University **of the**
Sunshine Coast

Can't wait to start university?

Headstart and the Integrated Learning Pathway

A university experience
for year 11 and 12 students

Rise, and shine.

CAN'T WAIT TO START
UNIVERSITY?

You can experience university while still completing secondary school through two different programs offered by the University of the Sunshine Coast.

> **Headstart,** an on-campus university experience

> **Integrated Learning Pathway** (ILP), a university experience at your school or a school near you

These programs allow you to complete first year university subjects when you are in Year 11 and 12. You'll get a taste of university life to help you prepare for future study.

University is different from school

When you enrol in Headstart or ILP, you become a USC student completing university-level courses. University in an independent adult learning environment which means you'll be responsible for your own assessment and attendance. To fit in both university and school studies, it's important to maintain a balance of school work, university work, sport, family commitments and social activities.

Student Support

University may seem daunting but you'll be supported by USC and your school. Your university course teacher and tutor will provide feedback throughout your studies. You'll have access to support services and staff are on hand if you need assistance. Don't forget that your school is also there to help you balance school and university.

Eligibility

We have high expectations for students who start university while still in school. Entry into both Headstart and ILP is competitive, and is based on your academic achievements.

To apply you must:
- Be an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident (ie domestic student) OR be a non-domestic student on a visa other than a student visa*
- Be completing a full workload of Year 11 or 12 curriculum
- Be achieving a B-grade average or better**, and
- Have approval and a positive recommendation from your school.

* International students on a student visa are not eligible to apply.

** Special circumstances may be considered on a case by case basis. The school must attach a written statement setting out the student's case for consideration.

CREATING A PATHWAY TO USC

Starting university while still in school has a number of benefits but one of the most valuable is that you'll be gaining credit towards your USC degree.

Passing one university course, through either Headstart or ILP, will give you credit towards a related USC degree. Passing two courses gives you an additional bonus – guaranteed entry to most programs at the University of the Sunshine Coast.* Credit may be granted for related degrees at other universities but this is subject to approval by the other university. To continue your studies at USC as a Year 12 school-leaver, you apply through QTAC. Then, you complete a USC credit transfer application after you have accepted your QTAC offer.

Benefits of starting university while still in school:

- **Gain credit towards a USC degree.** This will ease your study load when you come to university full-time.

- **Save money.** USC subsidises the cost of Headstart and ILP courses decreasing the overall cost of your degree.

- **Prepare for university.** When you enrol in your university degree you'll be well prepared having already completed study at this level.

- **Broaden your education.** You could select a USC course in a subject area not offered by your high school.

- **Enhance your school performance.** Studying at a more advanced level can improve your performance at school as you'll be learning new academic skills and will have access to extra study resources.

- **Gain QCE points.** Completed university courses can contribute towards your QCE. One semester counts for 2 credits.**

*Students may be required to meet additional entry requirements for programs with high entry cut-offs and/or prerequisites. Students are expected to successfully complete Year 12.

**The required standard of achievement is a grade of 4 on a 7-point scale, or a Pass grade.

	Headstart	ILP
Classes scheduled outside of school hours		✔
Access to USC campus facilities	✔	✔
Attend class at your school or a nearby school		✔
Attend class with other university students on campus	✔	
Gain credit toward a USC degree	✔	✔
Study university-level subjects	✔	✔

ARE YOU READY TO START UNI NOW?

This is for you if:

- You would like to take your school studies to a more advanced level.

- Overall, you are doing well at school (achieving at least a B-grade average).

- You have a passion or skill in a particular area of study at school.

- You can manage your own studies and schedule of commitments.

- You have the academic skills to research study topics, write assessment pieces and sit for exams.

What is Headstart?

Headstart is a transition program for Year 11 and 12 students to study USC courses on campus while still completing high school. Through the Headstart program you can complete up to two courses and can only study one course per semester.

