

Welcome to the Bachelor of Arts

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Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.

*The Brisbane River pattern from A Guidance Through Time
by Casey Coolwell and Kyra Mancktelow.*



House keeping

Bathroom locations

Water refill locations

Evacuation protocol

- Proceed to the closest emergency exit
 - Follow staff and volunteer direction
 - Gather in the playing fields
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Phone etiquette

- Please check that your phone is set to silent
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Assistance and questions

- UQ Staff & students in purple shirts
 - Volunteers
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Key Takeaways

01

Understand:

The value in the BA's diversity and flexibility.

How you can increase your employability throughout your degree.

02

Feel empowered:

To navigate your program.

To locate correct information.

03

Build:

Connections with HASS peers.

A sense of belonging inside and outside of the classroom.

Belonging Begins Here!

- In Pairs/Threes:
 - Introduce yourself
 - An interest or hobby you have
 - A fact about yourself people wouldn't guess
- In a group of 4/5:
 - 2 things you all have in common as a group
 - 4 differences you all have
 - Something that excites you about university

What is the BA?

- What are you enrolling in?
- Facts & Myths
- Important Terms
- Understanding your program



1

UQ is **#1** in Queensland
for arts and humanities

It is one of the largest and most
successful BAs in Australia

QS World University Rankings 2026

2

Choose from 49 study areas across the humanities, social sciences and languages

Myth: You won't get a job

Reality: Humanities graduates get jobs and good ones

2/3 of chief executives of ASX200 listed companies have degrees in humanities*

62% of government senior executives and 66% of federal parliamentarians have a degree in the humanities*

91% overall employment rate of undergraduate humanities, arts and social sciences graduates three years after graduation**

\$75.1K is the amount humanities, culture and social science graduates earn in fulltime employment six months after graduation**

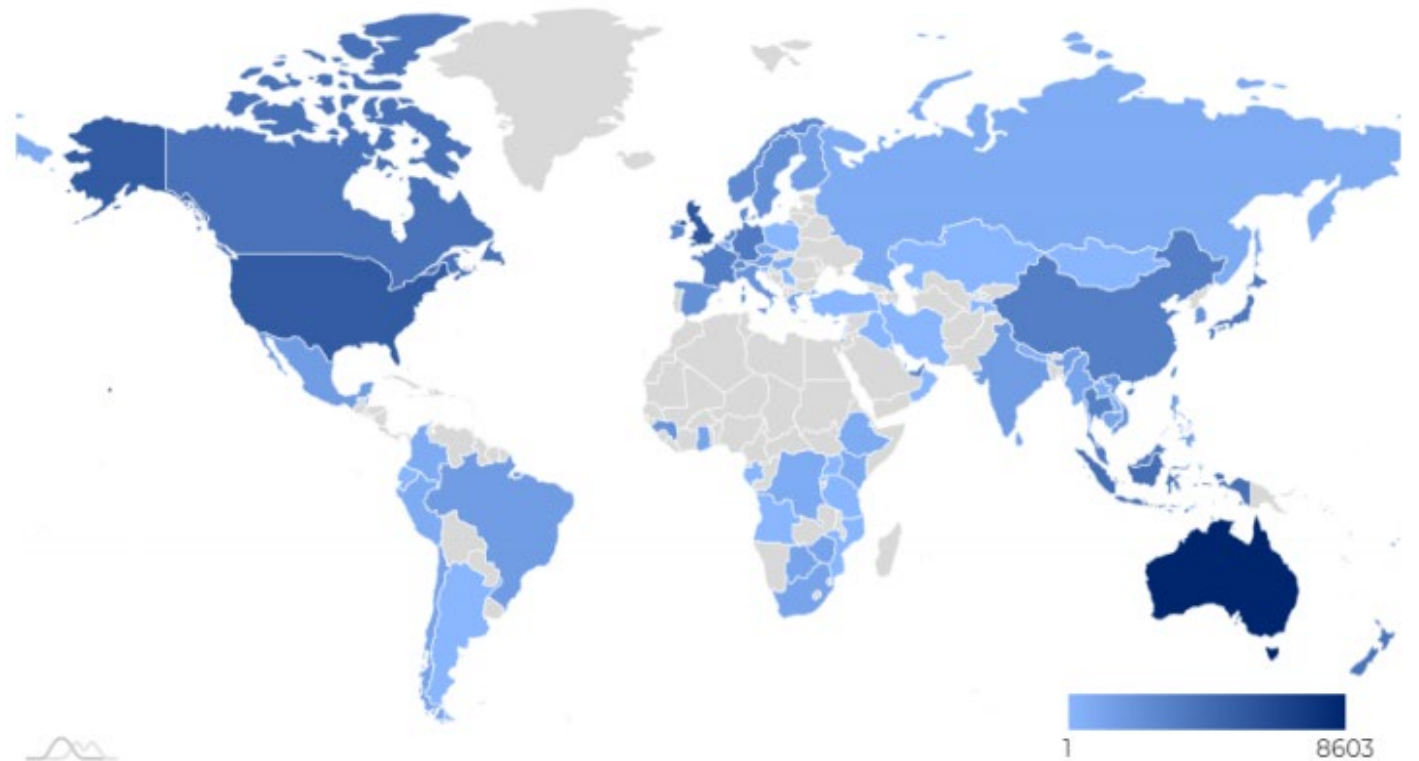
* Academy of Social Sciences in Australia

