

School of Communication and Arts

Postgraduate Communication programs O-Week Semester 1/2024 Welcome session

Date: 15/07/2024, 3pm to 5 pm - 03-309 Steele Building

Moderators:

Dr Elena Block, MCommun Convenor

Ms Corinne Rice, Administrative Officer

Acknowledgment of **Country**

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.

This campus has always been a space for teaching, learning, research and collaboration tens of thousands of years before it was established as a university campus, and continues today.



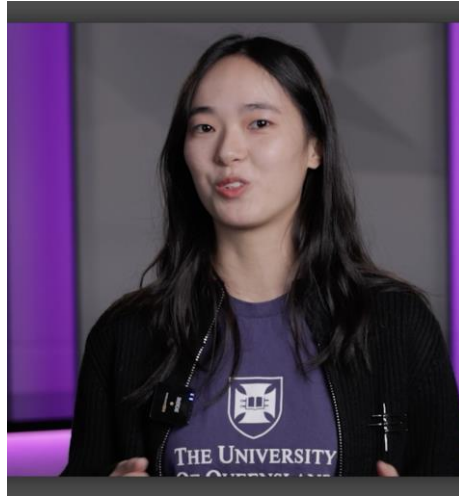
Welcome!!!

1. The Program Planners
2. Getting started – A little video...
3. The importance of Program and Course Progression (MCommun Convenor, Dr Elena Block).
4. Who's who: Getting to know our academic and admin staff
5. Administrative support, services, facilities:
 - i. Ms Corinne Rice (and other administrative officers) communication-arts@uq.edu.au
 - ii. MaPs team services (Ms Evangelene Dickson) - <https://communication-arts.uq.edu.au/aboutmaps>
 - iii. Mr Sven Fea (Placements)
 - iv. Ms Angela Hannan (Outreach Librarian); <https://www.library.uq.edu.au/>
6. Q&As

Something nice & inspiring before we continue....Video time!



Zhiyang Xin (Shine)



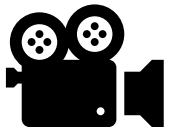
Zijun (Domi)



Vindhya



Carla



Big thanks to MaPS's Evangelene and to our dear alumni!! 😊

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OF QUEENSLAND
AUSTRALIA

CREATE CHANGE

2. Understanding your program structure

Postgraduate Communication program planners: The path to graduate

Three programs:

Two-year Duration
MCommun

1.5-year duration
MCommun

Graduate
Certificate

Two fields of study:

Strategic
Communication

Communication
for Social Change

<https://hass.uq.edu.au/postgraduate-program-advice>



Course progression

Dedicated sheets, depending on

1. Program (2 years, 1.5 years)
2. Starting your program in first or second semester

Note:

Prerequisite for enrolment in Thesis COMU7009
course: **GPA of 5.5 + grade of 5 or more for
COMU7292 (Research Design)**





3. Preparing for your courses

Some recommendations from your future course coordinators and lecturers...

Who's who



MCOM Program
Convenor

Dr Elena Block – e.block@uq.edu.au

- Questions on organising your curriculum
- **Request approval for off-list electives**
- Approve program variations
- **Strategic Communication Campaigns (COMU7301)**
- **Digital Media (COMU7304)**



Dr Aparna Hebbani- a.hebbani@uq.edu.au

- **Thesis – full time #6 (COMU7009)**
- **Thesis – part-time #6 over two semesters (COMU7007)**
- **COMU7400 Leadership and Communication Management**
- **Strategic Communication Major Convenor (BCommun).**

Who's who



Communication
for Social Change

A/Prof. Elske van de Fliert - e.vandefliert@uq.edu.au

- **Communication for Social Change: Foundations (COMU7102)**
- **Participatory Development Communication (COMU7013)**



Communication
for Social Change

A/Prof. Pradip Thomas - pradip.thomas@uq.edu.au

- **Communication for Social Change (COMU7000)**
- **Community Informatics (COMU7014)**
- **Communication and Social Movements (COMU7012)**

