Faculty of Science
Gatton campus
First Year Guide 2020
Welcome to the Faculty of Science at The University of Queensland (UQ).

We are delighted that you have decided to study science at UQ. Attending university is an opportunity for you to expand your horizons and to develop skills and friendships which will benefit you throughout your life. We encourage you to take advantage of all that is offered though UQ’s vibrant community of academics, students and support staff.

Starting at university might seem overwhelming at first when you’re not sure where to begin. This book will help guide you through the initial steps of your journey.

We’ve laid out the essential tasks you need to complete, and inside you will find the people, resources, and services that will help you succeed at UQ.

This guide is designed to help you navigate your way through the transition to university life. We are also available to help you in person, by phone or by email. You can find contact details at science.uq.edu.au.

Join us for Orientation Week: 17 - 21 February

Join us for O-Week, the official start for commencing undergraduate students with everything you need to get ready to study!

Packed with information sessions, skills workshops, social events and tours, O-week is your chance to explore the Gatton campus and find out what to expect as a UQ student. It’s also a chance to make friends, speak with your lecturers, sign up for clubs and activities, and immerse yourself in university life. During the week there will be free food, music, campus and library tours, helpful student volunteers and loads more!

We look forward to seeing you!

To plan your week, please visit: orientation.uq.edu.au.
### What do I need to do?

Here’s a checklist for you to complete prior to the start of semester!

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First year students in science laboratories at UQ Gatton.
Access your study planner, choose your courses and enrol

Visit my.uq.edu.au/starting-at-uq to access study planners, choose your courses and enrol. Below you’ll find some information to keep in mind.

1. Go to my.uq.edu.au/starting-at-uq and log in to see your program rules, course list and other helpful information.

2. Go to planner.science.uq.edu.au to find a study planner for your program. Click on your program and, if applicable, major, and go to the ‘Year 1’ tab. This will show you courses that you need to take (compulsory) and those that you should take (prerequisite) in order to enrol in more advanced courses later to complete your major.

   **Recognising course codes:** Courses are coded with four letters followed by four numbers. The letters stand for a discipline, while the first number in the sequence stands for the year level of the course. Courses with the code ‘1’ as the first number are first level courses, so they are generally taken in first year, e.g. AGRC1020. Similarly, codes which begin with 2 and 3 reflect the year in which they are normally taken.

   **Record your semester 1 course codes here:**

   | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. |

3. Log in to sinet.uq.edu.au (mySi-net) with your student username and password to enrol. Follow the Task Wizard steps. You must enrol in at least one course by the due date (see purple text box above).

   **How many courses should I choose?**
   - A standard full-time load is equal to 4 courses (8 units / #8) per semester
   - International students are expected to maintain a full enrolment of 4 courses (#8) per semester and must seek academic advice before reducing their enrolment load.
   - Most domestic students do not need to maintain a full enrolment of 4 courses (#8) and in certain situations, e.g. working, or returning to studies, it might be more prudent to study part-time. There may be different requirements for some students (e.g. scholarship holders or Centrelink recipients). Please check your eligibility carefully.

**Enrolment due dates**
- Domestic students: 31/01/2020
- International students: 21/02/2020

**Where to seek help:**

If you are still unsure about which courses to enrol in, you can drop in for enrolment and timetabling assistance during Orientation Week, details page 7.

The Student Centre can assist with queries: enquiries@science.uq.edu.au or (07) 5460 1276.

View these useful videos to get you started: bit.ly/plan-your-study

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Select your preferred class times and get your timetable

Now that you are enrolled in your courses, you need to be allocated to particular lectures, tutorials and practicals.

After you enrol, you'll need to select your preferred class times through MyTimetable - our class allocation system. You'll then be allocated to classes based on these preferences. Class allocation has 2 stages:
- Class preferencing
- Class adjustment

Class Preferencing
During the class preferencing stage you will select your preferred class times for each of your courses.

You don't have to rush to select your preferences - the system only begins allocating students to classes once the preferencing window has closed.

Class preferencing opens on 20 January and closes on 3 February 2020.

Once class preferencing closes, My Timetable will generate you a clash-free timetable based on your preferences. Your timetable will be released on 10 February 2020.

Class Adjustment
You can make changes to your timetable via My Timetable during the class adjustment stage. During this stage you can:
- review your allocated timetable
- swap class times if there's a space available
- add your name to a waitlist to swap
- allocate yourself to classes you missed during the class preferencing stage.

Try to review your timetable as soon as you can. The earlier you swap or waitlist, the better chance you have of getting the timetable you want.

You can make changes between 10 February to 6 March 2020.