Your study options

More than 70 courses are available to Headstart students from the following study areas:

- Business, IT and tourism
- Creative industries, design and communication
- Education
- Engineering, planning and science
- Health, nursing and sport sciences
- Humanities, psychology and social sciences
- Languages and linguistics
- Law and criminology

Courses available through the Headstart program are all first-year university courses selected from a wide range of bachelor degree programs. As a Headstart student you'll attend lectures and tutorials alongside first-year university students at either our Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast or Gympie campus.

See the complete list of Headstart courses available on pages 5–9 or go to **usc.edu.au/headstart**

Attending classes

Generally Headstart students have 3–5 contact hours per week. Classes run between 8am and 9pm, Monday to Friday, and some Saturdays. A university course usually requires you to attend a lecture and tutorial each week. In some cases an additional workshop or laboratory session will also be required. Lectures usually run for 1–2 hours and are delivered to large groups, sometimes up to 100 students. Tutorials are similar to classes you might attend at school. These will be smaller groups, around 30 students, and can run for 1–3 hours. You'll also need to allow personal study time, set aside 10–12 hours per week over the semester including class time. While some courses offer an online lecture, students are encourage to enrol in on-campus lectures to make the best use of the experience of being a university student.

So what will Headstart cost?

There is no tuition fee for the first Headstart course you complete*. Your second Headstart course has a course fee ($400 in 2016; refer to **usc.edu.au/fees** for 2017 amount) but scholarships are available to assist students from low-income families, or who identify with other recognised equity groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, or students with a disability.

You should allow an additional $100 per course for textbooks, photocopying and any other study related costs.

*only applies to domestic students, non-domestic students pay full fees, visit **usc.edu.au/fees** to check the fee.

Dana Larkin
Headstart student
Siena Catholic College

Dana enrolled in Headstart so she could prepare for university and try some subjects not offered at her school. She started with the academic skills course COR109 Communication and Thought and has since moved on to ITL210 Italian C.

"In COR109, I got to learn how universities teach classes so I won't be thrown in when I go next year. My results in English went up a full grade from B to an A and I'm sure it's because of what I learnt at USC. It'll help when I go to uni. Instead of being terrified and unsure, I'll have learnt how universities work. If you are interested in something and thinking about doing it for your university diploma or bachelor – it doesn't hurt to know what you are in for."

Available Headstart courses

A wide range of courses are available to Headstart students. Learn more about these on the following pages or visit **usc.edu.au/headstart**

Business, IT and tourism	Semester 1	Semester 2	Location	Entry Requirement
BUS101 Business Analytics	✔	✔	Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast (Sem 1 only) and Gympie (Sem 1 only)	Nil
BUS102 Introduction to Economics	✔	✔	Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast and Gympie (Sem 1 only)	Nil
BUS104 Management and Organisational Behaviour	✔		Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast and Gympie	Nil
BUS105 Introduction to Marketing	✔	✔	Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast (Sem 1 only) and Gympie (Sem 1 only)	Nil
BUS106 Accounting for Business	✔	✔	Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast (Sem 1 only) and Gympie (Sem 1 only)	Nil
BUS108 Introduction to Informatics	✔	✔	Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast (Sem 1 only) and Gympie (Sem 1 only)	Nil
ICT112 Creative Problem Solving with Programming	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
ICT115 Introduction to Systems Design		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
MGT130 Supply Chain Management	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
TSM102 Introduction to Tourism, Leisure and Events	✔		Sippy Downs and Fraser Coast	Nil

