

Diploma of Arts (DART) - DipArts

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 909351; External: 909355

CRICOS code (International applicants): 045302C

	On-campus	External
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year full-time, 2 years part-time or external	
Program articulation:	To: Bachelor of Arts ; Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business ; ; Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws ; Bachelor of Communication and Media	

Notes:

In 2023 the program follows the Semester calendar. The [Academic Calendar and Important Dates](#) webpage will allow you to view and download a copy of the important dates for the Semester calendar.

Contact us

Future Australian and New Zealand students	Future International students	Current students
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Program aims

For Arts students

The program aims to produce diplomates who have:

- Demonstrated competencies in communication skills necessary for further academic study in appropriate discipline areas
- Acquired basic knowledge in one or more disciplines in a relevant degree program.

For students intending to transfer to other UniSQ programs

This program aims to provide students with:

- An introduction to university study by a free selection of courses from across the University
- An awareness of the nature of study in the arts, humanities, and social sciences
- Developed foundation knowledge, skills and competencies in at least one discipline area
- A fundamental ability to express thoughts with clarity and coherence in written and/or oral forms
- Acquired sufficient knowledge to make informed choices about possible further study.

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 UniSQ'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:

- Have achieved a minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of **58**, or equivalent qualification.[^]
- Assumed knowledge expectations: English (Units 3 & 4, C).
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 2.

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.

[^] These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2023 ATAR and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Adjustment factors may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your entrance rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about UniSQ's [Adjustment Factors](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

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 Schedules](#).

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 Schedule](#)

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, external or online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Program structure

The Diploma of Arts comprises eight units of study, generally requiring completion of eight courses, one of which is a core course. The remaining seven units of courses come from UniSQ course offerings. While students may choose any seven courses, it is recommended that study is chosen from three discipline areas unless students plan to complete seven units from a major study in a single discipline area. The Diploma of Arts may articulate into other UniSQ undergraduate degree programs. Students are advised to contact the relevant Faculty to discuss their course choices to ensure optimal articulation pathways. In particular, courses can be chosen from the following discipline areas.

Category	Major/Discipline*	Faculty
Humanities	Film, Television and Radio	Business, Education, Law and Arts
	Archaeology	
	Creative Writing	
	Criminology and Criminal Justice Drama	
	Drama	
	English Literature	
	First Nations Studies	
	History	
	International Relations	
	Journalism	
	Legal Studies	
	Public Relations	
Creative Arts	Drama	Health, Engineering and Sciences
	Music	
	Visual Arts Curation	
Business	Artificial Intelligence and Data Science	Health, Engineering and Sciences
Environment and Sustainability	Environment and Sustainability	
Science	Physiology and Human Movement	

Footnotes

* In some areas, it might not be possible to complete the normal major study requirements for professional accreditation. Permission to undertake some majors or disciplines or courses of study might be subject to meeting the pre-requisite requirements.

Note: Nursing and Teaching Practice courses are not available.

Note: In order to identify individual courses for first major/discipline codes, you will need to consult the relevant section of this [Handbook](#).

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 years to complete this program.

Core courses

Commencing students must complete [HAC1000 The Skilful Communicator](#)[£] or equivalent in their first semester of study. A credit for [HAC1000 The Skilful Communicator](#) may be granted for students with a previous UniSQ undergraduate degree.

£ In Semester 3, 2023 this course will be delivered as a Transition (9 week) semester, commencing on 13 November 2023 and concluding on 12 January 2024

Articulation

A Diploma of Arts, subject to selection of appropriate courses, articulates into most UniSQ programs. Students must keep in mind that normal entry requirements still apply for their chosen area of study ie interviews, auditions etc.

Exit points

This program can be used as an exit point for all UniSQ programs, where a student has completed at least eight courses.

Credit

Graduates from other UniSQ programs within the last 10 years may be credited for the core requirements of the Diploma of Arts.

Course transfers

Courses may be transferred to other programs; students should consult the relevant Faculty.

Recommended enrolment pattern Toowoomba

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
HAC1000 The Skilful Communicator [£]	1	1, 2			1	1,2,3	Enrolment is not permitted in HAC1000 if CMS1000 or CMS1100 has been previously completed
First major/discipline	1	1			1	1	
Second major/discipline	1	1			1	1	
Third major/discipline	1	1			1	1	
First major/discipline	1	2			1	2	
Second major/discipline	1	2			1	2	
Third major/discipline [#]	1	2			1	2	
Elective	1	2			1	2	

Footnotes

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Selected from a fourth discipline area or from any of the other three discipline areas

Notes:

Students must undertake [HAC1000 The Skilful Communicator](#)[£].

It is also possible to use the remaining seven units of study to contribute towards an Arts major (majors consists of 8 units), e.g. History, Language, etc., but because of the possible pre-requisites, this will normally mean completing this sequence of courses in part-time mode across more than one year of study.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Springfield

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
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Notes:

Students must undertake [HAC1000 The Skilful Communicator](#)[£].
Note that courses at Springfield are limited.

It is also possible to use the remaining seven units of study to complete an Arts major, e.g. History, Language, etc., but because of the possible pre-requisites, this will normally mean completing this sequence of courses in part-time mode across more than one year of study.