Who's who



Prof. Shuang Liu - shuang.liu@uq.edu.au

- **Communication Research Design (COMU7292)**
- **Intercultural Communication (COMU7311)**



Prof. Kelly Fielding - k.fielding@uq.edu.au

- **Communication Theory (COMU7201)**
- **Risk Communication (COMU7111)**



Dr. Jagadish Thaker - j.thaker@uq.edu.au

- **Corporate Social Responsibility (COMU7430)**
- **Issues and Crisis Management (COMU7302)**

Who's who



Dr. Lemi Baruh - l.baruh@uq.edu.au

Strategic Communication Foundations (COMU7103) – S2



Dr. Kylie Navuku

**Teaching COMU7000 for A/Prof. Pradip Thomas in S1/2024
Placements COMU7015 (S2) – TBA**

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Who's who



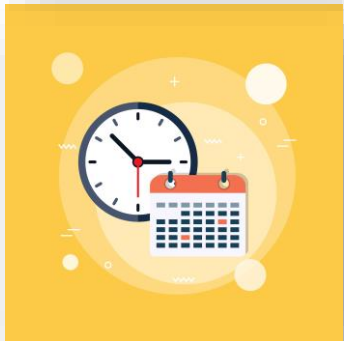
Ms Corine Rice

- **Administrative Officers (Administrative questions related to the program)**
- communication-arts@uq.edu.au



Mr Sven Fea - s.fea@uq.edu.au

- **Placements (aka Practicum), Internships & Work Experience**
- **Administration Officer (Placements)**



Timetabling - timetabling.commarts@enquire.uq.edu.au

- **Timetabling management**
- **Questions/issues with your timetable**

UQ Facilities - MaPS

MaPS – JacTech / jactech@uq.edu.au



Mr Paul Smith

- Manager, Media and Production Service

FAQ....

- **Course profiles & Blackboard:** *What is Blackboard and ECP? How do I access my lecture recordings and modules?*
- **Timetabling:** *What do I do if I have a timetable clash?*
- **Assessment:** *Is it compulsory to attend a lecture/tutorial and will I be graded on attendance?*
- **Textbooks:** *Where do I find information about required readings/textbooks? Should I wait until Week 1 to buy reading materials?*

Important dates

January 29 – 9am

My Timetable preferencing closes Semester 1 2024

February 12 - 16

Orientation Week Semester 1 2024

February 19

Classes commence Semester 1 2024

March 1

Last day to add a course or alter enrolment for Semester 1 2024

March 31

“The Census Date”

Last date to **drop** Semester 1 2024 courses or cancel enrolment without
financial liability

April 30

Last date to **drop** Semester 1 2024 courses or cancel enrolment without
academic penalty

Important terms



Your University
Central
Faculty
School



Your Degree
Program
Plan

- Minor
- Major
- Extended major



Your Courses
Course

- Compulsory
- Elective

Unit
ECP
Blackboard

Get support

HASS Student Administration Team

- Degree questions
- Credit requests
- Academic progress
- Overseas study approval

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/contact

School Student Administration Team

- Course questions
- Timetables
- Assessment

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/your-academic-resources

HASS Student Futures Team

- Extra-curricular opportunities
- Career mentoring and seminars
- Leadership development

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/enrich-your-study-experience

UQ Student Services

- Learning assistance
- Disability support
- Counselling
- International student services
- Accommodation
- Multi-faith chaplaincy

