

International Baccalaureate

The following information is provided to assist domestic students who have completed or are undertaking the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma and intend to seek admission to undergraduate study at The University of Queensland (UQ).

About the International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma is a two year curriculum designed for students entering the final two years of senior schooling. Students study six subjects, of which a minimum of three (and not more than four) subjects are studied at Higher Level, with the remaining subjects studied at Standard Level. Each subject is graded on a scale from 1 to 7 (maximum) where 4 is the pass mark.

In order to be awarded the IB Diploma, students must attain a minimum of 24 points (out of a possible 45 points), which is premised on achieving at least a grade of 4 for each subject. Students unsuccessful in meeting the requirements for the award of an IB Diploma may be awarded an IB Certificate for the examinations completed.

Entry requirements

For entry to all undergraduate programs at UQ applicants must meet two basic entry requirements:

1. Eligibility (i.e. satisfy the subject prerequisites and other requirements)
2. Merit (i.e. possess a selection rank high enough for a place in the program[†])

[†] Selection ranks range from 30.00 to 99.95 (maximum). As admission is competitive the minimum selection thresholds for programs can fluctuate from year to year.

For detailed program information, including prerequisite requirements and minimum selection thresholds from previous admission periods, please refer to study.uq.edu.au.

Satisfying subject prerequisites

The successful completion of the following IB subjects will meet the listed Queensland subject prerequisites for entry to all undergraduate programs:

IB Diploma Subjects	QLD Year 12 Subject Prerequisites
English A1 or English A2 or English B (HL or SL) English A: Literature (HL/SL) or English A: Language and Literature (HL/SL)	English (Units 3 & 4, C)
Mathematical Studies (SL)	General Mathematics (Units 3 & 4, C)
Mathematics Analysis & Approaches (SL) or Mathematics (SL or HL) or Mathematical Methods (SL or HL) or Mathematics Applications & Interpretations (SL or HL) or Further Mathematics (SL)	Mathematical Methods (Units 3 & 4, C)
Mathematics Analysis & Approaches (HL) or Mathematics (HL) or Mathematical Methods (SL or HL) or Further Mathematics (HL)	Specialist Mathematics (Units 3 & 4, C)
Biology (HL or SL) Sport, Exercise and Health Science (HL)	Biology (Units 3 & 4, C)
Environmental Systems & Societies (SL)	Earth Science (Units 3 & 4, C)
Chemistry (HL or SL)	Chemistry (Units 3 & 4, C)
Physics (HL or SL)	Physics (Units 3 & 4, C)

Minimum grades required to pass prerequisites:

SL subjects: Grade of 4 or better

HL subjects: Grade of 3 or better

Providing results to QTAC

QTAC is able to obtain your IB results directly from the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) if your school has used the Results Release Service on the International Baccalaureate Information System (IBIS), nominating QTAC as the recipient. Otherwise, students will be required to provide a certified copy of their official academic transcript, as issued by the IBO.

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Gaining a selection rank

Results from the IB Diploma, which are reported on a whole number scale between 24 and 45, are converted into an ATAR-like value to allow IB students to be considered for tertiary places alongside their counterparts who have completed state curricula. This ATAR-like value is known as the Combined Rank because it is a national conversion that combines results from all states.

Your Combined Rank is based on your IB Admissions Score (which you will receive from QTAC). The IB Admissions Score will add decimal places to your diploma score based on your average performance within each band of your subject results. For example, you may receive a diploma score of 41, and an IB Admissions Score of 41.75.

IB Diploma		IB Diploma		IB Diploma	
IB Admissions Score	Combined Rank for 2023 admissions	IB Admissions Score	Combined Rank for 2023 admissions	IB Admissions Score	Combined Rank for 2023 admissions
45.75	99.95	38.25	96.00	30.75	84.55
45.50	99.95	38.00	95.75	30.50	84.10
45.25	99.90	37.75	95.45	30.25	83.55
45.00	99.85	37.50	95.20	30.00	83.00
44.75	99.80	37.25	94.90	29.75	82.40
44.50	99.75	37.00	94.55	29.50	81.85
44.25	99.70	36.75	94.25	29.25	81.35
44.00	99.60	36.50	93.90	29.00	80.85
43.75	99.55	36.25	93.60	28.75	80.35
43.50	99.45	36.00	93.25	28.50	79.85
43.25	99.35	35.75	92.95	28.25	79.30
43.00	99.30	35.50	92.60	28.00	78.75
42.75	99.20	35.25	92.30	27.75	78.15
42.50	99.10	35.00	91.95	27.50	77.60
42.25	98.95	34.75	91.65	27.25	77.05
42.00	98.85	34.50	91.30	27.00	76.50
41.75	98.70	34.25	90.85	26.75	75.90
41.50	98.55	34.00	90.40	26.50	75.35
41.25	98.40	33.75	89.95	26.25	74.70
41.00	98.25	33.50	89.50	26.00	74.05
40.75	98.05	33.25	89.05	25.75	73.35
40.50	97.90	33.00	88.60	25.50	72.70
40.25	97.70	32.75	88.15	25.25	72.10
40.00	97.50	32.50	87.70	25.00	71.45
39.75	97.30	32.25	87.25	24.75	70.85
39.50	97.10	32.00	86.80	24.50	70.20
39.25	96.90	31.75	86.35	24.25	69.60
39.00	96.70	31.50	85.90	24.00	68.95
38.75	96.45	31.25	85.45		
38.50	96.25	31.00	85.00		

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Students who do not qualify for an IB Diploma

UQ does not allocate selection ranks to IB students with IB Certificates or incomplete IB diplomas. Diploma subjects as part of an incomplete IB Diploma can still be used to meet subject prerequisites. Students are encouraged to contact UQ Admissions for pathway options.

Please contact UQ Admissions for further information about studies completed prior to 2022.

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