



MACQUARIE
University

Diploma, Foundation and Intensive Programs

YOUR PATHWAY TO A DEGREE AT MACQUARIE



When you successfully complete a Macquarie University Standard Foundation, Intensive or Diploma program, we guarantee you a place in selected undergraduate degrees.

Build your skills and knowledge

TOWARDS YOUR BACHELOR DEGREE

GUARANTEED FAST ENTRY INTO YOUR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

Developed specifically to meet Macquarie's entry requirements, the pathway programs are designed so that on successful completion, you can seamlessly transition to the first or second year of your undergraduate degree, as long as you meet the entry requirements.

BE A MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT FROM DAY 1

As soon as you enrol in a Macquarie University Diploma, Standard Foundation or Intensive program, you are a Macquarie University student. For all our University students, the experience is about more than just studying. It's about being part of our vibrant University community and connecting with like-minded people. When you step onto the Macquarie campus, you become one of us.

SMALL CLASSES

Our small class sizes ensure you get personalised support from our highly qualified teachers, and specially designed teaching and learning activities will improve your university-level study skills and academic knowledge. You will have some of Australia's best lecturers and academics teaching you as soon as you join Macquarie.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

In the Diploma programs, you will study the same units that the first-year undergraduate students are studying, but in smaller classes with hands-on support. This is to support your success as a university student. When you pass eight units, you can go straight into the second year of your undergraduate program, and if you work hard, it's possible to do this in eight or nine months.

The Standard Foundation and Intensive programs will quickly increase your subject knowledge and academic skills to the level you need for success in your undergraduate degree.

You'll study two units each term, which allows you to deeply engage with your chosen area of interest. Each term is seven weeks in duration, including six teaching weeks and an exam period.

ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

As a diploma, foundation or intensive program applicant, you may be eligible to receive adjustments – additional points that can be added to your ATAR or average mark – through our Adjustment Factors Scheme.

Find out more at mq.edu.au/adjustment-factors

A GREAT INVESTMENT

If you're an Australian or New Zealand citizen, an Australian permanent resident or a holder of a permanent Australian humanitarian visa and you undertake a diploma, you are regarded as a Commonwealth supported student and HECS-HELP is available to support your studies. If you undertake a foundation or intensive program, you'll be recognised as a domestic fee-paying student and you can defer payment of your tuition fees using FEE-HELP.

mq.edu.au/study/admissions/fees-and-costs



“I had always aspired to attend university. However, a health issue that prevented me from completing secondary school made achieving this goal seem unlikely. Macquarie’s Intensive Program facilitated my path into tertiary education and provided me with the core academic skills required to succeed in my future studies. The Intensive Program allowed me to achieve my goal and articulate into my dream degree”

Lennox Hemingway
INTENSIVE PROGRAM GRADUATE
BACHELOR OF ACTUARIAL STUDIES



Pathway to a degree

DIPLOMA, FOUNDATION AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS

The following pathway programs have been developed to specifically meet Macquarie's entry requirements. On successful completion of your program, you can seamlessly transition to your undergraduate degree, as long as you meet the entry requirements.



*Other factors are taken into consideration when reviewing your average mark; therefore, achieving the average mark does not guarantee you an offer.

[^]Students receive less than one year of credit towards their degree.

[#]Students may also select the Arts stream if they do not wish to take WFMA003.

Only relevant state board approved academic subjects are included when calculating your average. Visit mq.edu.au/college for more information.

Standard Foundation and Intensive programs

Our Standard Foundation and Intensive programs are designed to provide you with the skills to commence university-level study. When you successfully complete these programs, you can transition into your undergraduate degree at Macquarie.

Standard Foundation Program

This program is tailored for students who have completed Year 11 studies.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY:

- four core units
- four elective units chosen to align with your future degree.