** 2025 Graduate Outcomes Survey National Report

UQ BA graduates work in diverse growth industries across the globe

Top 10 Industries

1. Government Administration
2. Law Practice & Legal Services
3. Higher Education
4. Retail
5. Education Management
6. Hospital & Health Care
7. Financial Services
8. Business Consulting and Services
9. Software Development
10. Environmental Services



Prepare for flexible careers

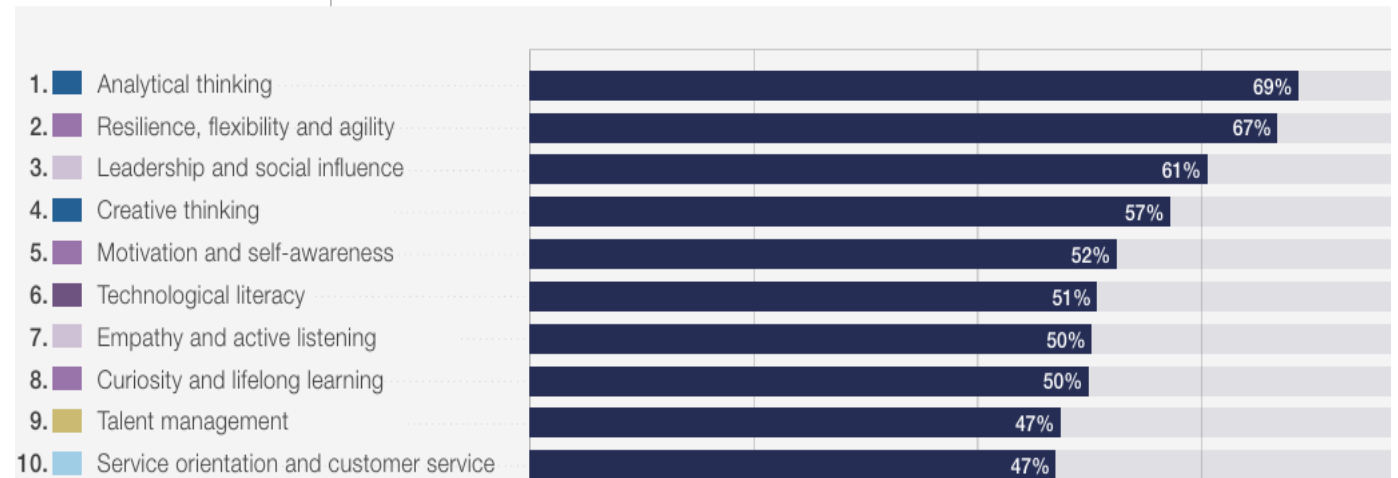
Through the BA you'll:

- Develop deep knowledge and apply it across disciplines
- Analyse complex issues, challenge assumptions and create innovative solutions
- Engage productively with diverse communities
- Demonstrate respect for cultural and social diversity
- Communicate with skill and integrity
- Make ethical decisions

FIGURE 3.3

Core skills in 2025

Share of employers who consider the stated skills to be core skills for their workforce.



Future of Jobs Report 2025, World Economic Forum

Student Survival Kit – Tip 1



Find opportunities on the
HASS website



GET SET

- **A must-do peer mentoring program for new students**
- Connect with a small group of new students and a mentor from your study area.
- Meet your group online and in-person
- Receive tips from a student mentor who has been in your shoes
- Get the support you need to settle into uni life
- Get Set runs from Weeks 1–6



Don't miss out, register today!
life.uq.edu.au/getset



Important Terms

Words that you need to know throughout your studies



Your University

- Central
- Faculty
- School



Your Degree

- Program
- Plan
 - Minor
 - Major
 - Extended Major



Your Courses

- Course
 - Compulsory
 - Elective and General Elective
- Unit
- Course Profile
- Blackboard

Student Survival Kit – Tip 2

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Program requirements

All UQ programs have requirements that must be met for graduation such as:

- the total number of units in relevant structures
- the number of units at various levels of study
- Example to the right is the Bachelor of Arts program

Program and course requirements

Information for students commencing

2026

Complete 48 units comprising:

- 32 units for BA Courses, and
- 16 units for BA Elective Courses

Selected courses must include at most 24 units at level 1.

Selected courses must include at least 8 units at level 3.

No more than 32 units may be completed from courses with the same discipline descriptor.

The BA Major in Chinese or BA Minor in Chinese can NOT be undertaken with the BA Major in Chinese Translation and Interpreting or BA Minor in Chinese Translation and Interpreting.

The BA Major in French or BA Minor in French can NOT be undertaken with the BA Major in French Advanced or BA Minor in French Advanced.

The BA Major in Japanese or BA Minor in Japanese can NOT be undertaken with the BA Extended Major in Japanese Advanced, BA Major in Japanese Advanced, or BA Minor in Japanese Advanced.

