University Certificate In Tertiary Preparation (QC05)

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 065044F
Course duration (full-time): 1 semester
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $7,873 (indicative) per semester
International Entry: February, July and October
Total credit points: 48
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Course coordinator: Scott Leisemann
Campus: Kelvin Grove

Entry Requirements - Academic
Students must have met the academic entry requirements for their proposed postgraduate or undergraduate course.

Entry Requirements - English Language
IELTS 6.0 with no sub-score less than 5.0 or TOEFL iBT Overall score of 80 (at least 18 in all bands) or TOEFL 550 (paper) or TOEFL 213 (CBT) or equivalent, or successful completion of the EAP program (N.B. Students should also check visa requirements).

Description
The University Certificate in Tertiary Preparation is a one-semester program that enables students to receive a University certificate on successful completion. It is designed for students who may have already met the academic entry requirements for a QUT undergraduate or postgraduate degree, but who may not have met the English language and/or prerequisite requirements.*

This program provides two alternative streams:

Stream A is designed for students who have not met English and/or prerequisite requirements for their chosen undergraduate or postgraduate course. Most students may undertake one degree unit (for credit) whilst enrolled in the University Certificate in Tertiary Preparation program. Those with advance standing may be able to undertake two Faculty units.

Stream B is for students who have met English requirements but not prerequisite requirement for their degree, or who may wish to improve the standard of their academic English. These students may take one or two degree units (for credit) whilst enrolled in the University Certificate in Tertiary Preparation Program.

Both streams include intensive preparation for academic language, lateral thinking, research and presentation skills required for successful tertiary study. Small classes and dedicated staff ensure an excellent learning environment. Additional support is provided by Language and Welfare Advisers.

Alternatively, there may be some students who have already met both the academic and English requirements for a QUT degree entry, but who would prefer to undertake the University Certificate in Tertiary Preparation in order to prepare for academic study in a different tertiary environment.

*Students who require a Student Visa should check the English language requirements for a student visa from their country of origin.

Course Completion
Students must obtain at least a grade of 4 (Pass) in all units.

Progression
In order to progress to an award course, students must:

i) fulfil the University Certificate in Tertiary Preparation course requirements
ii) gain a minimum grade of 4 (Pass) in Communication 2 or an IELTS 6.5 or equivalent,
iii) meet any other conditions detailed in the 'letter of offer' from Student Business Services.

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Stream A (for those with IELTS 6.0)
QCD111 Communication 1
QCD211 Communication 2
QCS230 Computing

DEGREE UNIT
Undergraduate students will need to enrol in the units QCD110 and QCD210

Stream B (for those with IELTS 6.5)
QCD111 Communication 1
QCD211 Communication 2

DEGREE UNIT one

DEGREE UNIT two

Undergraduate students will need to enrol in the units QCD110 and QCD210

UNIT SYNOPSES
QCD111 COMMUNICATION 1
This unit focuses on the macro-skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking; establishes techniques for extending vocabulary; uses spoken and written texts of an academic nature to help students to summarise, analyse, make inferences and recognise key concepts; incorporates strategies for effective group participation in a cross-cultural context; helps students learn techniques for writing successfully in genres appropriate to their field of study.

**Equivalents:** QCD110, QCD120  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 4 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2011 13TP1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 13TP3

QCD211 COMMUNICATION 2
This unit further explores vocabulary and grammar and generic structure to develop skills of speaking and writing in context of Field, Tenor and Mode. Effective speaking skills are developed according to academic presentation requirements. Skills for coherent and well-structured writing are also extended to enable efficient academic writing and the refinement of exam techniques. Language and structure appropriate to commercial, technical and academic communication are developed.

**Prerequisites:** QCD111. QCD111 can be studied in the same teaching period as QCD211  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 4 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2011 13TP1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 13TP3

QCS230 COMPUTING
Designed to give international students the computing ability to function in tertiary studies in Australia, this unit covers access to the QUT network, Microsoft Windows, email, Internet, word processing and presentation, and the use of technology for research.

**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 13TP1, 2010 SEM-2 and 2010 13TP3