Creative industries, design and communication	Semester 1	Semester 2	Location	Entry Requirement
CMN102 Communication Theory and Practice	✔	✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
CMN103 Introduction to the Creative Industries	✔	✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
CMN104 Introduction to Media and Communication Industries	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
CMN105 The Illuminated Screen: Introduction to Film and Television Studies		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
CMN116 Introduction to Creative Writing	✔	✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
CMN120 Public Relations: Contemporary Perspectives	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
CMN130 Introduction to Journalism	✔	✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
CMN140 Introduction to Creative Advertising		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
CMN150 Visual Journalism		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
COR109 Communication and Thought	✔	✔	Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast and Gympie	Nil
CRM101 Introduction to Criminology	✔	✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
CRM102 Understanding Crime		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
CRM103 Punishment and Corrections		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
CRM105 Policing		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
DES101 Visual Literacy: Design Principles and Practice	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
DES102 Ways of Seeing: Understanding Images	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
DES103 Digital Photographic Practice		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
DES104 Visual Worlds: An Introduction to Art and Design History		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
DES105 Introduction to Design	✔	✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
DES106 Typography		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
DRA100 Performance Skills Laboratory 1	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
DRA101 Dramatic Languages		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
EGL120 The ' English' Tradition: An Introduction to Literary Studies	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
SGD100 Playcentric Game Design	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
SGD101 Game Art 1	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
SGD103 Serious Video Game Design Workshop		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
SGD120 Interactive Narrative: Fundamentals	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil

Education

Education	Semester 1	Semester 2	Location	Entry Requirement
EDU101 Human Development and Learning	✔	✔	Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast and Gympie (Sem 1 only)	Nil
EDU103 Integrating ICTs into Learning		✔	Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast and Gympie	Nil
EDU104 Foundations of Literacy and Numeracy	✔	✔	Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast and Gympie (Sem 1 only)	Nil
EDU107 Science Teaching in the Early Years	✔		Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast and Gympie	Nil
EDU110 Early Learning Environments and Curriculum		✔	Sippy Downs and Gympie	Nil

Engineering and science

Engineering and science	Semester 1	Semester 2	Location	Entry Requirement
ENG101 Engineering Professional Practice	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
ENS103 Earth's Surface Processes, Materials and Soils	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
LFS100 Cell Biology	✔	✔	Sippy Downs	Must be in Year 12
MTH102 Mathematics Foundations	✔	✔	Sippy Downs and Gympie (Sem 1 only)	Must be studying Maths B or C
SCI102 Biodiversity and Ecology		✔	Sippy Downs	Must be studying Biology
SCI105 Chemistry	✔	✔	Sippy Downs and Gympie (Sem 2 only)	Must be studying Chemistry
SCI107 Physics		✔	Sippy Downs and Gympie	Must be studying Maths B or C
SCI110 Science Research Methods	✔	✔	Sippy Downs and Gympie (Sem 2 only)	Recommended to be studying Maths A, B or C
SET111 Environment, Technology and Sustainability	✔	✔	Sippy Downs and Gympie (Sem 1 only)	Nil

Health, nursing and sport sciences

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Location	Entry Requirement
LFS103 Introductory Bioscience	✔	✔	Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast (Sem 1 only) and Gympie (Sem 1 only)	Must be in Year 12
LFS112 Human Physiology		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
LFS122 Human Anatomy		✔	Sippy Downs	Must be studying Biology
NUR121 Health, Culture and Society	✔		Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast and Gympie	Nil
PUB102 Environment and Health		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
PUB112 Public Health Foundations		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
SPX101 Introduction to Sport and Exercise Science	✔		Sippy Downs and Fraser Coast	Nil
SPX102 Introduction to Coaching Science		✔	Sippy Downs and Fraser Coast	Must be in Year 12
SPX120 Sports Field Studies 1	✔		Sippy Downs and Fraser Coast	Nil

Languages and linguistics

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Location	Entry Requirement
IND110 Indonesian A	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
IND111 Indonesian B		✔	Sippy Downs	Prerequisite: IND110
ITL110 Italian A	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
ITL111 Italian B		✔	Sippy Downs	Prerequisite: ITL110
JPN110 Japanese A	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
JPN111 Japanese B		✔	Sippy Downs	Prerequisite: JPN110
LNG110 Languages and Linguistics		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil

Humanities, psychology and social sciences	Semester 1	Semester 2	Location	Entry Requirement
ENP101 Planning Principles and Practice	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
ENP103 Spatial Governance and Planning		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
GEO100 Changing Planet Earth	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
GEO101 Introducing Human Geographies		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
HIS100 History of Australian popular culture: The Twentieth Century and Beyond		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
INT100 International Politics: An Australian Perspective		✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
INT140 An Introduction to Australian and Comparative Politics	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
JST101 Justice and the Australian Legal System	✔	✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
PSY100 Introduction to Psychology A	✔		Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast and Gympie	Nil
PSY102 Current Directions in Psychology	✔	✔	Sippy Downs	Nil
PSY103 Applied Psychology in Health Care	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
PUB104 Introduction to Behavioural Health	✔		Sippy Downs and Fraser Coast	Nil
SCS110 Introduction to Sociology: Society, Culture and Change	✔	✔	Sippy Downs, Gympie and Fraser Coast	Nil
SCS130 Introduction to Indigenous Australia	✔	✔	Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast (Sem 2 only) and Gympie	Nil
SCS140 Introduction to Development Studies	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil
SCS172 Social Work and Human Services Practice	✔	✔	Sippy Downs, Fraser Coast (Sem 2 only) and Gympie	Nil
SUS101 Foundations of Sustainability	✔		Sippy Downs	Nil

HOW TO **APPLY**

Find a course that best suits your career aspirations or interests, one that will count towards the degree you want to study or that extends on your favourite subjects at school.

1. Assess your options

Take a look through the courses available on pages 5–9 and choose the one that meets your needs.

2. Discuss with your school

Before you apply for a Headstart course you need to discuss your intentions with your school's Headstart Coordinator.

3. Check the timetable

Once you have chosen the course you would like to study, you must nominate the classes you would like to attend. Check the USC timetable for lecture and tutorial times. Timetables for Semester 1 2017 will be available on the USC website from 10 October 2016; and for Semester 2 from 15 May 2017.

4. Complete the application form

Download the application form from the USC website and nominate three preferred times for the lectures and tutorials (and workshop/laboratory sessions if applicable). Make sure you discuss these selections with your school to avoid clashes.
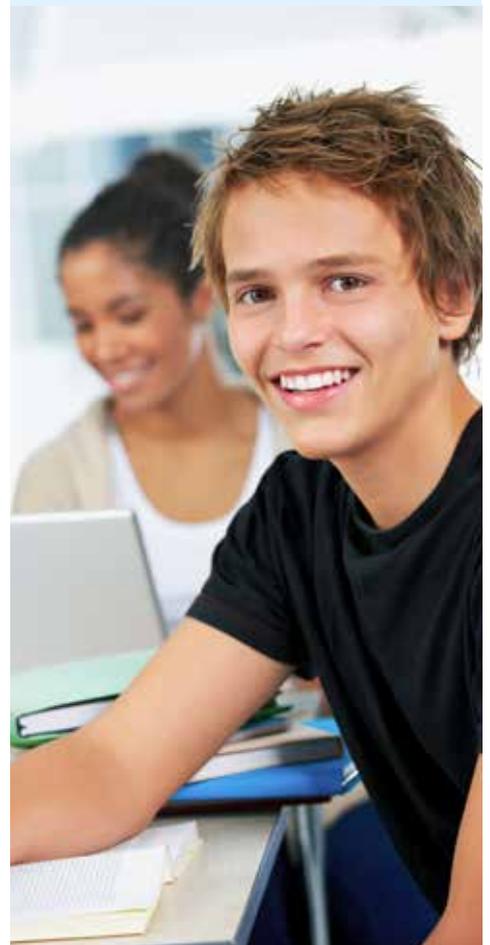
5. Submit your application

Hand your completed application form and supporting documentation to your school's Headstart Coordinator for approval. If approved, they will forward your application to USC by the due date.

6. Receive an offer

If your application is successful, USC will email you enrolment and orientation information before the start of the semester. This will be mid-December for Semester 1 or late-June for Semester 2.

Application due dates.

