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Important dates
Orientation Week Monday 19 – Friday 23 February 2018
Trimester 1 starts Monday 26 February 2018

ABOUT

Created to be a different kind of university, Griffith understands that success often comes from being an exception to the norm: challenging convention, adapting and innovating, creating bold new trends and pioneering solutions ahead of their time. Griffith believes in the potential for all people to be remarkable; to be courageous, capture opportunity, make a difference and change the future. Ranked in the top 3% of universities worldwide, Griffith offers a comprehensive suite of future-focused programs developed in consultation with industry, based on cutting-edge research and spanning all disciplines. Griffith educators have won more Australian Government awards, citations, fellowships and grants than any other university.

The Gold Coast campus, centrally located in Southport, is Griffith’s largest campus. Playing host to over 18,000 students, it boasts a range of new, state-of-the-art facilities including the newly opened aquatic centre. It offers teaching and research in many disciplines, with particular strengths in medicine, pharmacy, paramedicine, nursing, allied health, design and digital media, science, engineering and architecture, as well as business and government. The campus also offers on-campus student accommodation and, with dedicated light rail access, is easily accessible from the heart of the Gold Coast.

Griffith is the Official University Partner of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. Through this partnership, students have access to unique learning experiences and the opportunity to be involved in the biggest event in Australia this decade.

Trimesters
Griffith teaches across three 12-week trimesters, offering students increased flexibility. Depending on their program, students may be able to accelerate their study and get a head start on their career or spread their course load to help balance study with other commitments. Studying across all three trimesters is optional and not every program is available in trimester 3.

Griffith University Honours College
The unique Griffith Honours College offers outstanding undergraduate students (with a minimum ATAR of 94.95, or equivalent OP or Diploma of the International Baccalaureate result) the chance to enrich their university study with mentoring, international experiences, leadership roles and community engagement activities. Find out more at griffith.edu.au/honourscollege.

Griffith Sports College
Griffith understands the demands of elite athletes. The Griffith Sports College enables over 400 student athletes to perform at optimum levels in both their chosen sport and in their study by providing expert advice, guidance and flexible study plans. Find out more at griffith.edu.au/griffith-sports-college.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be offered admission to a program at the University you must meet the general requirements listed in one or more of the following categories, satisfy English language requirements and be selected in competition with other eligible applicants. For all Griffith University programs, applicants are expected to have two units of English or equivalent.

For most Griffith University undergraduate programs, English is the only course prerequisite. If knowledge of another specific subject is considered necessary for successful first-year study, but is not a requirement for entry, the subject is listed under prior ‘Assumed knowledge’. A limited number of programs have additional subject prerequisites. Visit degrees.griffith.edu.au.

The Griffith High Achiever Guarantee

The Griffith High Achiever Guarantee rewards applicants with an ATAR of 88.90+ a guaranteed place in most Griffith programs, regardless of the published cut-off. Prerequisites and additional entry requirements still apply. Applicants do not need to apply separately for the guarantee as this is automatically applied to eligible UAC preferences. To find out more, visit griffith.edu.au/high-achievers.

Australian secondary studies

2017 and previous Australian Year 12

If you are a 2017 Australian Year 12 student, you will be selected for admission on the basis of your ATAR or equivalent. If you have attempted other studies since then, these may also be taken into account in the assessment of your application.

Minimum age requirement

You can apply for an undergraduate program at Griffith University if you:
■ have completed an Australian secondary qualification; OR
■ have completed AQF Diploma; OR
■ are 17 years of age.

If you are under 16 years of age, contact Griffith directly to discuss your eligibility.

Offers made to applicants who have an ATAR below the published cut-off

Griffith University has a number of alternative pathways for admission which may allow 2017 NSW and ACT Year 12 applicants to receive an offer to a program even though they have an ATAR below the published cut-off. They include the Educational Access Scheme and the Gold Coast Priority Access Schemes.

Year 12 Subject Bonus Scheme

Griffith awards bonus points for completed Year 12 subjects that require a high level of skill and knowledge. Year 12 students can receive two bonus points per subject, up to a maximum of six, under this scheme. Bonus points combine with a student’s ATAR to determine the selection rank for admission. Visit griffith.edu.au/bonus-entry.

Gold Coast Campus Priority Access Schemes

If you live in Gold Coast City, Tweed Shire, Ballina and Casino region (defined by postcode) and have not studied at university before you’ll be given two bonus points when you apply for programs at the Gold Coast and Logan campuses. The B Medical Science, B Dental Health Science, B Popular Music and all distance and online programs are excluded from this scheme. For further information, visit griffith.edu.au/priority-access.
Australian tertiary studies
If you have attempted tertiary studies, you may be considered for admission on the basis of your highest eligible admission rank. Your admission rank will be derived from your grade point average in these studies.

Overseas qualifications
Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia with overseas qualifications must contact Griffith University to discuss eligibility for admission before submitting an application to UAC. For information on overseas secondary qualifications, visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/overseas.
If you have secondary or tertiary qualifications from countries where English is not the standard language of instruction, you must provide evidence of English language proficiency – visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/elp.shtml.