Need assistance with timetabling or enrolment?
- Drop in to the Student Centre on campus for assistance
- Contact the Student Centre via email: enquire@science.uq.edu.au or phone (07) 5460 1276.
- Visit: my.uq.edu.au/starting-at-uq/enrol/class-sign-on

Contact hours
Contact hours are the number of hours per week of attendance required in a course. The course timetable shows contact hours as a combination of letters and numbers:

For example, BIOL1020 2L 1T 3P = 2hr of lectures + 1hr tutorial + 3hr of practical per week.

WARNING: Not all classes are held every week. For example, some practical classes are scheduled only every second week, so be sure to check the dates!

Sessions
With over 1000 new students in science, we offer some classes more than once. In these cases, you need to choose:
- One stream of lectures (L01 or L02 or L03 etc);
- One tutorial group (T01, T02 or T03 etc); and
- If applicable, one laboratory or practical group (P01, P02, or P03 etc).

For example, for BIOL1020 you could choose:
- L02 (Lecture stream 2)
- P07 (Practical session 7)
- T15 (Tutorial 15)
# O-Week

**Gatton: 17-21 Feb**

orientation.uq.edu.au

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<td>Health and Safety (compulsory for international students)</td>
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<td>Seminar for international students with family dependants</td>
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<td>Global Experience Opportunities (student exchange)</td>
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<td>Getting Started (new domestic &amp; international students)</td>
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<td>ID card pick up (all students welcome)</td>
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R = Registration required
WELCOME BBQ
Monday 17 Feb, 11am-12.30pm
Central Walkway
Welcome to Country & free BBQ Lunch

POOL PARTY
Monday 17 Feb, 4.30-6.30pm
UQ Sport Fitness & Aquatic Centre
Pool party, DJ & free BBQ!

MOVIE NIGHT
Wednesday 19 Feb, 6.30-8.30pm
Central Walkway
Free outdoor movie (Aladdin, 2019)

FREE COME & TRY
24 Feb - 8 March, All Day
UQ Sport Fitness & Aquatic Centre
Access sport facilities & group fitness for free for two weeks!
FAQs for First Year Students

Student email
Check your official student email daily to ensure you are up to date. UQ will only send emails to your official student email address. Always use your student email, not a personal email address, when contacting course coordinators, and include your student ID number. If you don’t know how to log into your student email account, visit: my.uq.edu.au/starting-at-uq/prepare-for-semester/information-technology

Blackboard
Visit Blackboard (Learn.UQ) regularly to check for course related updates: learn.uq.edu.au. Your lecturers will use this to make announcements and post important information on assessment, and other course-related matters. Also referred to as eLearning, this is the course website.

Electronic Course Profile (ECP)
Every course on offer at UQ has an ECP. The ECP contains important information about course requirements, and must be read carefully. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. You can access the full version of your course-specific ECP via Blackboard course sites. You can also view a short version through my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses, by entering a specific course code into the search feature and following the links.

The left hand menu of the ECP details the aims and objectives of the course, learning resources and activities and detailed information on assessment. For example, there may be ‘hurdle requirements’ as part of the assessment which must be met in order to pass the course.

What learning resources are available?
- ECP under ‘Learning Resources’
- Academic advisors at the Science Student Enquiries Office
- Course tutors
- For finding information, borrowing, research help, student IT help and general enquiries, visit AskUs Library help: web.library.uq.edu.au/contact-us
- Learning workshops on how to get the most of your studies, tackle assignments and prepare for exams: uq.edu.au/student-services/learning

I am taking a dual degree with Agribusiness. Is there anything in particular I need to know?
You will need to do 32 units (#32) from each of the 2 programs involved, which means there is a little less flexibility with courses. Use the dual degree study planners, accessed through my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses (planners on left hand menu of chosen program) or directly at planner.science.uq.edu.au to work out which courses you need to do, and when you need to do them.

Immunisations
Students who will be working with animals or in agricultural environments as part of their program are at risk of exposure to tetanus and Q fever, and should be tested/vaccinated to reduce the risk of contracting these diseases. If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss these with your general practitioner.

Tetanus is caused by a bacterium found in soil which can enter wounds and cause severe illness. Tetanus vaccination is available from your general practitioner.

Q fever is a zoonotic infection transmitted by the bacterial microorganism Coxiella burnetii, usually via dust and aerosols from infected animals.

UQ Health Care runs a Q fever program at the commencement of Semester 1. Registration is essential.

