With the START QUT program you can:

• trial up to two different study areas to help you to decide on your future course and career options
• potentially receive advanced standing (credit) for up to two units towards a related bachelor degree, reducing future debt
• be eligible for up to four credit points towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
• receive an adjustment of up to two QTAC selection ranks, one for each unit you successfully complete, towards entry to QUT
• prepare for uni by attending classes and undertaking assessment alongside first-year QUT students
• extend your knowledge in an area of interest and start working towards your dream career
• learn from world-class teachers who will support and inspire you
• immerse yourself in the university lifestyle and become a part of the student community.

What can I study?
You can complete one or two units from a wide range of study areas including:
• building and planning
• business
• creative practice, communication and design
• education
• health and community
• justice
• Mandarin
• science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
Depending on which unit you choose, you will study at either Gardens Point or Kelvin Grove campus. And if you aren’t able to study on campus, some education and justice units are offered externally.

How will START QUT fit in with my school studies?
Each START QUT unit has its own timetable with classes running both during and outside school hours. You’ll need to talk with your school and parents/guardians to work out a plan for managing your university classes, school and other commitments.

It’s important to consider whether you have enough free time to commit to START QUT in addition to your school work, extracurricular activities and part-time employment. As a guide, most students will need to spend eight to 10 hours per week on university study, including going to classes, reading and preparing for assessment. Also consider travel time between school or home and uni.

A great head start
I really enjoyed START QUT and it reinforced that QUT was 100 per cent for me. I loved the atmosphere and meeting people who shared my passions. When starting uni, I was more prepared and confident with a good understanding of what was expected for assessment and what the lectures and tutorials looked like. It gave me a great head start and I felt like I belonged.

Zoie Mearns
START QUT student
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