

Bachelor of Communication Dual Degree Exchange Fact Sheet

What do I need to do?

1. Start planning early!!

You need to start preparing for exchange at least 12 months prior:

- **Visit** the [UQ Abroad website](#) for information on eligibility, the application process, links to seminars and to read about others' experiences.
- **Attend** an information session conducted by [UQ Abroad](#).
- Refer to the [BComm Dual Degree Exchange planner](#) that demonstrates how an exchange semester can be incorporated into the BComm component of your program. As this is a structured program you must undertake **exchange in Year 3 Semester 1**.
- **Remember** to save 6 to 8 units of non-compulsory courses towards your major for your exchange semester.
- **If you need help** with planning your program, contact the [Faculty of HaSS](#)

2. Consider Course Constraints

- Students in the BComm must go on **exchange in Year 3, Semester 1**, and for the duration of one semester only, as the program is structured with core compulsory courses that are offered in specific semesters and must be studied at UQ.
- **No student will be permitted to undertake courses towards Part A** of the course list, as these courses have been specifically designed for the program and must be undertaken at UQ.
- It is **strongly recommended** that you save the non-compulsory courses towards your major and undertake these while on exchange to give yourself the most choice and flexibility when choosing universities and should your pre-approved courses at your host university not be available on arrival.
- For this reason **you should not undertake any core compulsory courses** towards your major as these courses are very difficult to match overseas and other courses often cannot be substituted for those that are pre-approved.
- Sufficiently detailed course profiles **must be provided** to demonstrate that the content covered within the course is sufficiently equivalent to content studied in the course at UQ. **Course profiles should include information about the extended syllabus, aims and objectives, contact hours, texts and references and assessment.**

3. Decide on a Host University

- It is recommended that students attend one of the following host universities, however, other universities will be considered. You should refer to the [List of Host Institutions](#) provided on the UQ Abroad website, take heed of additional advice specific to host and choose those that offer courses in your desired elective areas.
- Only universities that offer the study areas you require, whose semesters align with UQ and who can provide detailed course profiles will be considered.

Country	Host Institution	Comments
Canada	Uni of Toronto	
Germany	Ludwig Maxmillians	
Hong Kong	Chinese Uni of Hong Kong	
Netherlands	Uni Utrecht	
Singapore	Nanyang Technological Uni	
Spain	IE University	Segovia campus
	Pompeu Fabra	
UK	Uni of Leeds	Highly competitive for entry to communication courses
	Uni of Nottingham	
	Uni of Sussex	Highly competitive for entry to creative media modules
USA	Kansas State Uni	
	State Uni of NY Stony Brook	Only very few UQ students can be accepted in a semester. You must have multiple elective choices.
	Uni of North Carolina Chapel Hill	Majority of courses must come from the School of Media and Journalism
	Uni of South Carolina	Several courses relevant to minors. Entry to courses in the 300-400 level are highly competitive so students should have a range of options prepared.
	Uni of Texas at Austin	

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4. Applying for Exchange

Please refer to the [UQ Abroad website for application details and deadlines](#). Documentation to be submitted **must include** the following:

- Completed UQ Abroad exchange Study Plan form.
- Relevant course profiles detailing the extended syllabus, aims and objectives, contact hours, texts and references and assessment for each of the courses listed on the study plan so that they can be assessed.
- The completed [BComm Dual Degree exchange study planner](#).

Remember while an exchange semester is a great opportunity, you should be prepared for experiences outside your comfort zone. You may have setbacks such as approved courses not being available when you arrive, so a flexible attitude is important, and while UQ Abroad and the Faculty will try to assist, be ready to take responsibility for resolving challenges that arise as well as taking advantage of the exciting experiences in front of you.

Important Things to Consider

An exchange semester may add time to complete your program

- You should understand that undertaking a semester on exchange may add up to one year onto your program subject to the prerequisite requirements of your UQ courses and the sequence of study required. Requests for program or major variations will not be approved due the completion of exchange and the scheduling of courses. It is up to you to ensure you plan your program requirements around your exchange semester.
- If you are a student who is on a scholarship, requires Centrelink funding, or any other funding where continuous full time enrolment is required we ask that you carefully consider taking an exchange semester and be aware that subject to circumstances that may arise, when you return you may not be able to enrol full-time due to the prerequisite requirements of your courses.

International students only

As complications during an exchange semester may add time onto the completion of your program, due to stringent visa requirements international students should think very carefully before undertaking an exchange semester and if you choose to do so, plan your program and select host institutions very carefully.

Applying for credit for previous studies

If you are eligible, think carefully before applying for credit for previous studies towards the major of your degree. Courses towards your major are your only option for exchange, so it is recommended that you keep 6 to 8 units of courses towards your major if you are wanting to go on a semester long exchange.

Short Term Global Experiences

If you are unable to undertake a semester long exchange, an alternative is to participate in a short-term global experience (e.g. 4-6 weeks over winter or summer semester). Some global experiences may be for credit such as towards unspecified electives. More information is available from the Student Employability Centre website – [Global Experiences](#).

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Exchange Study Planner Bachelor of Communication Dual Degree

To complete this planner please list your proposed majors/minors, then enter:

- the courses that you have completed to date;
- the courses that you are currently enrolled in;
- the courses that you intend to take on exchange; and
- the courses that you intend to complete upon your return from exchange.

Core courses that must be taken in sequence, at UQ, are pre-filled.

Please submit a copy of this completed study planner with your application for exchange.

Major: _____

SAMPLE BCOMMUN PLANNER ¹ with the example of one major and electives		YOUR PLANNER	
Year 1 semester 1		Year 1 semester 1	
COMU1120	2 units	COMU1120	2 units
WRIT1200	2 units	WRIT1200	2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 1 semester 2		Year 1 semester 2	
COMU1052	2 units	COMU1052	2 units
COMU1130	2 units	COMU1130	2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 2 semester 1		Year 2 semester 1	
COMU1140	2 units	COMU1140	2 units
COMU2030	2 units	COMU2030	2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 2 semester 2		Year 2 semester 2	
Major level 1	2 units		2 units
COMU2160	2 units	COMU2160	2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 3 semester 1 Exchange Semester		Year 3 semester 1 Exchange Semester	
Major level 2/3	2 units		2 units
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Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 3 semester 2		Year 3 semester 2	
COMU2120	2 units	COMU2120	2 units
WRIT2000	2 units	WRIT2000	2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 4 semester 1		Year 4 semester 1	
COMU3120	2 units	COMU3120	2 units
Major level 2/3	2 units		2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 4 semester 2		Year 4 semester 2	
Major level 2/3	2 units		2 units
Major level 2/3	2 units		2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units

Notes:

1. This is an EXAMPLE only. The exact sequence depends on the choice of major and their prerequisite requirements. Course scheduling and timetabling change each semester. Accommodating your choice of major and an exchange semester within the timetable is your responsibility and may affect the availability of some majors or courses.

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