The program consists of two visits one week apart.
- First visit - a detailed history, skin test and blood test are performed
- Second visit one week later - tests are read and Q fever vaccine is given if tests show no immunity to Q fever

For more information and to download the Q fever program registration forms, visit: bit.ly/UQimmunisations2020
Where do I hand in my assignments? Some submissions will be to the tutor, some online and some will need a cover sheet for submission. This will be specified on the ECP.

How can I contact the course coordinator? Check the ECP or Blackboard for the most appropriate method of communication. Different courses use different methods — some courses have specific course email addresses, while other courses use discussion boards.

What if my assignment is late? Please refer to the ECP for individual course procedures. There are different procedures for different courses and schools.

Do I need to have my own laptop? Students in the Bachelor of Veterinary Science program are required to have their own laptop for their studies. For all other programs it is very helpful to have your own laptop or other mobile device. The library also has a bank of computers which you can access when on campus.

What calculator can I use? For many science courses, you will need an approved non-programmable calculator for use in exams. For more details on approved calculator models: my.q.edu.au/approved-calculators

Do I have time for paid work? We recommend less than 10h/wk paid work for full-time students. Although some students are able to balance moderate work schedules with study, many students struggle to keep up with their studies, especially in their first year. You should plan on each course taking up about 10 hours of time per week.

What happens if I don’t turn up? You will need to catch up — talk to your peers and look on Blackboard for what you’ve missed. You can lose marks or even fail the course for not participating in compulsory activities. Contact your course coordinator for assistance.

What happens if I miss critical assessment in my course and too many lectures? If you get too far behind with your work, you might think about withdrawing. Be aware of important census dates (see below).

What is the difference between the Student Centre and Student Services? The Student Centre (NW Briton Administration Annexe, 8101A) handles all student administration and general enquiries relating to the university. Student Services (Morrison Hall, Building 8123) provides help with learning, disability and counselling support, and personal and academic welfare.

I’m concerned about managing my workload — who can I talk to? Visit Student Services online or in Morrison Hall, Building 8123. They will be able to give you information and guides on how to manage your time effectively, as well as discuss your concerns.

I’m worried that I might not have the skills to succeed. How can I improve my skills? Student Services run online and on-campus workshops on ‘Preparing for Success at University’, ‘Tertiary Writing Skills’, ‘Assignment Writing’ and more. Sign up at uq.edu.au/student-services.

You can also prepare yourself for your first semester by completing the ‘CLiPS - Communication Learning In Practice for Scientists’ course. This free online course has been designed by UQ academics especially for science students. You can find the course on learn.uq.edu.au or on clips.edu.au.

Semester 1 critical dates

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<td>6 March</td>
<td>Last day to add or substitute courses</td>
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<td>31 March</td>
<td>Last day to drop courses without financial liability (Semester 1 census date)</td>
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<td>30 April</td>
<td>Last day to drop courses without academic penalty</td>
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Save your money and don’t carry on with courses you have ‘given up on’.

You must formally withdraw:
• By the end of March so you aren’t charged for the course
• By the end of April so you don’t lower your Grade Point Average (GPA).
# Where to go for help

## Personal

**UQ Health Care**  
NW Briton Administration Annexe (8101A)  
(07) 5460 1396  
uq.edu.au/healthservice

**Student Services**  
Morrison Hall (8123)  
(07) 5460 1046  
uq.edu.au/student-services

**Student Advocacy and Support**  
Room 223, Morrison Hall (8123)  
(07) 5460 1791  
uqu.com.au/supporting-u

## Academic

### Course assistance

**Details:**  
- Lecturer  
- Electronic Course Profile (ECP)  
- Course Blackboard  
- Course Coordinator

**Assessment:**  
- ECP - my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses  
- Blackboard - learn.uq.edu.au

**Timetabling issues:**  
- Drop in to the Student Centre (NW Briton Administration Annexe) to chat with staff about timetabling issues.  
- Email enquiries@science.uq.edu.au  
- Email your course coordinator using the link on the timetable page (SI-net)

### General advice

Science Student enquiries including First Year Academic Advisor appointments:  
- Student Centre, located on the ground floor of the NW Briton Administration Annexe (8101A)  
- Email - enquiries@science.uq.edu.au

### Program specific advice

School of Agriculture and Food Science:  
safs@enquire.uq.edu.au  
School of Veterinary Science:  
vetenquiries@uq.edu.au

### Student ID cards

You have two options for your new student ID:  
- upload your photo online. Once approved, your ID card will be ready to pick up at the Student Centre  
- get your photo taken at the Student Centre (or library, see page 6 for library times). Make sure to bring photo ID and your letter of offer.