Program structure – **single** program

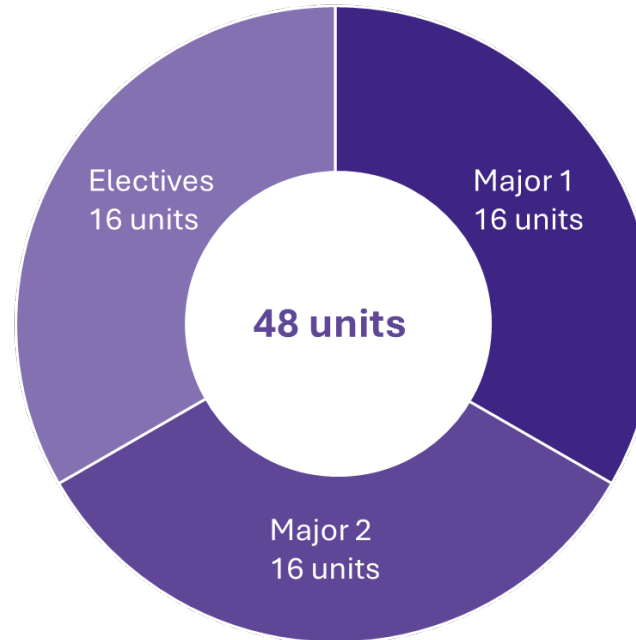
Bachelor of Arts **single program** structure
48 units / 24 courses (3 years)



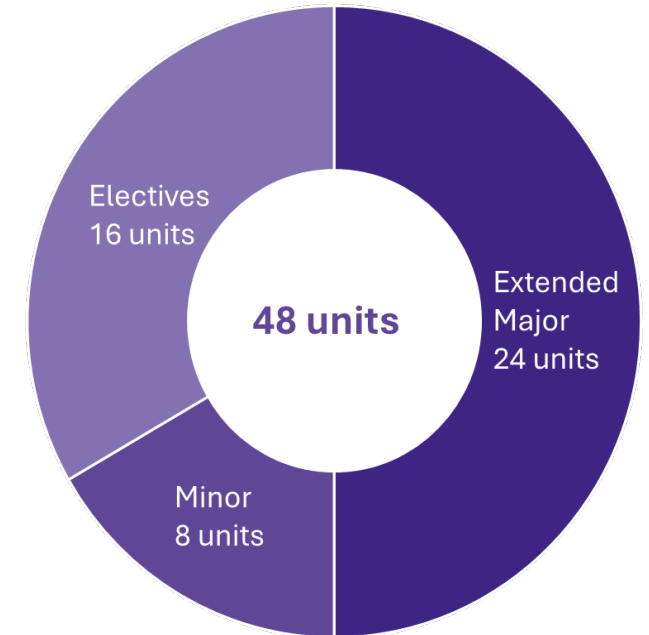
Video
Tips



Option 1



Option 2



UQ Terminology

Degree = program

Subject = courses

2 units = 1 course

49 BA disciplines to choose from

Programs and Courses website



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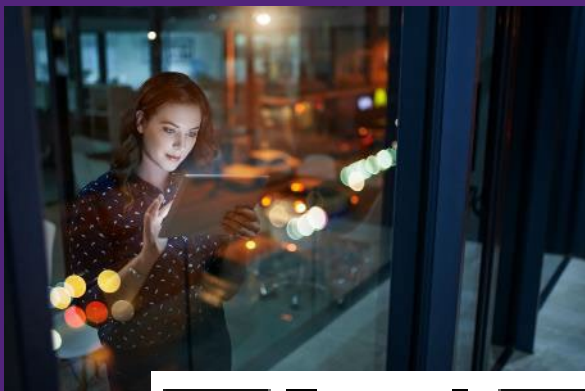
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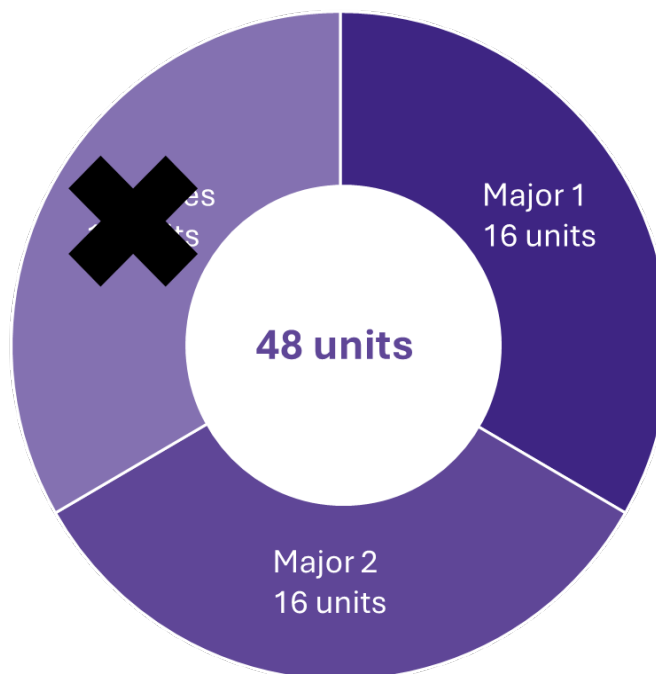
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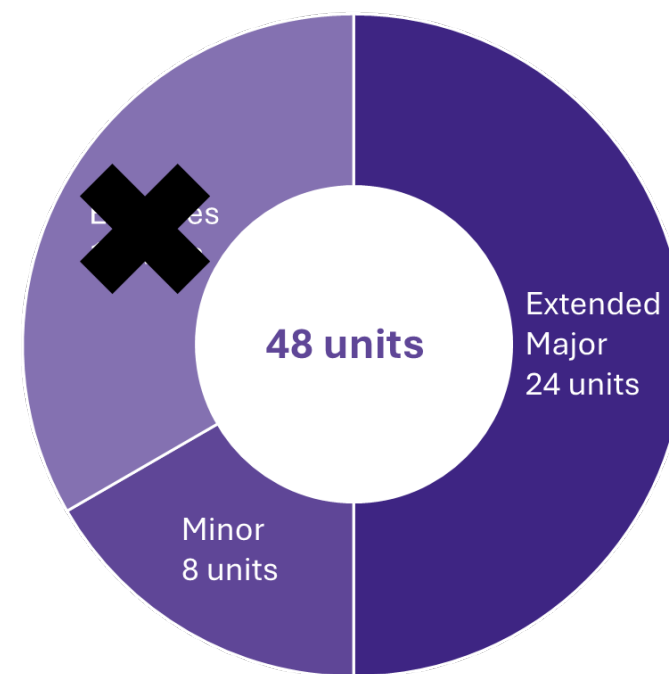
Program structure – dual program