Contact

my.uq.edu.au/student-support

Stay Connected



UQ Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences



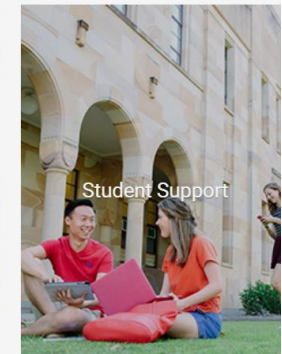
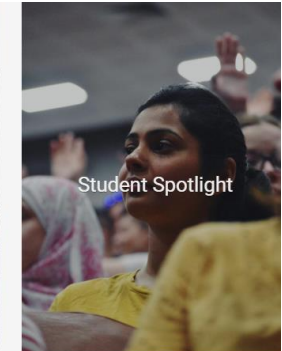
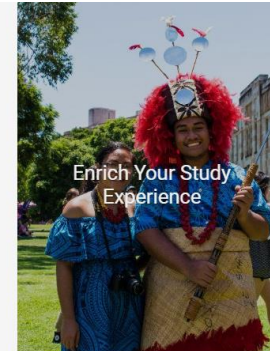
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The home of HASS online

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UQ Facilities

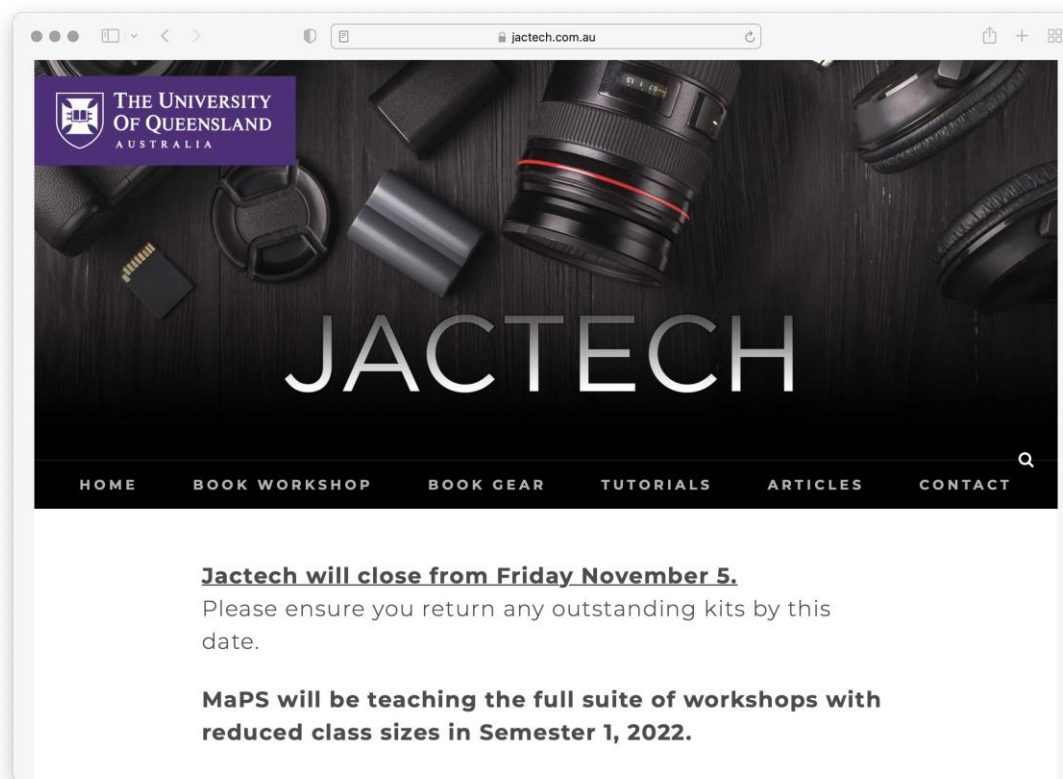
Media and Production Support (MaPS)



UQ Facilities

www.jactech.com.au // jactech@uq.edu.au

JacTech (borrow gear, offers workshops and online tutorials)



Video/Photo kit



Audio kit



Placement and Work Experience Insurance

All UQ Students can access up to 30 days of **Work Experience** (not for course credit) Insurance per calendar year.

- **Placement Insurance** is also available for placement activities that are course requirements.
- Travel insurance is also available in certain circumstances for both Work Experience and Placements
- **School approval** is essential prior to undertaking Work Experience or Placement activity in order to access Insurance.
- **The activity type** will determine the Insurance process.

