

## Certificate of University Studies (COUS) - DipISF

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Please be advised that this program will be transitioning from Semester to Trimester study periods in 2024. Trimester 1 starts on 22 January 2024. Read more in our [new academic calendar FAQs](#).

	Online
<b>Start:</b>	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
<b>Fees:</b>	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
<b>Standard duration:</b>	0.5 year full-time, 1 year part-time
<b>Program articulation:</b>	To: <a href="#">Diploma of University Studies</a>

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### Program aims

The Certificate of University Studies aims to equip students with the necessary skills to successfully respond to the numeracy, literacy, critical thinking and e-literacy demands of higher education studies and the professional workplace, in addition to assisting students to successfully manage the complexities of life/work balance. The Certificate provides students with a broad introduction to the academic culture of university studies and an enhanced understanding and knowledge of foundational issues, principles and strategies needed in order to be successful in the first year undergraduate level of study. The program will appeal to those who want to enhance and develop their broad award-level study skills prior to possibly sampling a range of discipline courses and determining whether to embark on a more specialised degree program, or opting instead to graduate out with a new sub-degree qualification.

### Program objectives

On the successful completion of the Certificate of University Studies graduates will have:

- Demonstrated effective communication and interpersonal skills and an ability to successfully pursue an undergraduate program of study in either the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts, or the Faculty of Health, Engineering, and Sciences;
- Acquired sufficient knowledge about UniSQ's award level programs of study, to make an informed choice about further undergraduate studies in the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts, or the Faculty of Health, Engineering, and Sciences;

- Developed an enhanced awareness of the nature of award-level study in the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts, or the Faculty of Health, Engineering, and Sciences;
- Developed foundation knowledge, skills and competencies in a series of generic first year award-level undergraduate courses.

### **Australian Qualifications Framework**

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 05. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for skilled/paraprofessional work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting [www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au).

### **Program Information Set**

View UniSQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

### **Admission requirements**

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

International applicants must have a minimum entry level of IELTS 6.0 or equivalent. There is no specified minimum educational achievement entrance standard. Normally, to be eligible for enrolment in the program a person will have attained an age of at least 18 years in the year of the proposed enrolment. Students will need to complete the online application form for entry to the Diploma programs. All applicants are also required