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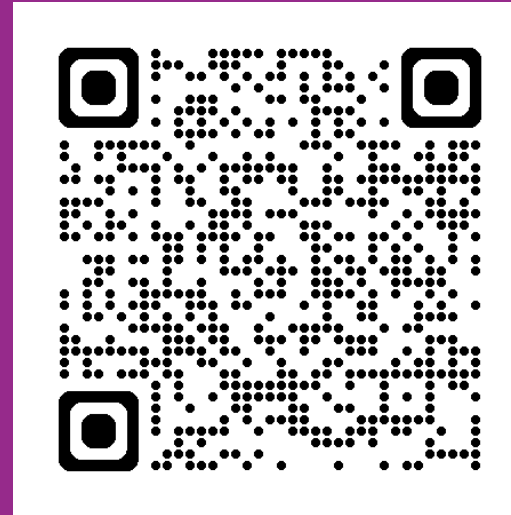
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2 units = 1 course (mostly)

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Important!



Attend your Program Information Sessions!

Complete 32 units comprising:

- 16 units for all BBusMan Core Courses, and
- 16 units for one Major from BBusMan Majors

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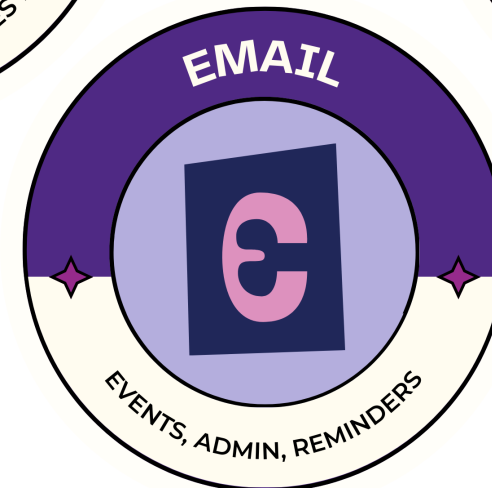
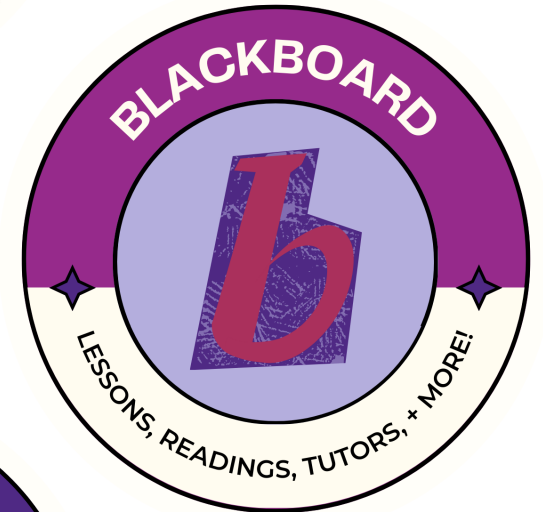
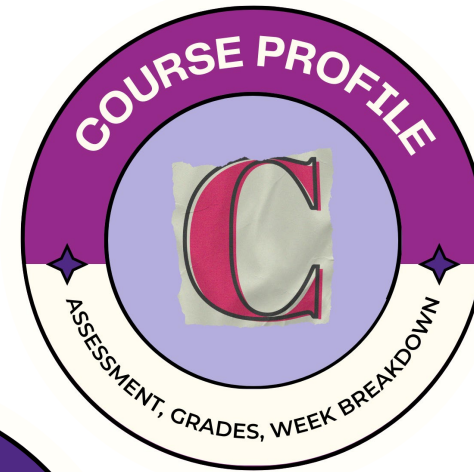
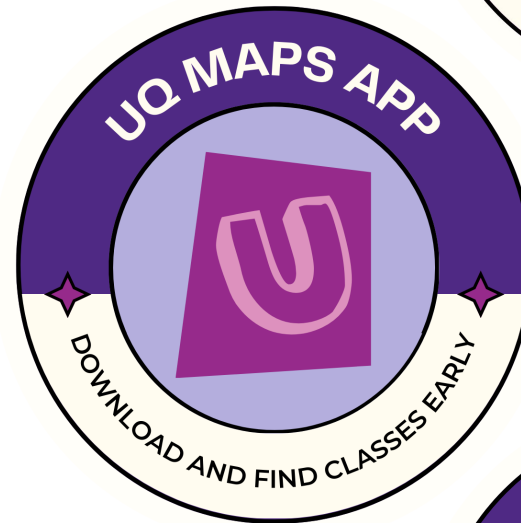
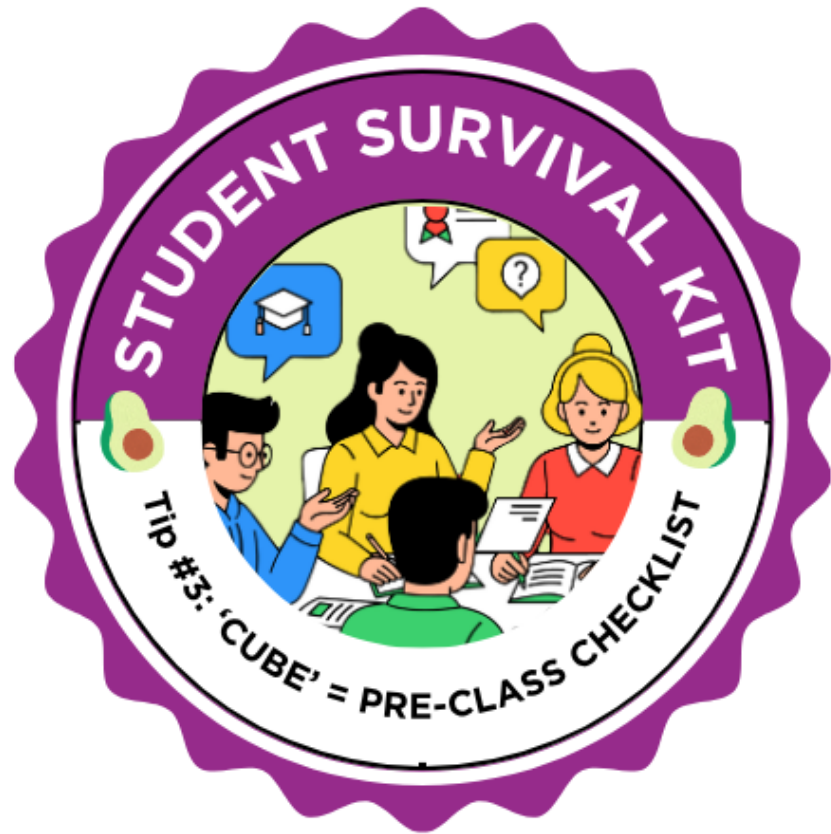
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Student Survival Kit – Tip 3



