

START UNI NOW

SUN

2011/2012

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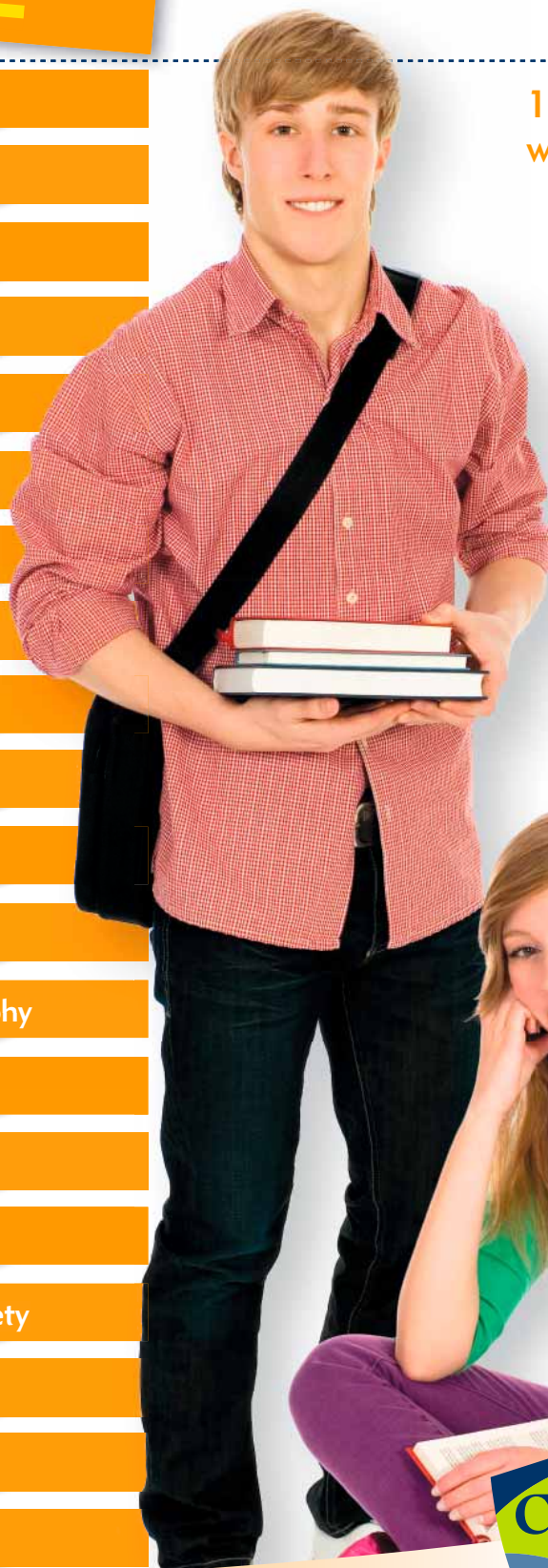
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BE WHAT YOU WANT TO BE

WHAT IS SUN?

Start Uni Now (SUN) is a CQUniversity initiative that allows those of you in Year 11 and 12 to study CQUniversity courses (at CQUniversity, a 'course' is the word used to describe a 'subject') whilst still in high school. You can enrol in a range of CQUniversity courses, either on-campus (face-to-face) or by distance education (online), and combine them with your regular high school work.

WHY STUDY SUN?

If you are a high performing student who can take on the challenge of tertiary level study, then SUN could be for you! Some of the benefits of starting university early with SUN include:

Sneak peak: With SUN you will get an insight into university life and be more prepared for the transition from high school to university.

Direct Entry: You may be eligible to apply for direct entry into an undergraduate degree at CQUniversity – meaning you will not need to apply and wait for an offer to university through QTAC. To be eligible for direct entry, you must pass at least one SUN course as well as meet all entry requirements and prerequisites of the undergraduate degree in which the course belongs. In addition, you will need to show evidence of Year 12 completion (QCE).

For example, the 'Principles of University Learning' course belongs to the Bachelor of Learning Management degree. If you study and pass 'Principles of University Learning' as a SUN course, complete Year 12 (QCE), and meet the entry requirements you will be eligible for direct entry into this degree at CQUniversity. For more information on direct entry please refer to the SUN Program Guidelines on the SUN website www.cqu.edu.au/sun.

QCE Credit: Each SUN course you successfully complete can be credited towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). 2 QCE credit points are granted for each 6 unit of credit SUN course passed.

Affordable: The SUN courses are offered at a reduced price which is less than a third of the cost a regular university student pays. As a SUN student you can save anywhere between \$900 – \$2752 per course.

Credit Transfers: If you enrol as a CQUniversity student after Year 12, you will be eligible to receive a credit transfer for each SUN course you have passed (providing these SUN courses are part of your degree). This means that this course will count towards your degree, reducing the number of courses you need to study when you enter university.

IS SUN RIGHT FOR YOU?