CORE UNITS	
• Academic English 1	• Information Technology
• Academic English 2	• Research for University Studies
SELECT A STREAM AND CHOOSE 4 ELECTIVE UNITS FROM THAT STREAM	
Units may include	
• Accounting	• Mathematics 1
• Biology	• Mathematics 2
• Chemistry	• Mathematics 3
• Economics	• Media
• History	

Intensive Program

The Intensive program is tailored for students who do not meet the entry requirements for diploma studies or university direct entry.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY:

- two core units
- two elective units chosen to align with your future degree, depending on unit availability.

CORE UNITS	
Academic English 2	Research for University Studies
SELECT A STREAM AND CHOOSE 4 ELECTIVE UNITS FROM THAT STREAM	
Units may include	
• Accounting	• Mathematics 1
• Biology	• Mathematics 2
• Chemistry	• Mathematics 3
• Economics	• Media
• History	

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TERMS FULL-TIME

2

UNITS PER TERM

35

WEEKS DURATION
(INCLUDING EXAMS AND BREAKS)

\$25,500

INDICATIVE TUITION FEE

[courses.mq.edu.au/
StndFound](https://courses.mq.edu.au/StndFound)

UAC CODE

301021

INTAKES

February, March,
July and October

2

TERMS FULL-TIME

2

UNITS PER TERM

15

WEEKS DURATION
(INCLUDING EXAMS AND BREAKS)

\$16,800

INDICATIVE TUITION FEE

[courses.mq.edu.au/
IntsvProg](https://courses.mq.edu.au/IntsvProg)

UAC CODE

301020

INTAKES

February, March and October

SELECTION RANK

50

NOTE: The selection rank/course entry cut-offs are intended as a guide only.

Diploma programs are equivalent to the first year of a bachelor degree. If you are successful in your diploma studies, you can move straight into the second year of a bachelor degree at Macquarie.

Diplomas

5*

TERMS FULL-TIME

2*

UNITS PER TERM
(8 UNITS AND 2 SUPPORT MODULES)

44

WEEKS DURATION
(INCLUDING EXAMS AND BREAKS)

\$6,684

INDICATIVE FEE.
COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE.
HECS-HELP AVAILABLE

[courses.mq.edu.au/
DipArtsMediaComm](https://courses.mq.edu.au/DipArtsMediaComm)

UAC CODE

301003

INTAKES

Feb, Mar, Jul and Oct

SELECTION RANK60[†]

Diploma of Arts Media and Communications

This program is tailored for students who have completed Year 12. It serves as an introduction to general arts, media and communications studies.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY:

- eight core units to prepare you with fundamental knowledge in arts, media and communications

CORE UNITS

- Academic Communication in Social Sciences and Humanities
- Critical Thinking
- Humanities and the World
- Introduction to Media and Mass Communications
- Media Practice and Production
- Media Technologies
- Multimodal Storytelling
- Visual Media and Communications

DEGREE OPTIONS:

You can move straight into the second year of a selected Macquarie University bachelor degree in media, creative arts and communication, as long as you succeed in your studies. See page 4 for information about the available degrees and entry requirements.

5*

TERMS FULL-TIME

2*

UNITS PER TERM
(8 UNITS AND 2 SUPPORT MODULES)

44

WEEKS DURATION
(INCLUDING EXAMS AND BREAKS)

\$11,155

INDICATIVE FEE.
COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE.
HECS-HELP AVAILABLE.

courses.mq.edu.au/DipCom

UAC CODE

301004

INTAKES

Feb, Mar, Jul and Oct

SELECTION RANK60[†]

Diploma of Commerce

This program is tailored for students who have completed Year 12. It serves as an introduction to general business studies.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY:

- seven core units to prepare you with fundamental knowledge in business
- one elective unit chosen to align with your future degree

CORE UNITS

- Academic Communications in Business and Economics
- Accounting in Society
- Business Statistics
- Economic Principles
- Finance 1A
- Marketing Fundamentals
- Principles of Management

ELECTIVES

- Introduction to Mathematical modelling[^]
- Mathematical Modelling 1A[^]

DEGREE OPTIONS:

You can move straight into the second year of a selected Macquarie University bachelor degree in business, as long as you succeed in your studies. See page 4 for information about the available degrees and entry requirements.