Your course profile

A course profile gives you the key information about a course. It outlines the course aims and learning objectives, required resources, assessment criteria and due dates, and other important information.

Secure Assessment

This assessment is designed to protect academic integrity and assess your understanding of course concepts. You must only use the approved materials and tools for this assessment task. Use of prohibited materials in this task may be investigated and treated as academic misconduct. See assessment instructions for more details.

- Restricted materials only
- Designed to protect academic integrity
- Shows *your* individual understanding
- Examples: exams, supervised quizzes

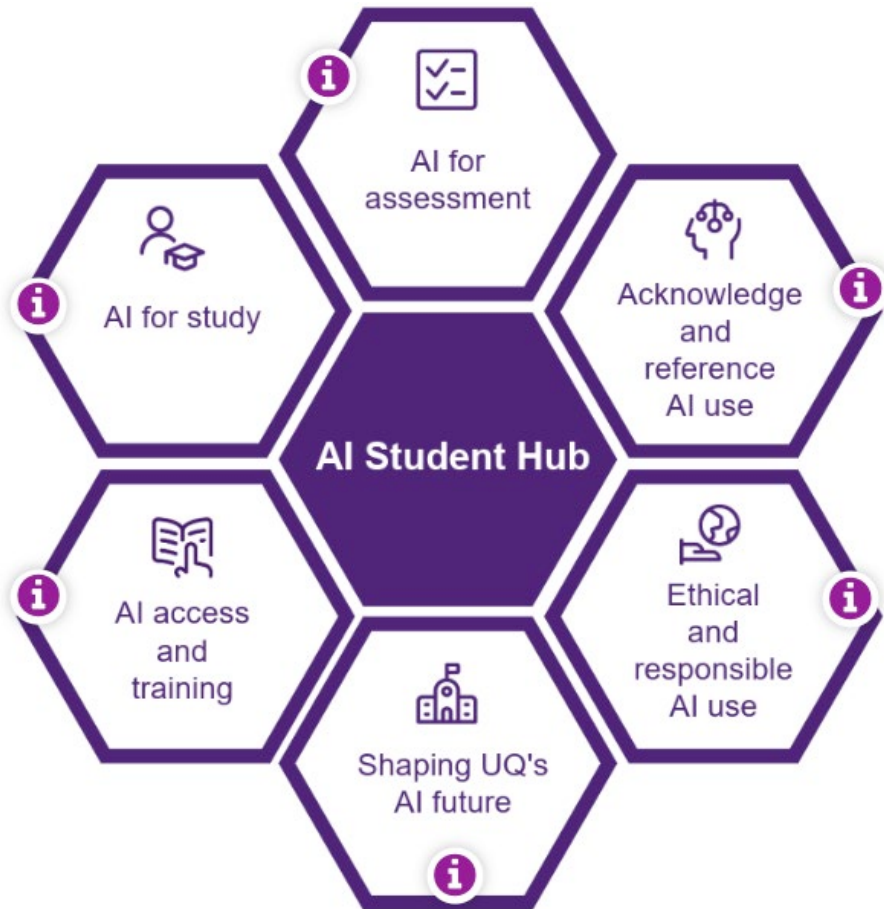
Open Assessment

In this assessment you can use resources such as your notes, course materials, and other tools, including AI, while completing the task. The focus is not on memorising information, but on understanding, applying judgement, and demonstrating your own thinking.

