



# Handbook Navigation Guide

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## Program structure:

The program structure outlines how many courses in total you need to complete and the program structure combinations that you can choose from. Some programs have a set program structure while others are more flexible and offer different combinations. If you are in doubt, please contact Student Support for clarification on 1800 007 252, via email ([usq.support@usq.edu.au](mailto:usq.support@usq.edu.au)) or online chat.

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## Required time limit:

Each program has a maximum time limit that students need to complete the program within. You may [apply to extend this time period](#) if you have experienced extenuating circumstances.

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## Core courses:

A [core course](#) is compulsory and must be satisfactorily completed to meet the requirements of the program.

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## Major and minor courses:

A [major study](#) usually consist of eight specific courses from a recognised study area/discipline. A [minor study](#) is a group of courses (usually four) that you can complete within a certain recognised discipline. In some programs, you can choose four courses from a major discipline.

## Electives and approved courses:

[Electives](#) are free of choice courses that allow to select courses of interest to you, and give you flexibility within your program.

In some programs, you can select an elective from another USQ approved program. Please contact our [BELA](#) or [HES](#) Faculty to gain approval before enrolling in an elective from another program.

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## Exit points:

You may have the option to exit with a lesser award if you have completed a set number of courses within your program.

Here you will find the requirements you need to satisfy to exit with a lesser award. Please refer to our [How can I exit from my current program with a lesser Award?](#) FAQ for further information.

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## Recommended enrolment pattern:

Your program will have a recommended enrolment pattern, which are standard plans showing you the suggested order of study. In some programs, you can deviate from the recommended enrolment plan and personalise your enrolment.

If you require assistance with planning your enrolment pattern, please send an email to [usq.support@usq.edu.au](mailto:usq.support@usq.edu.au).