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Griffith University prepares graduates to play their part in the world. The curriculum fosters a global perspective in all students and provides a variety of experiences that enrich university life – including opportunities to study and work abroad. A focus on work integrated learning produces graduates ready to make a real contribution to their local and international communities.

Drawing on the University's founding strengths, Griffith's teaching and research addresses some of the world's most pressing issues. Griffith was the first Australian university to offer degrees in areas considered pivotal in today's society – environmental science and Asian studies. We now offer a full range of programs across business, arts, education, law, health, science, environment, engineering, and information technology.

Griffith has close partnerships with more than 150 educational institutions, many of whom are world leaders.

The latest design in learning spaces and technology underpins teaching and learning excellence. The flagship Griffith Honours College also provides high-achieving commencing students with enhanced skills and qualities in high demand by employers – leadership, teamwork, a global perspective, civic responsibility, research, and industry experience. And our generous academic and equity scholarships help put quality education within everyone's reach.

The University has a strong commitment to excellence in research and competes successfully for research funding. Programs leading to the award of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) are offered in all areas of the University's major research interests.

The University operates on five campuses between Brisbane and the Gold Coast – at South Bank, Nathan, Mt Gravatt, Logan and Southport – each with a distinct atmosphere and different academic options. With students from more than 125 countries and a full range of services and facilities, clubs and activities, campus life is dynamic and definitely good fun.

The Gold Coast campus is a dynamic, modern campus set in native bushland, just minutes from the famous Gold Coast beaches. With a population of more than 13 000 students, the campus boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including the \$36 million Griffith Centre for Medicine and Oral Health adjacent to the Gold Coast Hospital at Southport. The co-located Gold Coast University Hospital is scheduled to open in 2012. Relax in the campus café or bar and enjoy extensive sporting facilities, including a gym, and basketball, volleyball and tennis courts. You'll find many handy services right on campus, such as banking, post, medical, welfare, and student guild services. On-campus accommodation is available and assistance can be provided with finding off-campus accommodation.

To view a map of the campuses visit www.griffith.edu.au/locations/.

Griffith University Honours College

Griffith is the first Australian university to establish an Honours College designed for outstanding undergraduate student leaders. Each year Griffith selects 120 of its top academic students to become members of the college. By participating in the college, students are able to engage their intellectual curiosity by taking part in specially designed and sponsored leadership and community activities within Australia and overseas. Graduates will be equipped to take on the challenges of the twenty-first century as well as possess the skills to become leaders in their fields.



OPEN DAYS, EXHIBITIONS & INTERVIEW SESSIONS

In Australia

Prospective students and their families are invited to attend the University's Open Day, held on Sunday 9 August 2009 on the Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses. Academic staff and students are available to discuss the wide range of programs offered. Prospective student and program information is also available by calling +61 7 5552 8819, or email your enquiry to international@griffith.edu.au.

Overseas

Griffith University participates in a range of exhibitions and recruitment events overseas. For more information on when staff from the University will be visiting your city visit www.griffith.edu.au/international/.

For details of Griffith University's overseas agents/representatives visit www.griffith.edu.au/international/.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2010

The academic year at Griffith University is divided into two main sessions:

- Semester 1 (between February and June)
- Semester 2 (between July and November).

There is also an optional Summer Semester (between December and January), when a limited range of courses are offered.

Semester 1 2010 (February)

International Orientation Week commences	15 February 2010
Semester 1 commences	1 March 2010

Semester 2 2010 (July)

International Orientation Week commences	12 July 2010
Semester 2 commences	26 July 2010

Academic calendar

For teaching periods, study breaks and vacation periods check the main University Calendar at www.griffith.edu.au/ua/aa/sta/calendar/.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Read page 26 for general information about admission requirements. Admission requirements are the minimum qualifications you need before you can be selected for admission to a course of study.

As an international student attempting one of the following qualifications, you will apply for admission through UAC International and will generally be

selected on the basis of your performance in these studies (that is, your ATAR or equivalent):

- an Australian Year 12 qualification (either offshore or in Australia)
- an International Baccalaureate in Australia
- a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 3.

When assessing your application Griffith University may take any or all of your qualifications or attempts at study into account.

Limited ATAR

The University accepts the NSW Limited ATAR for admission purposes – read section 6.9 in Part 1 of this booklet.

International applicants applying for admission on the basis of qualifications other than those listed above must apply directly to the University, not through UAC International. For details visit www.griffith.edu.au/international/.

STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Before you are granted a student visa, the Australian Government must be satisfied that you have appropriate accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements in place for the period that you will be under 18 years of age while in Australia.

Griffith University does not accept responsibility for welfare arrangements for international students who are under 18 years of age.

For more information on what arrangements need to be in place, visit www.immi.gov.au/students/students/573-1/eligibility-student-18.htm.

AREAS OF STUDY

Griffith University offers a wide range of undergraduate courses in:

- Arts, Languages and Criminology
- Business and Commerce
- Education
- Engineering and InformationTechnology
- Environment, Planning and Architecture
- Health
- Law
- Music
- Science
- Visual and Creative Arts.

For course descriptions visit the course search on the UAC International website at www.uac.edu.au/international/.

Visit www.griffith.edu.au/programsandcourses/ for information on program structure.

TUITION FEES

For information about tuition fees refer to the Table of courses in this booklet or visit the course search on the UAC International website at www.uac.edu.au/international/.

The annual tuition fee covers an academic year of two semesters, each semester normally consisting of courses totalling forty credit points. This is a normal full-time enrolment. The fee that a student is charged is calculated on the basis of the number of credit points the student is enrolled in for the semester.

The tuition fee remains fixed for the duration of a student's program. However, should a student with a terminated enrolment be re-admitted to the University, the student may be liable for the fee that applies at the time of re-enrolment.

Applicants who receive an offer of admission are required to pay a deposit before starting their studies, normally one semester's fee in advance, in order to secure their place. The deposit amount is stated in the University's offer letter. Throughout their enrolment, students are required to pay each semester's fees by the due date as prescribed by the University. A student who fails to pay each semester's fee in full by the due date may have their enrolment terminated.

Fees policy

For more information regarding tuition fees and charges, or to view the fees and charges policy for international students, visit www62.gu.edu.au/policylibrary.nsf.

LIVING EXPENSES

Read page 36 for general information about living expenses.

In addition to tuition fees, students will need between A\$15 000 and A\$18 000 to meet their expenses each year for accommodation, text books, study materials and personal expenses including transport, entertainment and recreation. These amounts will not cover major expenses such as buying a car, television, stereo or computer.

It is recommended that students bring at least A\$3 000 with them to cover establishment costs (for example, bonds on rental property, telephone connection charges and text books).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Read page 36 for general information about scholarships.

Griffith University understands the time constraints and financial challenges facing students striving to achieve at the highest levels in academic and sporting fields. For the latest scholarship information visit www.griffith.edu.au/international/.

SPONSORED STUDENTS

Read page 36 for general information about sponsored students.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

International students (and their dependants) are required to subscribe to the compulsory OSHC scheme for the duration of their studies in Australia. OSHC Worldcare is Griffith University's preferred provider for all commencing international students. The University will organise the OSHC for you for the duration of your studies with the University.

For more information visit www.oshcworldcare.com.au.

HEALTH SERVICES ON CAMPUS

The Health Service at the Gold Coast campus offers bulk-billing for medical consultations for students with Medicare and OSHC Worldcare cards, and free nursing consultations.

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Anyone who is not an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident may apply to study in Australia. Students must obtain a student visa before starting a course of study in Australia.

Restrictions are placed on the number of hours students will be allowed to work in a week. This differs as to the kind of visa held. However, usually the following is allowed for a student visa:

- a maximum of 20 hours a week during the semester, not including work that is a formal registered part of the course of study and
- unlimited hours during recognised periods of vacation.

Contact details and more information on visas is available at www.immi.gov.au.

PREPARING FOR STUDENT LIFE

To assist students in preparing for their journey to Australia and their studies at Griffith, Griffith International has compiled a pre-departure guide, filled with important information to assist commencing international students such as accommodation, transport, and on-campus services for students. It also contains helpful pre-departure information to assist students in preparing for life at Griffith University. The guide is available at www.griffith.edu.au/international/.

ACCEPTANCE, ORIENTATION, ENROLMENT & DEFERMENT

Acceptance

Once students have received their offer letter, they will be able to begin their student visa application. Students will be asked to pay for the first semester of their degree program in order to obtain a Confirmation of Enrolment (COE).

Orientation

Orientation is a compulsory program of events held at the beginning of the semester for all commencing students. It is our chance to welcome new students to the Griffith University community and assist them to settle more quickly into their new academic and living environment.

On arrival, international students must visit the International Office at the Gold Coast campus to register for the compulsory 'Getting Started' session.

