About the ATSIS Unit

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (ATSIS) Unit was established at UQ in 1984 as a commitment to the teaching, learning, research and cultural needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The ATSIS Unit celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and knowledges, and recognises the enormous contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have made and continue to make at UQ.

We work closely with faculties, schools, central units and the wider UQ community to provide a range of services for students. From pre-enrolment through to graduation, we provide:

- Helpful advice and support on UQ’s admissions pathways, to help you find the best program for you and your goals.
- Orientation for new students to assist with the transition to university. We and study.
- Access to scholarships and financial opportunities to support you throughout your studies.
- Learning support and pastoral care, including tuition and individual consultations.
- Our students have access to a range of professional development and employability services, including internships, graduate programs and global experiences.

The ATSIS Unit hosts a number of social and cultural events during the academic year, including workshops with guest speakers, music and cultural events, and NAIDOC and community activities.

You will have access to a large Indigenous student peer group with an active student association that provides a range of fun activities throughout the year. Social and study spaces are provided for students in the ATSIS Unit across our campuses.

More information

Give us a call
Chat to our friendly Student Support team for advice and assistance with applications, scholarships and general enquiries.
+61 7 3443 3404

Visit us online
Find out more about programs, entry pathways, scholarships, and support services offered by the ATSIS Unit.
atsis.uq.edu.au

Ask us a question
Email us and we’ll be in touch soon.
atsis@uq.edu.au

Pop in for a visit
Our ATSIS Unit is located at
Level 2, Building 4, St Lucia campus.
We are right next to The School Locker and open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

Future student guide
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students
Welcome to The University of Queensland (UQ). Choosing to come to university is an important decision in life, which can open up a whole new world of opportunities.

As a mature-age student and a mum of two young children, I did not know if I could complete my degree. Choosing UQ was one of the best decisions I have made. The ongoing support I have received from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit has made it possible to stay focused, even when challenges arise. The Indigenous Tutoring and Retention Program has also been vital throughout my degree to maintain my goals.

RACHEL DOOLAN
Bachelor of Health Science

Why choose UQ?
UQ offers a complete university experience, including an exciting range of educational, social and cultural opportunities, to help you achieve your individual goals.

- UQ is the number one university in Queensland for graduate employability (QS Graduate Employability Rankings, 2019), and UQ graduates enjoy some of the best employment rates and starting salaries in Australia, thanks to our outstanding global reputation.

What can I study?
UQ offers the most comprehensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs and courses in Queensland across a range of study areas, including:

- Agriculture and Environment
- Architecture and Planning
- Arts, Communication and Society
- Business Economics and Law
- Education
- Engineering and Information Technology
- Health and Behavioural Sciences
- Humanities
- Law
- Medicine
- Science and Mathematics

Support services available
UQ strives to ensure that all students feel part of a supportive and inspiring learning environment. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit has been an integral part of developing my understanding of the concepts I encounter within my studies, and have allowed me to engage in the content in a way that has benefited not just me in my studies but me in my overall personal development.

MURRAWAH JOHNSON
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit has been a source of support and guidance in my time at UQ. The degrees that I am studying have opened my world up to the intersections and complex interfaces of politics and the world that I live in. The dynamic student space, staff and senior lecturers at the ATSIS Unit have been an integral part of developing my understanding of the concepts I encounter within my studies, and have allowed me to engage in the content in a way that has benefited not just me in my studies but me in my overall personal development in my time at UQ.

JADE YANNER
Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering

“Coming from a trade background in studying engineering at The University of Queensland was a difficult transition, moving from industry to academia. Thankfully, the university faculty and the staff at the ATSIS Unit on campus were incredibly welcoming and supportive of individual student’s needs. My experiences with the staff at UQ reaffirm that the decision to study here ensures that I will receive incredible support throughout my degree.”

Admissions pathways
In addition to gaining entry through QTAC based on your Overall Position (OP) or other tertiary selection rank, UQ has an admission scheme specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

How do I apply?
For more information about applying through QTAC, visit qtac.edu.au.

For UQ postgraduate coursework and higher degrees by research requirements, visit future-students.uq.edu.au or contact the ATSIS Unit for further assistance.

For UQ undergraduate programs, all applications for UQ’s undergraduate programs are processed through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC).

How can I contact the ATSIS Unit?
For more information about applying through QTAC, visit qtac.edu.au.

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