- Use notes, course materials, and responsible use of AI
- Focus on judgement & application
- Demonstrate your own thinking
- Examples: reports, projects, take-home tasks

AI Student Hub

Learn how to use AI responsibly and effectively in your studies.



Acknowledge and reference AI use

- **Acknowledgement** is where you describe how you used AI in your assessment, such as:

“Copilot was used for suggestions, brainstorming and editing within this work.”

- **Referencing** is where you follow a specific referencing style e.g. APA and include your AI use as in-text references or footnotes and in a reference list in your work.

You might be required to use one or both methods in your assessment.



Learn more:
bit.ly/ai-student-hub

Important Dates

Monday 20 July - Friday 24 July

Orientation Week for Semester 3, 2026

Monday 27 July

First day of classes for Semester 2, 2026

Sunday 9 August

Last day to add a course for Semester 2, 2026

Monday 31 August

Census Date

Last date to **drop** Semester 2, 2026 courses or cancel enrolment without **financial** liability

Wednesday 30 September

Last date to **drop** a course for Semester 2, 2026 or cancel enrolment without **academic** liability

Where to access support

HASS Student Administration Team

- Program requirements
- Academic progress
- Overseas exchange

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/contact

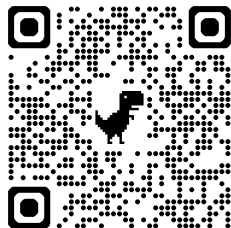


School Student Administration Teams

- Course questions
- Timetables
- Assessment

Contact

<https://hass.uq.edu.au/our-schools-institutes-and-centres>

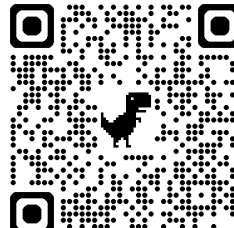


HASS Student Futures Team

- Volunteer opportunities
- Career mentoring
- Community events

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hass.uq.edu.au/enrich-your-study-experience

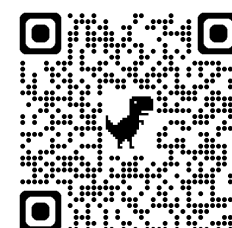


UQ Student Central

- Student counselling
- Accessibility and welfare
- Careers and employability

Contact

<https://my.uq.edu.au/contact/student-central>



UQ Library

- Course reading Lists
- Referencing guides
- Student IT support
- Book a study/practise space

Contact

<https://web.library.uq.edu.au/about/contact-us>



Student Survival Kit – Tip 4



Activity 2: Team Competition

How well does your group
know the Bachelor of
Arts?...

Rules:

1. Make a team of around 3/4 students
2. Select 1 device per team to compete with
3. Discuss your team name!
4. Scan the QR Code when it appears
5. Get excited! There will be prizes!

Scan me!



Question 1

*What is your team name?
(no prizes for inappropriate names)*



Question 2

What does HASS stand for?



a) Humanities, Arithmetic and Super Science

c) Humanities, Arts and Social Services

b) Humanities, Arts and Social Science

d) Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Question 3

Where is the HASS Student Admin office located?



a) Michie Building Level 3

b) Forgan Smith East Wing
Level 2

c) Forgan Smith West Wing
Level 3

d) Gordon Greenwood Level 2

Question 4

Why is the HASS mascot an avocado?



a) We love avocados

b) Avocados are great fruits

c) Cause of HASS Avocados of course

d) No reason at all

Question 5

How many trees are in The Great Court?



a) 59

b) 28

c) 35

d) 17

Question 6

How many places sell coffee on St Lucia campus?



a) 15

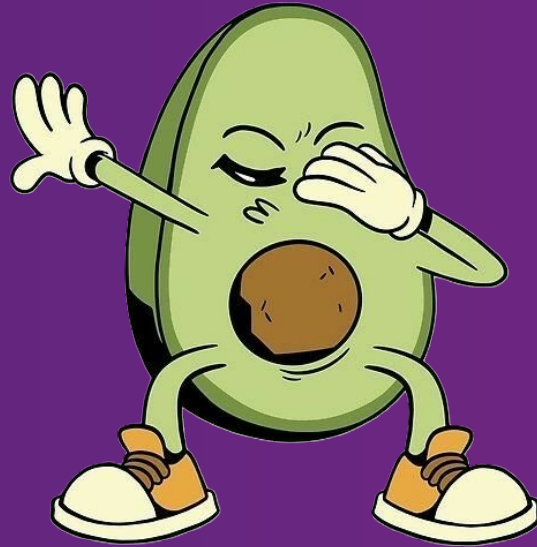
b) 10

c) 7

d) 13

Question 7

What is the official HASS Instagram handle?



a) uqhassslife

b) uqartslife

c) uqhasslife

d) uqhassified

Question 8

How many of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still exist?



a) 0

b) 1

c) 4

d) They're all chilling

Question 9

How many teaching weeks are there in a Semester?



a) 10

b) 12

c) 13

d) 14

Question 10

How many majors are there in the BA?



a) 43

b) 45

c) 46

d) 49

Question 11

Which of the following is not one of the required properties of a word?



a) Having a written form

b) Having speech sounds

c) Being used to convey meaning

Question 12

True or False: St Lucia has its own post code and post office?



a) True

b) False

Congratulations to our winners!



