planning your studies (PG)
- Lectures / Tutorials / Practicals
- Electronic Course Profile (ECP) questions
- Accessing lecture recordings and learning materials (via Learn.UQ Blackboard and Echo360)
- Contacting your course coordinator or program director
- Assessments and exam queries
- Grades and marking
- Graduation checks

Office hours: usually Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm Brisbane AEST time

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Other types of help

Activating your UQ Student Account

Can’t access UQ student email?

*If you have accepted your offer, made the payment and received your CoE, and are still waiting for an email from UQ to activate your student account

**UQ IT Support (ITS)**
Phone: +61 7 3346 4312
Email: help@its.uq.edu.au
8:00am - 5:00pm Brisbane AEST (Monday-Friday)

Live chat with **UQ Library’s Ask Us team** (during office hours)

Tuition fees or payment queries

Need help making payment?

**UQ Student Central**
Phone: +61 7 3365 2600 or 1300 275 870
Email: student.services@uq.edu.au
8:30am - 5:00pm Brisbane AEST time (Monday-Friday)
Website: https://my.uq.edu.au/contact/student-central

Live chat available during office hours

UQ Fees office: fees@uq.edu.au

How to pay your tuition fees – more information

Student support:

- Accommodation and airport pick up
- Admissions, enrolment and fees
- Counselling, wellbeing and support
- Learning advisors and study skills assistance
- Financial hardship assistance
- Disability and inclusion support

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Visa Assistance

**Your agent**

Always speak with your agent first!
Find a UQ-approved agent: https://study.uq.edu.au/contact/find-approved-uq-agent-near-you

**Department of Home Affairs**
Phone: 131 888 or +61 2 6196 0196

**UQ Visa Team**
Phone: The **Student Central** team may be able to answer some of your questions about visas or re-direct you to the Visa Team
Email: uqvisaofficer@uq.edu.au

**UQ Union Visa Assistance**
Student run visa assistance
Book an appointment online:

UQ staff cannot provide you with visa advice – always speak with a qualified education agent!
Become a **Science International Student Ambassador**

Want to give back to future UQ students? 😊

Become a Science International Student Ambassador!!

**Send an email to:**
science.international@uq.edu.au

**Please include:**
- your preferred contact details +
- days/times you are available to support our activities +
- a short paragraph to introduce yourself (things like hobbies, interests, languages spoken, study program, etc.)
Become a **Gatton Student Ambassador**

Gatton Student Ambassadors inspire and motivate prospective students by:

- providing information about UQ’s study programs, campus amenities and student lifestyle,
- sharing their own UQ student experiences, and
- assisting with delivery of on-campus tours/visits and representing UQ at a variety of on-campus events including FEAST and Open Day.

This is a paid (HEW 1.1) casual opportunity open to current UQ Gatton students.

**Complete the online application form:**
[https://fal.cn/3rrpn](https://fal.cn/3rrpn)

**Questions?**
Please contact science.engagement@uq.edu.au
# Science Starter Program
## Semester 2, 2024

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<td>Get Started with UQ Science – Meet current Science students and key support staff from the Faculty</td>
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<td>Saturday, 11 May 2024</td>
<td>3:30pm – 5:30pm</td>
<td>Meet Your Professors – Top Tips for Academic Success Connect with your professors and meet current students in your program</td>
<td><a href="bit.ly/UQ_2024_Science_Starter2">bit.ly/UQ_2024_Science_Starter2</a></td>
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<td>Saturday, 1 June 2024</td>
<td>3:30pm – 5:30pm</td>
<td>Careers in Science – Alumni Advice Careers advice and industry insights from recent UQ alumni (graduates)</td>
<td><a href="bit.ly/UQ_2024_Science_Starter3">bit.ly/UQ_2024_Science_Starter3</a></td>
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<td>Saturday, 22 June 2024</td>
<td>3:30pm – 5:30pm</td>
<td>Science Pre-Departure – Prepare for Success Science-specific pre-departure information + meet your classmates</td>
<td><a href="bit.ly/UQ_2024_Science_Starter4">bit.ly/UQ_2024_Science_Starter4</a></td>
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**Missed a session?** Watch the recordings:
[bit.ly/UQ_2024S2_ScienceStarter_AllContent](bit.ly/UQ_2024S2_ScienceStarter_AllContent)
Please take our survey

How can we improve the Science Starter Program webinars? Take our 5 minute survey! 😊

Go to: survey.app.uq.edu.au/UQ-Science-Starter-Program-S2-2024

Or use QR code:

Complete the survey to enter our lucky draw prize competition!

WIN
Take our survey by Friday, 19 July 2024 (11:59pm AEST)

Prizes to be won!
Get to know your classmates
Group activity

**Step 1: Split into groups by discipline:**

- **Biotechnology** (BBiotech inc. Hons, GC, GD + MBiotech inc. REx)
- **SMP** (BMaths, MFinMaths, MSc (AppMaths/Maths/Stat/Physics), MQuantTech, MMRT, MMIT, inc. GC and GD)
- **FoodSc** (GC + MFoodScTech inc. REx)
- **SENV** (BEnvSc, BEnvMan, MEnvMan, MGIS, MOHSSc, MOH, MConsBiol, MConsSc, inc. Hons, GC + GD)
- **BSc** (all majors, inc. Hons + BAdvScHons)
- **MolBiol / Bioinformatics** (GC, GD + Masters inc. REx)

**Step 2: Rapid speed networking (15 mins)**

One-by-one, each person shares details about themselves in a circle:

1. Your name
2. Your program
3. Where you are from
4. When you arrived in Brisbane
5. Most delicious food you ate in the last week
6. One weird hobby / skill / talent / fun fact about yourself
Group activity

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Pay attention… you will need to vote and report back!

Step 3: Report back and share (5 mins)
• Nominate one ‘speaker’ to represent your group
• Speaker will have to give quick recap on the group (how many people, which programs, etc.)
• Vote for one person’s hobby / skill / talent / fun fact – the weirdest, craziest, most unique report will go into the running to win a prize!

Ready? GO!

Time’s up!
Audience Q&A
Please take our survey

Science International Welcome
St Lucia (19 July 2024)

How can we improve the Science Orientation experience? Take our 3 minute survey! 😊

Go to:

uog.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5BxvHnN86ho7YjQ

Or use QR code:
How can we improve the Science Starter Program webinars? Take our 5 minute survey! 😊

Go to: survey.app.uq.edu.au/UQ-Science-Starter-Program-S2-2024

Or use QR code:

WIN
Take our survey by Friday, 19 July 2024 (11:59pm AEST)

Prizes to be won!
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