Alternative entry and pathways
The Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies (QUESTS) program offers high achieving senior high school students the opportunity to study a course (subject) at Griffith while still at school. Students that successfully complete their Griffith course are eligible for two bonus points and credit, reducing their undergraduate program load and tuition fee. Some programs are exempt and/or have additional eligibility criteria. Visit Griffith University’s Early Start to Tertiary Studies website for further information on application and eligibility. Eligibility can be found at griffith.edu.au/quests.
The University welcomes applications from non-current school leavers aged at least 18 who do not qualify for admission on the basis of formal educational attainment but seek admission on the basis of their experience and informal study. Griffith University recognises the intellectual and skills development gained through bridging and preparatory studies, professional and paraprofessional qualifications, vocational experience, and the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT).
For further information, visit griffith.edu.au/pathways.
Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)
Griffith University accepts the STAT Multiple Choice test for:
- non-2017 Year 12 applicants who are 18 years or over on 1 January 2018
- all courses except B Medical Science and B Dental Health Science.
For information on the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT), visit stat.acer.org.

Employment experience
Employment experience will be considered for non-Year 12 applicants for all programs except B Medical Science and B Dental Health Science, all Law programs and B Popular Music. Admission into the preferred program is subject to meeting the prerequisite requirements. For further information on providing documents, visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/apply/documents.shtml.

Audition
If you’re applying for B Popular Music at the Queensland Conservatorium, visit griffith.edu.au/music-audition for details on how to apply for an audition. Applications for audition are due Monday 14 August 2017.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES
Griffith University has an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) to assist applicants who have been educationally and/or socially disadvantaged. EAS applications are processed centrally through UAC. Read section 5.5 in Part 1 for further information on EAS.
EAS bonus points are not applied to B Medical Science or B Dental Health Science.

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS
EAS applicants are encouraged to apply for the Uni-Start Transition Grant and other Griffith Equity Scholarships. Applicants must apply for EAS admission through UAC (see above) and apply online for a Griffith Uni-Start Scholarship. For further details, visit griffith.edu.au/scholarships.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS
Griffith University seeks to increase the participation and success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the University’s programs. These services include a Tertiary Preparation Program offered to new students before the start of first trimester. Additional tutoring and support services are also provided by the GUMURRII Student Support Unit.
For further information, visit griffith.edu.au/gumurrrii-student-support-unit or call the GUMURRII Student Support Unit on (07) 5592 8820.

ENROLMENT
Acceptance of offer
You will receive your offer notification form UAC. A link to your Starting at Griffith page will be emailed to you by Griffith University with instructions on how to enrol in your program. Enrolment in your program is your formal acceptance of your offer.

Advanced standing/academic credit
If you are seeking credit for prior learning, you must submit an online application, accompanied by an original transcript or certified copy of results and course/unit outlines for each course for which credit is sought. Information on credit precedents and application forms are available at griffith.edu.au/credit.

Deferment of offer
Following an offer of a place, you can submit your deferment by emailing deferred@griffith.edu.au.
- up to one year only
- for a specific trimester – providing your program has an intake for that trimester, deferment will lapse if you have undertaken tertiary studies
- deferment is available for all programs except B Dental Health Science, B Physiotherapy and B Popular Music.

Fees and charges
For 2018 fee information, visit griffith.edu.au/fees-charges.
All students must pay student contributions for a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP); read section 7.2 in Part 1 for further information.
Students are also required to pay a Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF). The SSAF for 2017 was $3.67 per enrolled credit point for on-campus courses.
For further details, visit griffith.edu.au/fees-charges/ssaf.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Youth and student allowances
For details on Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY, visit humanresources.gov.au.

Loans
Student Services staff are available to help students with financial matters, including information on Centrelink payments and entitlements. Student loans are available to students who can demonstrate need and whose future study may be in jeopardy because of financial problems.

Scholarships
Griffith University offers more than 400 scholarships. Scholarships include the Dean’s Sir Samuel Griffith and Sir Samuel Griffith scholarships for academic excellence, and a range of sport, equity, accommodation and study-specific scholarships.
For further information, visit griffith.edu.au/scholarships.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES
The University offers a range of support services including a medical centre, counselling, chaplaincy, and employment and career advice, as well as support services for students with disabilities and special needs. For more information, visit griffith.edu.au/student-services.
The library offers a range of online academic and computer skills workshops, consultations and online resources to help you succeed at university. Visit griffith.edu.au/library.
The university supports a variety of student organisations, clubs and societies for students to become involved in campus life.
For more information on Griffith University’s student and campus services, call (07) 5552 8734 or visit griffith.edu.au/student-services.

Accommodation
Griffith University Village is located on campus at Griffith University Gold Coast, offering fully furnished apartments and student support in the form of a comprehensive residential life program. For further information, call (07) 5631 4628, email info@griffithv.com.au or visit griffithv.com.au.
Griffith’s Gold Coast Student Guild provides an accommodation service to help students find suitable living arrangements. For further information, call (07) 5552 8724 or email guildinfo@griffith.edu.au.