Enrolling in university courses while still in high school is both demanding and challenging. As a SUN student you are treated the same as a regular university student. You are an ideal candidate for the SUN Program if you have:

- Excellent time management skills
- High levels of self-discipline and self motivation
- Access to and confidence using a computer and the internet
- Highly developed communication skills (written and spoken)
- Time to devote to a university course

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR SUN?

To be eligible to apply for SUN you must be an Australian citizen/permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen enrolled in Year 11 or 12. You must also be passing all school subjects and achieving at least B grades in both OP Board Mathematics and English (or equivalent in your previous term of study). You will also require permission from your principal/school nominee and parent/guardian.

WHAT CAN YOU STUDY?

A wide range of CQUniversity courses are available through the SUN program. Below is a list of each program area that SUN courses are offered from. Read through our career descriptions, think about what job you want in the future, then visit the SUN website www.cqu.edu.au/sun to choose a SUN course to match your interests. Online you will be able to view course outlines, information regarding mode of study and course availability. For a list of term dates please refer to the back page of this brochure.

Accounting

Do you enjoy working with numbers? CQUniversity offers a Bachelor of Accounting degree that gives you the knowledge and skills to work in a range of areas in accounting such as assurance services, consulting services, information technology (IT) services, forensic accounting, international accounting, strategic management, taxation and financial planning.

Arts

Do you have an interest in human culture? Do you excel in english, history and geography? You may be interested in studying arts. The CQUniversity Bachelor of Arts offers a huge range of study areas including history, geography, journalism, liberal studies, media studies, cultural studies and many more.

Aviation Technology

Do you have a fascination with aerospace and an interest in how planes get off the ground? Do you excel at science and mathematics? CQUniversity's Bachelor of Aviation Technology allows graduates to work in a range of operational and management positions in the aviation, aerospace and information technology industries.

Business

Whether you are interested in working for a corporate company, in a government position, or even owning your own business, CQUniversity's Bachelor of Business is the program for you. You can specialise your study to major in:

- » Aviation
- » Human Resource Management
- » Information Systems
- » Management
- » Marketing
- » Procurement and Supply

Communications

Are you interested in the media? Do you have a flair for communicating? A career in communications may be for you. CQUniversity offers a Bachelor of Professional Communications that will kick-start your career into areas including journalism, public relations, media and communications, advertising and more.

Education

Could you see yourself working with children? A learning management degree at CQUniversity gives you the skills and knowledge to work in education. Choose your speciality between:

- » Early childhood education
- » Primary education
- » Secondary education

Engineering (Associate Degree only)

Do you enjoy solving problems? Are you curious about how things work? If you would like to be at the cutting edge of scientific and technological advancements, then becoming an engineering associate will provide you with a challenging career. Associate Degree of Engineering graduates enjoy a wide variety of career options across a range of industries and government sectors.

Environmental Health

Environmental health is the study of recognising, evaluating and controlling environmental factors affecting public health. Examples of topics in this complex field include:

- » Communicable disease management
- » Disaster management
- » Environmental effects on human health
- » Food safety
- » Indoor air quality
- » Potable and recreational water quality
- » Vector-borne disease control
- » Waste management.

Exercise and Sport Sciences

Are you interested in sports and fitness? Do you have a curiosity about how and why the human body moves? CQUniversity's Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Sciences will help take you into a career in exercise science, human fitness, family and community health, lifestyle management, occupational health and safety, and personal health.

Health Promotion

If you are interested in health and want to help improve public health and wellbeing, you should consider the Bachelor of Health Promotion at CQUniversity. Health promoters and educators fulfil a crucial role in the community, providing the general public with information and support to lead a healthy and active lifestyle.

Information Technology

Are you good at problem solving and have a keen interest in how people and organisations use computers and information systems? If so, you may want to study information technology or information systems. An IT degree at CQUniversity will allow you to begin a career in many areas, including programming, web design, graphic design, software development and more.

Japanese

Are you interested in learning about Japan, the culture and the language? If so you may want to study a Japanese course.

Medical Imaging and Sonography

Are you interested in the technical side of health and medicine, working with people and making a difference? If so you may want to study medical imaging or sonography. Graduates of the Bachelor of Medical Imaging will find employment opportunities as a diagnostic radiographer in employment areas such as public and private hospitals, clinics and community health care services. Graduates of the Bachelor of Medical Sonography will find employment opportunities as a sonographer or ultrasonographer in organisations such as public and private hospitals, clinics and community health care services.

Multimedia

Are you interested in animation and graphic art? Do you have creative flair? If so, you may be interested in studying multimedia. Graduates of the Bachelor of Multimedia will find employment opportunities in games design, multimedia/web design, creative online product research, and online education.

Music

Are you passionate about music and want specialist training in musical theatre, classical, jazz and contemporary music performance and composition? The CQUniversity Bachelor of Music may be the program for you. Graduates from this program establish careers as stage performers, professional musicians and recording artists.

Nursing

Are you good with people and want a challenging yet rewarding career? If so, you may want to consider nursing. CQUniversity's Bachelor of Nursing gives you the skills to work in the health care industry and health promotion agencies including occupational health, aboriginal health, community health, drug and alcohol agencies, the armed services, public and private hospitals and nursing homes.