31 October 2016 for Semester 1 and 26 May 2017 for Semester 2

How to continue to a second Headstart course

To apply for a second Headstart course you must pass your first course before you can progress to your second course. Once official grades are released your application will be assessed.

Complete the Headstart Continuing Enrolment Form available from **usc.edu.au/studentforms**

What is ILP?

The Integrated Learning Pathways Unit (ILP) program was launched in 2009 to provide a university experience to secondary school students without requiring them to travel to a university campus. The original focus of ILP was engineering but an increasing variety of university disciplines are being added each year such as business, chemistry, design, drama, education and health.

ILP classes are delivered at one of four 'hubs' at Caloundra, Chancellor, Gympie and Redcliffe. You do not have to be a student at a hub school to participate, you can enrol in classes at the hub closest to you. ILP classes are usually scheduled outside of school hours, however if you are planning to attend classes at another school you will need to speak with your school and the relevant ILP hub to ensure the class timetable fits with your own school's timetable.

ILP is delivered via a collaborative partnership between USC, secondary schools, Construction Skills Queensland and the Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre.

Your study options

Each course is delivered weekly at the nominated ILP hub, and runs for approximately fifteen weeks in total. Class delivery varies depending on the requirements of the course. You can contact the ILP Hub Coordinator at your local hub for details about the class timetable. See page 12 for Hub Coordinator details.

ILP courses are grouped into disciplines, each discipline consists of two university courses. You can choose to complete both courses within a discipline or can select courses from different disciplines. Throughout Year 11 and 12 you can complete up to four courses, you can only study one course per semester and must pass your first course before you can progress to a second.

In 2016 the following disciplines were delivered at the locations below. This can be used as a guide for 2017. Please be aware that discipline areas are not available at all hubs. A complete list of ILP courses will be available on the USC website from October 2016, visit **usc.edu.au/ILP** for details. Disciplines are offered subject to sufficient enrolment numbers.

	Caloundra Hub	Chancellor Hub	Gympie Hub	Redcliffe Hub
IL Business		✔		
IL Chemistry		✔		
IL Design		✔		
IL Drama		✔		
IL Education		✔		
IL Engineering	✔	✔	✔	✔

ILP courses Possible discipline areas include the following:

Integrated Learning Business (ILBus)
BUS102 **Introduction to Economics** (Semester 1)
BUS106 **Accounting for Business** (Semester 2)

Integrated Learning Chemistry (ILChm)
SCI105 **Chemistry** (Semester 1)

Integrated Learning Design (ILDes)
DES101 **Visual Literacy: Design Principles and Practice** (Semester 1)

Integrated Learning Drama (ILDra)
CMN103 **Introduction to the Creative Industries** (Semester 1)
DRA101 **Dramatic Languages** (Semester 2)

Integrated Learning Education (ILEdu)
EDU104 **Foundations of Literacy and Numeracy** (Semester 1)
EDU103 **Integrate ICTs into Learning** (Semester 2)

Integrated Learning Engineering (ILEng)
ENG101 **Engineering Professional Practice**
SET111 **Environment, Technology and Sustainability**

Integrated Learning Health (ILHlt)
HLT140 **Think Health** (Semester 1)
PUB102 **Environment and Health** (Semester 2)

Where can I study? ILP classes are delivered at the five hubs listed below.

ILP HUB: Where the classes are delivered.	NEARBY PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS: Schools in the area which have previously participated in classes at this hub.	ILP COORDINATOR: Organises the ILP classes at this location. Contact this person for details about the class timetable.
Caloundra Hub Based at Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre (next to Caloundra SHS)	Beerwah SHS Glasshouse Country Christian College Kawana SHS Meridan State College Pacific Lutheran College Unity College	Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre Deb McPherson dmcph39@eq.edu.au
Chancellor Hub Based at Chancellor State College	Siena Catholic College Kawana Waters State College Nambour Christian College Mountain Creek SHS Matthew Flinders Anglican College	Chancellor State College Philippa Walker pwalk27@eq.edu.au
Gympie Hub Based at Gympie SHS	James Nash SHS St Patrick's College, Gympie	James Nash SHS Kerry Paige kpaig2@eq.edu.au
Redcliffe Hub Based at Redcliffe SHS	Bracken Ridge SHS Clontarf SHS Sandgate SHS Southern Cross Catholic College St Patrick's College, Shorncliffe	Redcliffe SHS Dan McKennariey dmcke109@eq.edu.au