Up Next...

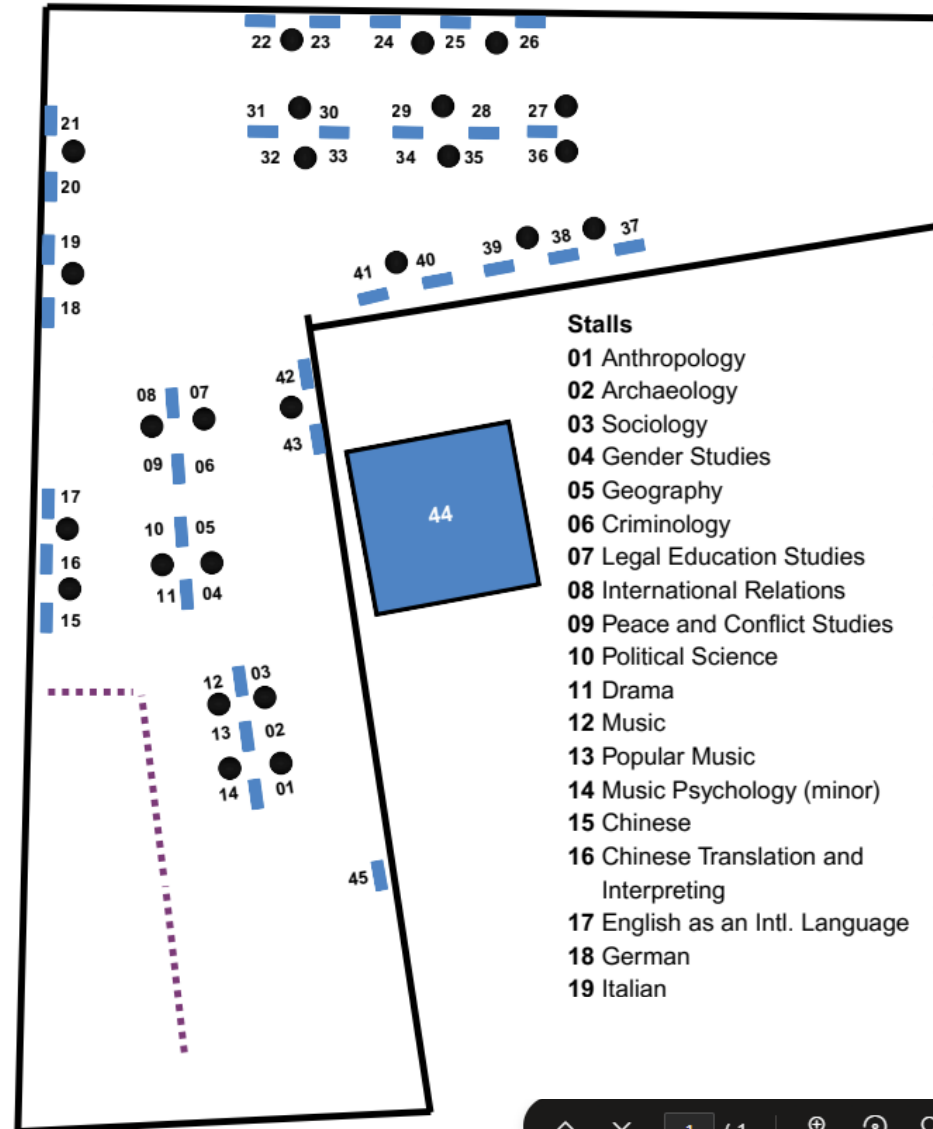
Activity	For who?	What to expect!	Where / When?
BA Major Expo	• All BA Students!	• Talk to staff in your discipline • Explore all your options within the BA!	• UQ Centre Foyer (just outside this room) • Now until 12:00pm
Psychology Information Session	• BA students interested in studying psychology	• Learn about study options in psychology and ask your questions	• Right here, right now!
HASS Expo	• All HASS Students	• Explore what's on offer at UQ • Freebies! Tasty treats, stickers, and more. • Aussie animals!	• UQ Centre Expo Hall • 12:00-1:30pm

Up Next...

BA Major Expo



Just for you!