Refer to mq.edu.au/college for the most up-to-date information.

^{*}This diploma consists of 8 credit units with additional non-credit support modules included where required.

[^]Students should refer to the Handbook for specific unit requirements for their chosen degree.

[†]The selection rank/course entry cut-offs are intended as a guide only.

“By completing my diploma, I was able to get into the degree I wanted without worrying about my ATAR and losing any time. I learned fundamental skills like referencing and academic essay writing, while the small classes helped me to adjust to university while making some amazing friends.”

Jasmin Mitrovic

DIPLOMA OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION GRADUATE
BACHELOR OF MEDIA IN SCREEN PRACTICE AND PRODUCTION, CURRENT STUDENT

Diploma of Engineering

This program is tailored for students who have completed Year 12. It serves as an introduction to general engineering studies.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY:

- seven core units to prepare you with fundamental knowledge in engineering
- one elective unit chosen to align with your future degree

CORE UNITS

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| • Engineering Design | • Introduction to Mathematical Modelling |
| • Engineering Physics | • Mathematical Modelling 1A |
| • Introduction to Computer Programming | • Mathematical Modelling IB |
| • Introduction to Engineering | |

ELECTIVES

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| • Introduction to Mechanical Engineering | • Physics for Electrical and Electronics Engineering |
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DEGREE OPTIONS:

You can move straight into the second year of a selected Macquarie University bachelor degree in engineering, as long as you succeed in your studies. See page 4 for information about the available degrees and entry requirements.

5*

TERMS FULL-TIME

2*

UNITS PER TERM
(8 UNITS AND 2 SUPPORT MODULES)

44

WEEKS DURATION
(INCLUDING EXAMS AND BREAKS)

\$9,527

INDICATIVE FEE.
COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE.
HECS-HELP AVAILABLE.

courses.mq.edu.au/DipEng

UAC CODE

301008

INTAKES

Feb, Mar, Jul and Oct

SELECTION RANK

60[†]

Diploma of Information Technology

This program is tailored for students who have completed Year 12. It serves as an introduction to general information technology studies.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY:

- four core units to prepare you with fundamental knowledge in information technology (IT)
- four elective units chosen to align with your future degree

CORE UNITS

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| • Academic Communication in Science | • Introduction to Cyber Security |
| • Introduction to Computer Programming | • Introduction to Database Design and Management |

ELECTIVES

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| • Accounting in Society | • Introduction to Video Games |
| • Business Statistics | • Marketing Fundamentals |
| • Discrete Mathematics | • Mathematical Modelling 1A |
| • Fundamentals of Computer Science | • Principles of Management |
| • Introduction to Business Information Systems | |

DEGREE OPTIONS:

You can move straight into the second year of a selected Macquarie University bachelor degree in IT, as long as you succeed in your studies. See page 4 for information about the available degrees and entry requirements.

5*

TERMS FULL-TIME

2*

UNITS PER TERM
(8 UNITS AND 2 SUPPORT MODULES)

44

WEEKS DURATION
(INCLUDING EXAMS AND BREAKS)

\$9,527

INDICATIVE FEE.
COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE.
HECS-HELP AVAILABLE.

courses.mq.edu.au/DipIT

UAC CODE

301006

INTAKES

Feb, Mar, Jul and Oct

SELECTION RANK

60[†]



What are you waiting for?

HOW TO APPLY

Applying for uni is a big step, and it can seem a little overwhelming at times. We get this, so we've taken all the tricky stuff and distilled it into four easy steps.

1. Select

Choose the course you'd like to study

- Check out our diploma, foundation and intensive programs in this guide
- Visit mq.edu.au/college



2. Review

Review your eligibility

- If you are unsure, contact us at Future Students (02) 9850 6767 or futurestudents@mq.edu.au



3. Apply

Apply for your chosen course through UAC

- Visit uac.edu.au for more information



4. Offer

If you receive an offer

- Congratulations and welcome to Macquarie! You'll need to accept your offer at mq.edu.au/ug-secure and complete your enrolment online.