ILP classes are not listed on the general USC timetable. For ILP classes please refer to **usc.edu.au/ILP**

HOW TO **APPLY**

Find a course that best suits your career aspirations or interests, will count towards the degree you want to study or that extends your favourite subjects at school.

1. Assess your options

View the courses available on the USC website at the ILP hub in your area. These will be available to view from October 2016 at **usc.edu.au/ILP**

2. Discuss with your school

Before you apply for an ILP course you need to discuss your intentions with your school's ILP Coordinator.

3. Check the timetable

Discuss with your school's ILP Coordinator which courses are available at your local hub and when they are being run. Each ILP hub varies in the courses available, as well as the days and times when the courses are run.

4. Complete the application form

Download and complete the application form found at usc.edu.au/ILP. You include a statement detailing your goals, aspiration and reasons for applying. Attach any relevant supporting documentation to support your application.

5. Submit your application

Make sure you and your parent or guardian have signed all the relevant sections on the form and have noted the fee due date. Hand your completed application form and supporting documentation to your school's ILP Coordinator for approval. If approved, they will forward your application to USC by the due date.

6. Receive an offer

If your application is successful, USC will email you enrolment and orientation information before the start of the semester. This will be mid-December for Semester 1 or late-June for Semester 2. Once you have received an offer, you should also contact the ILP Coordinator at your local hub to confirm the commencement date for classes.

So what will ILP cost?

Domestic students
There is no tuition fee for the first ILP course you complete. The course contribution fee for the second course is $400. For the second course, some ILP course tuition fees may be partially supported financially by an external organisation. If this funding is approved, partial funding will be credited to the students account prior to classes commencing. Students do not need to apply for funding. Some courses may incur other fees such as text books and other course requirements.

Non-domestic students
Non-domestic students on visas other than student visas pay full fees. The fee will vary according to the discipline area of the course. Students on international student visas are not eligible for the ILP program.

Calendar

For study in Semester 1, 2017

Important Dates	Headstart	Integrated Learning Pathway
Timetable available on USC website	10 October 2016	October 2016
Applications close	31 October 2016	November 2016
Orientation	20 January 2017	20 January 2017
Classes begin	27 February 2017	Approx week 2 of school Term 1
Census Date	24 March 2017	24 March 2017
Mid-semester break	10–14 April 2017	10–14 April 2017
Exam Period	12–23 June 2017	12–23 June 2017
Results released	7 July 2017	7 July 2017

For study in Semester 2, 2017

Important Dates	Headstart	Integrated Learning Pathway
Timetable available on USC Website	15 May 2017	May 2017
Applications close	26 May 2017	June 2017
Orientation	7 July 2017	7 July 2017
Classes begin	24 July 2017	Approx week 2 of school Term 2
Census Date	18 August 2017	18 August 2017
Mid-semester break	25–29 September 2017	25–29 September 2017
Exam Period	6–17 November 2017	6–17 November 2017
Results released	8 December 2017	8 December 2017

Glossary

Academic Record
An Official Statement of Academic Record is a certified statement detailing a student's complete academic record at USC.

Bachelor
Bachelor is the title for an undergraduate award program (eg Bachelor of Business). Generally, a bachelor degree at USC comprises 288 units (24 courses) and normally takes three years of full-time study, or six years of part-time study, to complete.

Census date
The census date is the date by which students must finalise their enrolment in Headstart.