Stalls

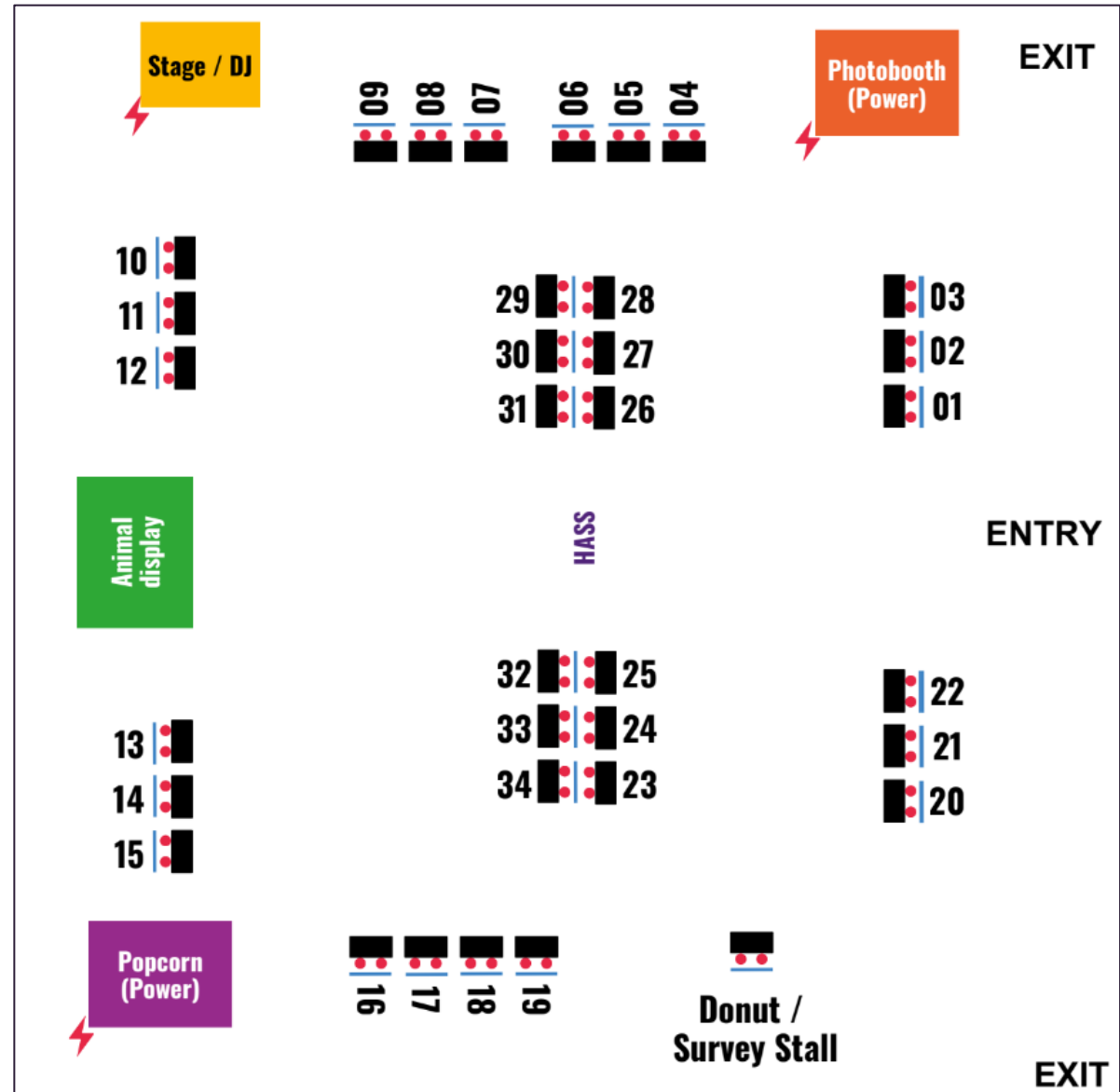
- 01 Anthropology
- 02 Archaeology
- 03 Sociology
- 04 Gender Studies
- 05 Geography
- 06 Criminology
- 07 Legal Education Studies
- 08 International Relations
- 09 Peace and Conflict Studies
- 10 Political Science
- 11 Drama
- 12 Music
- 13 Popular Music
- 14 Music Psychology (minor)
- 15 Chinese
- 16 Chinese Translation and Interpreting
- 17 English as an Intl. Language
- 18 German
- 19 Italian

- 21 Korean
- 22 Japanese + Japanese Adv.
- 23 Russian
- 24 French + French Advanced
- 25 Spanish
- 26 Linguistics
- 27 Journalism & Mass Communication
- 28 Film & TV Studies
- 29 Media & Digital Cultures
- 30 Writing
- 31 Prof. Writing & Comm
- 32 English + English Literature
- 33 History
- 34 School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry
- 35 Ancient History + Ancient Greek + Latin
- 36 Art History
- 37 Philosophy
- 38 Religious Studies

- 39 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- 40 Australian Studies (minor)
- 41 Sports Studies
- 42 Economics
- 43 Mathematics
- 44 Psychology Info Session
11:10-11:30am
Learning Theatre
- 45 Undecided on your Major? Get info here.

Then... HASS EXPO!

- Play games and activities
- See an Aussie animal up close
- Explore clubs, societies, and support Services
- Grab some free snacks (e.g. Donuts!)
- Collect awesome freebies & giveaways
- Make new friends!



RAFFLE

Collect a raffle ticket from our volunteers in the expo hall and go into the draw to win a toy koala!

Winners announced every 30 minutes!



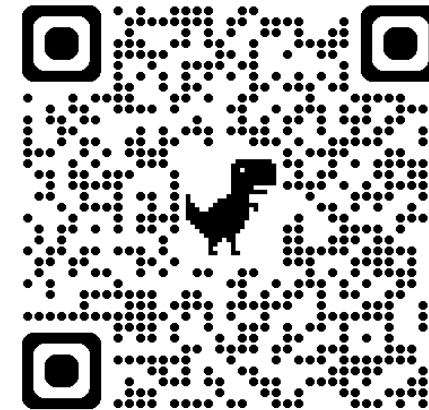
BA Hub (Bachelor of Arts Hub)



Sessions



Picnics every
week in The
Great Court



Tuesday & Thursday
10am-12pm

Sir Llew Edwards Building 14,
Room 217

O-Week sessions

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We'd love to hear your feedback



Please complete the 2-minute survey to help us improve the session.

Wait for
instructions!



Have fun at 'Meet Your BA Major' and the 'HASS Expo'!

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