

Choosing the Right Subjects

Campus Details:

Please note that you must decide which campus you would like to study at. If you choose to study at the Gold Coast campus you cannot select classes at the other 4 campuses. The campus options are:

- Nathan Campus
- Mt Gravatt Campus
- Queensland College of Art (Southbank)
- Queensland Conservatorium (Southbank)
- Gold Coast Campus

Course Selection Details:

If the Semester 1 listings for Griffith University have not been posted please choose classes from the previous year, Semester 1 listings. Usually 98% of those classes will still be offered the following year.

- Select Discipline Area, Select Campus, Select Subject Level, Select Semester
- Click Display Subject List.
- Once you find a class that interests you please click on the subject link/code (this number should be in red) and a subject description will become available.
- When inputting your classes on your Intended Subject Plan, please use the Course Code instead of the Class Number. For example: instead of 50871 (class number) use 2002FMC (Course Code).
- Choose all First Semester subjects if you are studying during the Autumn or February term.
- Choose all Second semester subjects if you are studying during the Winter/Spring or July term.

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Make sure you select the correct semester: **Semester 1 or Autumn refers to the February semester, Semester 2 or Winter refers to the July semester.** If Griffith University indicates that a class is "internal" this means that the class is offered on campus. If the class is "external" this means that the class isn't available to study abroad students.

Generally speaking, students will take four courses while studying abroad. The minimum requirement for your student visa is three courses. Students are responsible for knowing the home university academic or financial aid requirements as they apply to study abroad course enrollment.

Prerequisites and Course Approval

Some subjects may indicate prerequisites; Griffith University will review your transcripts to ensure that you have met these prerequisites with equivalent classes. They will not, in most cases, require that you have taken their exact class. For example, if the prerequisite is History 101 - Australian History, you will need to have taken an introductory history class, not necessarily about Australia. Be sure that you have submitted updated transcripts to AustralLearn so that your prerequisites can be properly evaluated.

Please make sure that you have fulfilled the equivalent pre-requisites. For example, Griffith will not approve Marketing 201 if you have never taken a Marketing class. Also please note that in order to take most Psychology courses at Griffith you will need to have taken Statistics

Based on availability and prerequisites, Griffith University will either approve or not approve the subject for you to take. If a subject is not approved based on prerequisites, you can approach the professor once you arrive and attempt to obtain approval in person.

Course Scheduling and Enrollment

Timetables at most universities are not published until just before the semester begins. Griffith University on the other hand has online enrollment prior to your departure of which you will enroll in the courses you are interested online to determine your timetables. You will choose your classes from your list of subjects approved by both the Australian University and your US University, according to how they fit into your schedule. If you choose to enroll in any subjects that were not pre-approved by your U.S. University, you should contact your university from Australia in order to obtain the necessary approval. Be sure to bring your advisor's fax number with you. We will be sending you more information about approvals once we receive your subject choices.

Academic Differences between Australia and the U.S./Canada

In general, Australians complete their Bachelor's degrees in 3 years. They do not have to fulfill core requirements in a variety of disciplines, so they start taking classes towards their major during their first semester. Therefore, 1st year classes in Australia are generally equivalent to 2nd year classes in the US; 2nd year Australian classes are equivalent to 3rd year US classes; and 3rd year Australian classes are equivalent to 4th year US classes. There are always exceptions to this, however, and it is up to your university to decide the credit and level they will award.

Often times it is expected that students spend a lot of time outside of the classroom doing their own research/study/reading. Every university varies somewhat, but in general, you should be prepared for some differences between the overseas and the U.S./Canadian academic systems and be aware that you may experience a period of adjustment.

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Grading Conversion Guide: Griffith University

The following information is provided from *Australia: Education and Training – An Update of the 1990 World Education Series Volume* (2004) by Edward Devlin. This is a special report that describes new certification and grading practices at the post-secondary level in each state or territory. The report is published by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO).

Australian Grade	Australian Qualification	U.S. Grade
HD	High Distinction	A
D	Distinction	A
C	Credit	B
P	Pass	C
PC	Conceded Pass	D
NGP	Non-graded Pass (course assessed on a Pass/Fail basis)	Pass or Fail
SP	Supplementary Assessment required	
F	Fail	F
FNS	Fail - No submission of assessment	F
WF	Withdrawal with Failure	No credit
W	Withdraw	No credit

Average semester credit point load at Griffith = 40 credits

Total credit point load to earn a degree at Griffith = 240 credits

Recommended credit: 1 course = 10 AUS credits = 3 - 4 US semester credits