Contact hours
Contact hours are the number of hours students are expected to attend classes on campus. Headstart and ILP students spend about three to five contact hours per week in classes, plus five to 10 hours of separate study per course per week.

Core course
The core course is a requirement of most USC degrees. The course enables students to gain skills and knowledge for successful tertiary study and lifelong learning. Headstart students can study the core course: COR109 Communication and Thought.

Course
A course (commonly known as a subject) is a component of an award program that is normally one semester in length. Each course is generally 12 units in value. Headstart students can enrol in one course per semester.

Credit transfer
Credit transfer is the process of assessing prior academic work to determine whether those studies are of equal depth and academic rigour as courses offered at USC. A successful credit transfer application will reduce the number of courses required to complete an award program.

Degree
Also known as undergraduate program. Refer to Bachelor.

Faculty
A faculty is an organisational area within the University devoted to particular academic programs and research (eg Faculty of Science, Health, Education and Engineering). Each faculty is headed by an Executive Dean.

Lecture
A lecture involves a member of the teaching staff presenting course content to students. Most courses have one weekly lecture.

Major / minor
A major or minor is an approved sequence of courses from a particular study area. A major consists of 8 courses and a minor consists of 4 courses.

OP
OP is the acronym for Overall Position and indicates a Queensland Year 12 student's state-wide rank order position, which is based on overall achievement.

Prerequisite courses
Prerequisite courses are those that a student is required to complete prior to enrolling in another course.

Recommended prior study
Recommended prior study refers to the Year 11 and 12 subjects (or equivalent) the University recommends students complete before commencing a particular degree.

Semester
The academic year is divided into two main semesters. Generally, Semester 1 runs from February to June; and Semester 2 from July to November.

Tutorial and practical (workshop/lab)
A tutorial or practical (also known as workshop or lab) is a forum for discussion, interaction, presentation and debate. They often give students an opportunity for the practical application of course content.

Undergraduate
An undergraduate student studies an associate degree, bachelor degree or honours program.

Unit
Each course is given a unit value — courses are usually 12 units in value.

USC Central
USC Central is the online system where students enrol, view grades and class schedules, access student invoices and update contact details.

USC Portal (Blackboard)
The USC Portal (also known as Blackboard) is the online system where students can access study materials and other information relevant to their studies.

HEADSTART AND ILP COMMITMENT

USC Commitment

The university agrees to:

- Offer guaranteed entry to most USC programs upon successful completion of two ILP or Headstart courses, where the student has also successfully completed Year 12*
- Provide each student with the rights, privileges and responsibilities granted to other USC students
- Provide feedback to the school about student progress and results
- Provide a copy of the student's academic record to the student
- Grant academic credit for a successfully completed course if the student enrols in a related USC degree

*Students may be required to meet additional entry requirements for programs with high entry cut-offs and/or prerequisties.

Student Commitment

The student agrees to:

- Attend any required classes or orientation sessions (students may be marked on attendance and participation)
- Complete all assessment items on time and contribute to group assignments and presentations
- Check their university email account regularly
- Pay all fees due, including any late fees or fines incurred
- Adhere to the rules and policies of the University
- Have regular meetings with their school to discuss progress
- Notify USC Student Administration in writing if they wish to withdraw from their course by completing the relevant withdrawal form

School Commitment

The school agrees to:

- Nominate only those students who have the ability, motivation and basic knowledge to undertake study at a university level
- Provide appropriate support to the student, including counselling and academic support
- Have regular meetings with the student to identify any problems and report these issues to the university
- Notify USC Student Life and Learning in writing of any problems with the student's ability to attend classes or complete the course

More **questions?**

Headstart information

If you have any questions about Headstart get in touch with our friendly Student Central team.

Visit: Student Central, Ground floor, Building C, USC (Sippy Downs)
Call: 07 5430 2890
Email: information@usc.edu.au
Online: usc.edu.au/headstart

ILP information

If you have any questions about ILP get in touch with our friendly ILP Support team.

Call: 07 5456 5082
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