Occupational Health and Safety

Occupational health and safety studies develop your expertise in the identification and anticipation of occupational health and safety hazards in the workplace. This program covers a range of topics including occupational hygiene, human factors and safety science/risk management.

Psychology

If you're fascinated by people and how their minds work, then you may be interested in becoming a psychologist. CQUniversity offers a Bachelor of Psychology that will allow you to work as a registered psychologist in Queensland in a variety of areas including hospitals, private practice, business, education, courts, correctional facilities and sports.

Science

Are you interested in how the natural world works? If so, you may want to study a science. CQUniversity offers a large range of science programs such as medical science and environmental science.

Social Work

Are you interested in people and their relationships within society? Social work studies at CQUniversity covers a range of social science topics including psychology, sociology, social work and welfare studies. As a social worker you could be employed in a range of contexts including hospitals and community health centres, disability and mental health services, correctional facilities, indigenous and cross cultural services, education settings, community-based welfare agencies, and private practice.

WHERE CAN YOU STUDY SUN?

You can study SUN regardless of where you live. SUN courses can be studied either on-campus (internal) or online by distance education.* You can choose a way of studying that suits you best.

If you are interested in studying your SUN course internally, CQUniversity has campuses in Bundaberg, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Noosa and Rockhampton.

As a SUN student studying either on-campus or by distance education, you will require regular access to the internet and it is strongly recommended that you have internet access available at home.

Distance Education Students: As a distance education student, you will be required to access course resources and materials online and you may require extra assistance from a teacher or staff member at your school during the course of the program. Our online teaching resources are designed to provide you with direct access to lecturers and other students for study support.

On-campus Students: As a student studying on-campus, you will be expected to attend lectures and tutorials which may occur during school hours. You will also need access to the internet as all of your course materials and resources will be available online.

Residential Schools: Some external courses may require compulsory residential school attendance. Residential schools require you to attend a designated campus for three to five days to undertake the practical components of your study. Details of residential school attendance can be found in the course profiles or published in the CQUniversity Student Handbook at <http://handbook.cqu.edu.au/handbook/>.

WHEN CAN YOU STUDY SUN?

SUN courses are offered over three university terms.* Each term is 12 weeks in duration followed by an examination period. Please refer to back page for term dates and application deadlines.

HOW MANY SUN COURSES CAN YOU STUDY?

You are able to study up to four SUN courses while you are still in high school. SUN courses are valued in units of credit and are worth either 6 or 12 units of credit each. Under the SUN Program you are able to study up to 24 units of credit in total. It is recommended that you undertake a maximum of one SUN course per school semester to cope with workload. Depending on your chosen course, the term will include weekly lecture and tutorial commitments as well as multiple assessments such as assignments and exams. When determining how many courses to study in tandem with school and other personal commitments, you should allocate a workload of between 10 – 16 hours per week per SUN course.

HOW MUCH DOES SUN COST?

SUN offers a discounted rate for the courses you study. As tabled below, fees are determined by which CQUniversity faculty the course belongs to. Please view your selected course profile available at www.cqu.edu.au/sun for further reference.

CQUniversity Faculty	Normal fee for 6 unit credit course	What you will pay for a SUN course
Faculty of Arts, Business, Informatics and Education	\$1200 to \$1542	\$300
Faculty of Science, Engineering and Health	\$2202 to \$3102	\$350

Fees must be paid up-front and are calculated per unit of credit. Most courses have 6 units of credit, however some courses have 12 units and are therefore double the cost. Refer to table on back page for fee due dates.

You are expected to purchase your own textbooks, study material and cover any expenses related to attendance at compulsory residential schools such as travel and accommodation.

Once you have completed year 12, as a university student you generally have the option of utilising the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP), which allows, if eligible, for you to defer payment of your student contribution until your income reaches a set threshold set by the Government.

HOW TO APPLY

Providing you meet all eligibility requirements, you can apply by downloading and completing a SUN application form at www.cqu.edu.au/sun. Prior to submitting your application please read the SUN program guidelines also available at this site. Please refer to the back page or this website for application closing dates.

Your application form must be signed by your principal/school nominee, a parent/guardian, and yourself. You must also submit an original or certified copy of your most recent report card along with details of any other experience and relevant qualifications.

* SUN courses and their availability are subject to change. Not all courses are available each term and study mode options vary.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM	TERM DATES	SUN APPLICATION DUE DATE	SUN FEE DUE DATE *
TERM 3, 2011	31 October 2011 – 3 February 2012	3 October 2011	22 November 2011
TERM 1, 2012	27 February 2012 – 25 May 2012	30 January 2012	20 March 2012
TERM 2, 2012	2 July 2012 – 28 September 2012	4 June 2012	24 July 2012
TERM 3, 2012	29 October 2012 – 1 February 2013	1 October 2012	20 November 2012

*Census Date/Last date to withdraw without financial penalty.

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