An *International Student Handbook* will be given to students at the Getting Started session. This is also available at the International Students website, www.griffith.edu.au/international/.

GI MATES is a peer support program that provides a range of services including enrolment advice, study support and city familiarisation tours.

GI MATES welcome new international students as part of Griffith University's Orientation activities. Many of the mentors are international students themselves. They offer advice about enrolling and accommodation, and share personal accounts of how they settled into university and Australian life.

Enrolment

Griffith University has an online enrolment service, enabling all students to enrol themselves in their programs using the Griffith Portal. The Griffith University website contains information and guidance regarding enrolment at the Enrolment page.

Deferment

If students wish to defer (take leave of absence) or cancel their enrolment at Griffith University, they must see an International Student Adviser at Griffith International to discuss the implications for their student visa and University policies relating to leave of absence/cancellation.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Griffith University's International Office offers a full range of student support services once you have become a Griffith student which include:

- pre-departure information
- airport reception
- accommodation assistance
- comprehensive orientation
- international student advisers.

Airport reception

The Gold Coast Student Guild can organise a free-of-charge airport reception service to meet students on arrival. The service will collect students at the Brisbane Airport (International and Domestic) or Coolangatta Airport (Gold Coast) and take them directly to their accommodation. To use this service, students must complete an Airport Reception form, available in the *Student Essentials* guide.

Griffith International

International students have dedicated support through international student advisers, who can help with advocacy, difficulties in a student's life that affect their ability to study, cancelling enrolment or taking leave of absence, and appeals. For more information on assistance available, visit www.griffith.edu.au/international/.

Student Administration Centre

Student Administration Centre staff can help with academic policies and procedures, including program structure and course selection, enrolment and credit. For more information visit www.griffith.edu.au/ua/aa/sta/.

ACCOMMODATION

Griffith University Villages is a new student accommodation complex, located on campus at Griffith University Gold Coast. The village offers fully-furnished apartments and student support in the form of live-in Residential Assistants. For more information call (07) 5539 4819, email info@griffithuv.com.au or visit www.griffithuv.com.au.

Griffith's Gold Coast Student Guild also assists students to locate suitable private accommodation or flats. For further information call (07) 5552 8297.

CAMPUS SERVICES & FACILITIES

To ensure our students' success, Griffith University has a range of support services available, including:

Careers advice

For information about part-time and vacation jobs, graduate employment, career counselling, and contact with employers; access the CareerBoard at www.griffith.edu.au/careers/.

Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy offers support for spiritual and personal development and fresh perspectives on spirituality, faith, religion and life matters. Chaplaincy supports students to enhance and enrich the University community.

Counselling

Student Services offer a counselling service on matters relating to transition, study, motivation, relationships, self-esteem, grief and loss, anxiety, stress and much more.

Learning assistance

Experienced Learning Advisers are available to help you with your studies to enable you to become an independent and lifelong learner. Assistance includes free interactive workshops, online learning assistance, drop-in sessions and one-on-one support.

Visit www.griffith.edu.au/ins/learningservices/ for a full program of available workshops and self-help resources relating to academic, computing and library skills.

Library/computing services

Library skills demonstrations and workshops cover finding information by using the library catalogue, databases and the internet.

Computing skills workshops are available for new and advanced computer users and include word processing, spreadsheeting and presentation skills. Web-based interactive tutorials are available for many applications.

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Student equity services

Equity services provide support for students with disabilities and information about equity programs.

Student Guild

The Student Guild can assist students with an accommodation service, an employment (part-time) service, campus sporting and cultural clubs, a laminating and fax service, and a list of available tutors (private).

For more information visit www.gugcstudentguild.com.au.

Welfare support and financial assistance

Student loans and other financial assistance are available.

Other services

Griffith's extensive on-campus facilities ensure that students can easily satisfy their needs. Facilities at the Gold Coast campus include banking, bar, barbecues, basketball and beach volleyball courts, bookshop and convenience store, computing labs, restaurants, gym, library, recording studio, hairdresser, medical services, travel agency, and Olympic-standard running track. Careers and employment counselling, legal services and welfare are also provided.

At Griffith, safety and security are provided by personal security guides and regular security patrols around the campus. Bus services, safety lighting and an emergency telephone network are some of the ways we make Griffith a safe and secure environment for all. More information is available at www.griffith.edu.au/ofm/security/.

Further information on student services is available at www.griffith.edu.au/ua/aa/ss/.

FAQS & FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about studying at Griffith University as an international student visit www.griffith.edu.au/international/.