Placement and Work Experience Insurance

For further information, contact:

Sven Fea

SCA Placements Officer

Level 6 Michie Building (#9)

Email: scaplacements@uq.edu.au



UQ Facilities: The Library

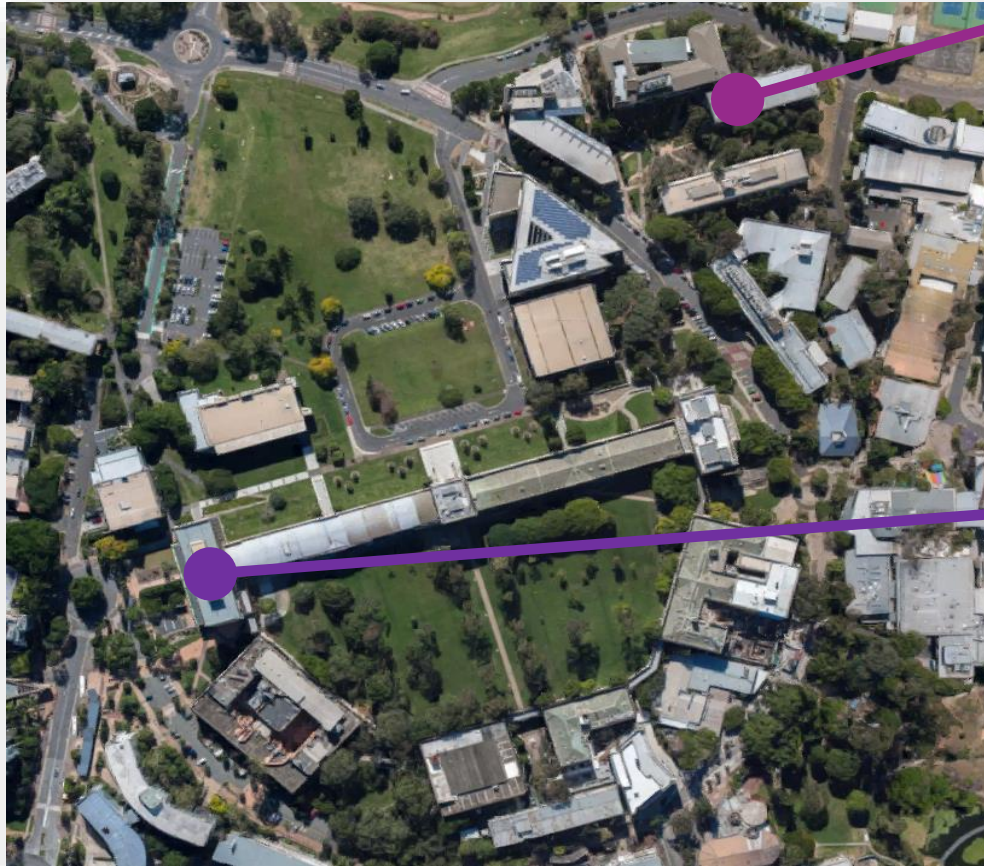


Ms Angela Hannan - a.hannan@library.uq.edu.au

Our Outreach Librarian – Humanities and Social Sciences

- **Library facilities**

Find MCommun spaces & rooms: School of Communication & Arts



Joyce Ackroyd Building (#37)

2nd and 3rd floors

- Seminar room (208)
- Ideas Space
- JACtech
- Academics

Michie Building (#9)

6th-8th floors

- CommArts Reception
- Seminar rooms
- Working spaces
- Academics

Key take aways

1. Find the right **program planner** for you, enrol in the right courses
2. UQ offers a wide range of **facilities** and associations
3. **Don't be afraid to ask** – contact us! 😊

Questions?

- **General questions:** Orally (for us in the room) and via Zoom for Dr Aparna Hebanni and Dr. Lemi Baruh
- Or contact me later... e.block@uq.edu.au



Quick Survey

We really value your feedback as it allows us to improve for the future. Please complete this 3 minute survey.

