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.

**Diploma**
*(5 terms)*
For students who have completed HSC examination or interstate equivalent with a minimum overall average mark of 60* or a minimum selection rank of 60

**CHOOSE YOUR DIPLOMA**

**DIPLOMA OF ARTS MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS**
Bachelor degree (Year 2)
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Media and Communications

**DIPLOMA OF COMMERCE**
Bachelor degree (Year 2)
- Bachelor of Actuarial Studies
- Bachelor of Applied Finance
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Economics
- Bachelor of Professional Accounting

**DIPLOMA OF ENGINEERING**
Bachelor degree (Year 2)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Electrical Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Electronics Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Mechanical Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Mechatronic Engineering
- Bachelor of Science (with a specialisation in Mathematics or Physics or Astronomy and Astrophysics)

**DIPLOMA OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
Bachelor degree (Year 2)
- Bachelor of Business Analytics
- Bachelor of Cyber Security
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Software Engineering
- Bachelor of Game Design and Development
- Bachelor of Information Technology

**Standard Foundation Program**
*(4 terms)*
For students who have completed Year 11 in Australia with a minimum overall average mark of 50*

**Intensive Program**
*(2 terms)*
For students who have completed HSC examination or interstate equivalent with a minimum overall average mark of 50* or a minimum selection rank of 50

**CHOOSE YOUR FOUNDATION STUDIES STREAM**

**ARTS**
Bachelor degree (Year 1)
- Bachelor of Ancient History
- Bachelor of Archaeology
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Human Sciences
- Bachelor of International Studies
- Bachelor of Linguistics and Language Sciences
- Bachelor of Media and Communications
- Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Planning
- Bachelor of Psychology
- Bachelor of Security Studies
- Bachelor of Social Science
- Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences

**BUSINESS AND COMMERCE**
Bachelor degree (Year 1)
- Bachelor of Actuarial Studies
- Bachelor of Applied Finance
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Business Analytics
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Economics
- Bachelor of Marketing and Media
- Bachelor of Professional Accounting

**SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**
Bachelor degree (Year 1)
- Bachelor of Biodiversity and Conservation
- Bachelor of Chiropractic Science
- Bachelor of Cognitive and Brain Sciences
- Bachelor of Cyber Security
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Electrical Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Electronics Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Mechanical Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Mechatronic Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Software Engineering
- Bachelor of Game Design and Development
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Marine Science
- Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences
- Bachelor of Medical Sciences
- Bachelor of Science

*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](http://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
- Academic English 2
- Information Technology
- Research for University Studies

**SELECT A STREAM AND CHOOSE 4 ELECTIVE UNITS FROM THAT STREAM**

**Units may include**
- Accounting
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Economics
- History
- Mathematics 1
- Mathematics 2
- Mathematics 3
- Media

**4 TERMS FULL-TIME**
**2 UNITS PER TERM**
**35 WEEKS DURATION**
**INCLUDING EXAMS AND BREAKS**
**$25,500 INDICATIVE TUITION FEE**

courses.mq.edu.au/StndFound

**UAC CODE**
301021

**INTAKES**
February, March, July and October

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
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Economics
- History
- Mathematics 1
- Mathematics 2
- Mathematics 3
- Media

**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

**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 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.

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.
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
- Engineering Design
- Engineering Physics
- Introduction to Computer Programming
- Introduction to Engineering
- Introduction to Mathematical Modelling
- Mathematical Modelling 1A
- Mathematical Modelling IB

ELECTIVES
- Introduction to Mechanical Engineering
- Physics for Electrical and Electronics Engineering

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.

“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 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
- Academic Communication in Science
- Introduction to Computer Programming
- Introduction to Cyber Security
- Introduction to Database Design and Management

ELECTIVES
- Accounting in Society
- Business Statistics
- Discrete Mathematics
- Fundamentals of Computer Science
- Introduction to Video Games
- Marketing Fundamentals
- Mathematical Modelling 1A
- Principles of Management

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.
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.