For more information, visit: my.uq.edu.au/starting-at-uq/prepare-for-semester/student-id-cards

### Fee queries and calculator approval

Visit the Student Centre, located on the ground floor of the NW Briton Administration Annexe (8101A)

### Library and IT services

Visit web.library.uq.edu.au/library-services
### Terminology explained


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<td><strong>Blackboard</strong></td>
<td>UQ’s learning management system, also known as Learn.UQ. Access via <a href="http://learn.uq.edu.au">learn.uq.edu.au</a>, or via <a href="http://my.UQ.edu.au">my.UQ.edu.au</a> under eLearning. Contains assessment information, announcements, updates, some assignment marks and discussion boards for each of your courses.</td>
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<td><strong>Compulsory course</strong></td>
<td>Course that you must take (e.g. CHEM1004 for the BAgri Sci).</td>
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<td>Subject or class (e.g. AGRC1020 or VETS1060).</td>
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<td><strong>Course list</strong></td>
<td>The courses you have to pass in order to receive your degree. The Course list specifies compulsory and elective courses - <a href="http://my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses">my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses</a></td>
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<td><strong>mySI-net</strong></td>
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<td><strong>My Timetable</strong></td>
<td>My Timetable is the class allocation system at UQ. Go to page 5 to read more about the class allocation process.</td>
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<td><strong>Prerequisite</strong></td>
<td>A level of knowledge and skill you must have before participating in a course (e.g. you must have MATH1050 or Maths C before you do MATH1051).</td>
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<td>Most courses are 2 units. A full time study load for a semester is 6 units or more, so that’s 3 or more courses. Most students do 4 courses, 8 units in each semester. International students must do 4 courses, 8 units. To complete a 3 year program within the 3 years, students are required to do 4 courses per semester unless they opt into summer electives.</td>
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Life at UQ Gatton

Parking at the Gatton campus is free!

The library has 24 hour access which is great for studying!

University is a great networking opportunity for now and your future career. Make the most of it!

The FREE intercampus bus is so handy to travel between St Lucia and Gatton.

Be professional when emailing. Always include your full name, Student ID, program, and contact number.

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There are lots of opportunities to volunteer on campus — working at events, with animals or on the farm.

Attend all your classes. You have a much better chance of success if you do.

Carefully read the program rules for your particular program when you are putting together your study plan!

Each course is about 10 hours of work each week — for four courses, that’s a full-time job equivalent to 40 hours!

Read dates carefully — pracs can sometimes be fortnightly, not weekly.

You have a lot more freedom than at school.

Ask for help if needed, no question is too silly. There are always people wanting to help.

Exams are pretty serious business — it’s almost impossible to cram everything into the night before an exam and still do fine (trust me, I’ve tried).

There are microwaves on campus!

No-one is going to chase you up to do your assignment — you have to find the motivation yourself.

Join a student club or society. Student Societies include, GSA (Gatton Student Association) UQVSA (Vet Student Association) and other discipline-related clubs including Equine, Wildlife, Agribusiness, Plants and Vet Tech.

If you discover you don’t like the program you’ve enrolled in, changing degree programs once you’ve started is not a big deal.

Check your student emails every day!

Time management is an art! Put together a semester and weekly schedule to help manage your time.

If you have timetable clashes, don’t stress. It can usually be sorted fairly easily.

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## Equity and Diversity

### Student Services

Student Services provides help in the following areas:
- Disability Services
- Learning Advisors
- Counselling
- Making new friends and settling in to university
- Faith and spirituality
- International student support
- Accommodation

Visit Student Services at Gatton, Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 4.30pm in Morrison Hall, Building 8123.


### Grievance Resolution

The Student Grievance Resolution Policy, Procedures and Guidelines outline procedures for resolving a range of issues.


If you feel that you would like further support, the UQ Union (Student Union) is also available to assist and advocate on your behalf.


### UQ Ally Network

The UQ Ally Network is an award-winning program that provides a visible network of well-informed staff who create a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for LGBTIAQ+ students at UQ and in the broader community.

To find a UQ Ally, or to find out more about the program, look for staff with the rainbow badge, rainbow posters around all UQ campuses or visit the UQ Ally Network website.


### Discrimination and Harassment

If you have a grievance or enquiry relating to discrimination, harassment or bullying, you can contact a Discrimination and Harassment Contact Officer (DHCO), who can provide information about UQ policies and procedures and support services available to students.


### The Student Charter

The Student Charter sets out the expectations you can hold for your education and outlines what is expected of you while studying.

All students and staff are entitled to work and study in an equitable environment, free of discrimination and harassment.


### Inclusive Language

The UQ Guide to Inclusive Language provides information on how to apply inclusive language in the study environment. Students can access the UQ Guide to Inclusive Language on the inclusive language website.
