

Bachelor of Social Sciences 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 [BSocSc Dual Degree Exchange planner](#) that demonstrates how an exchange semester can be incorporated into the BSocSc component of your dual degree program. As this is a structured program you must undertake **exchange in Year 2 Semester 2**.
- **Remember** to save 6 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 BSocSc must go on **exchange in Year 2, Semester 2**, and for the duration of one semester only, as this is a structured program where course prerequisites must be met before progression to more advanced courses, and SOSC3201 and SOSC3202 must be taken in consecutive semesters in your final year.
- **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	Notes
Austria	Uni of Graz	
Canada	Most Canadian institutions that include Sociology are suitable, such as Queens Uni, Uni of Alberta, UBC and Uni of Calgary.	
Germany	E.K. Tübingen	Short list of course choices in English for electives including sociology.
Ireland	Univ. College Dublin	Range of suitable courses including an introductory statistics course.
Netherlands	Uni Amsterdam	Short list of course choices in English for sociology related electives.
	Uni Utrecht	
New Zealand	Auckland	
Norway	Uni Bergen	
	Uni Oslo	
Singapore	Nanyang Technological Uni	
	National Uni of Singapore	
South Africa	Uni Cape Town	Only 3 UQ students can attend Uni Cape Town each year. Entry to courses in the humanities & social sciences disciplines is highly competitive.
Sweden	Uni Lund	Short list of course choices in English for electives including sociology
UK	Most UK institutions that include Sociology are suitable. Read the advice specific on the UQ Abroad website. Note in particular that Univ. College London and Loughborough have a restricted range of	

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	disciplines available.
USA	Most US institutions that include Sociology are suitable. Read the advice specific on the UQ Abroad website. In many cases, institutions are best for, or in some cases must be for, non-specific electives. Only very few UQ students can be accepted at Boston College, the State Uni of New York Stony Brook, Rutgers University, Uni of Illinois, Uni of Texas at Austin and Uni of Washington. As the Uni of Connecticut does not provide course profiles, applications for exchange to this institution can only be for unspecified electives. Institutions popular with other social science students have included Kansas State Uni, Uni of Massachusetts, Uni of Washington and Uni of Wyoming.

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 [BSocSc 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 non-compulsory courses of your major. These courses are the only courses available for you to undertake on 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 Social Science Dual Degree

To complete this planner please list your proposed major, 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 BSOCSC PLANNER ¹		YOUR PLANNER	
Year 1 semester 1		Year 1 semester 1	
POLS1102	2 units	POLS1102	2 units
SOSC1000	2 units	SOSC1000	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	
POLS2401	2 units	POLS2401	2 units
Major level 1	2 units		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	
SOCY2019	2 units	SOCY2019	2 units
Major level 2	2 units		2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 2 semester 2 Exchange Semester		Year 2 semester 2 Exchange Semester	
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
Year 3 semester 1		Year 3 semester 1	
POLY3000	2 units	POLY3000	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 3 semester 2		Year 3 semester 2	
SOCY2339 ²	2 units	SOCY2339 ²	2 units

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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 1		Year 4 semester 1	
SOSC3201	2 units	SOSC3201	2 units
SOCY3329	2 units	SOCY3329	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	
SOSC3202	4 units	SOSC3202	4 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 minor (if applicable) and their prerequisite requirements. Course scheduling and timetabling change each semester. Accommodating your choice of majors/minors and an exchange semester within the timetable is your responsibility and may affect the availability of some combinations.

2. SOCY2339 is a recommended prerequisite for SOSC3201 and SOSC3202. Students planning an exchange semester who are comfortable with mathematics may choose to undertake this course in Year 1, Semester 2. While it is recommended it be completed prior to taking SOSC3201, exchange students also have the option of taking SOCY2339 in Year 3, Semester 2.

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