

# Supporting Student Success

EAIT Faculty – Progression Alert Student Workshop





# Acknowledgement 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.

*The Brisbane River pattern from A Guidance Through Time by Casey Coolwell and Kyra Mancktelow.*





# Questions

We love questions. Please ask!

**This is a Zoom seminar.**

**You can post questions . They are seen only by the staff running the seminar.**

**You can post anonymously or give us your name for follow up afterwards.**

**We will answer all questions and can answer additional questions at the end.**



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# Why are we here?

## Why are we here?

**Because the EAIT Faculty want to help you help yourself.**

**A Progression Alert is a warning that things need to change.**

**Faculty staff (Academic and Professional) have seen first-hand the sorts of actions many students have put in place to change outcomes.**



# Why have I received a Progression Alert?

UQs Early Warning System

**Failed at least 50% of the total unit value of courses for which you received a final grade**

**Withdrawn without Academic penalty after the census date, from all courses in the current Study Review Period**

**Received a failing grade for one or more courses that you have previously failed - within the same or different program of study**



# Perspective



**Maintain your sense of self-worth.**

**You got here and there are lots of good things ahead!**

**Remember your goals:**

Long-term = Your degree and career

Medium term = Pass the course

Short term = Assessment submission



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# Reflection 1

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This is an exercise for you. No need to share. Write in a document or on a piece of paper. You can add to this as we go.

Looking back at last semester, what were the major reasons leading to your Progression Alert?

Separate into:

- Things you didn't have control over (e.g. serious sudden illness).
- Things you did have control over (e.g. not attending class when you could have).



# The past is the past



**Forgive yourself and move-on.**

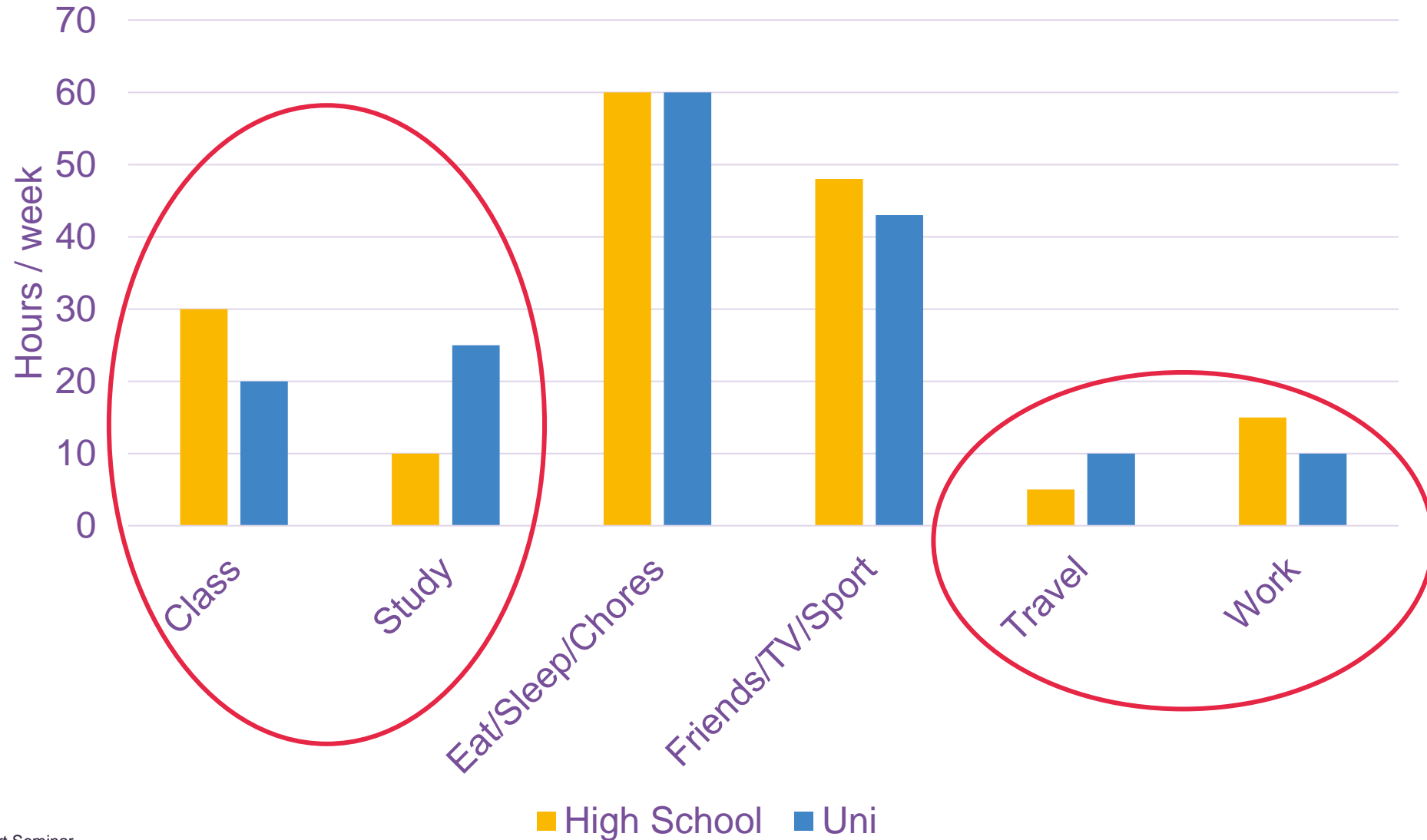
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get things back on track!**



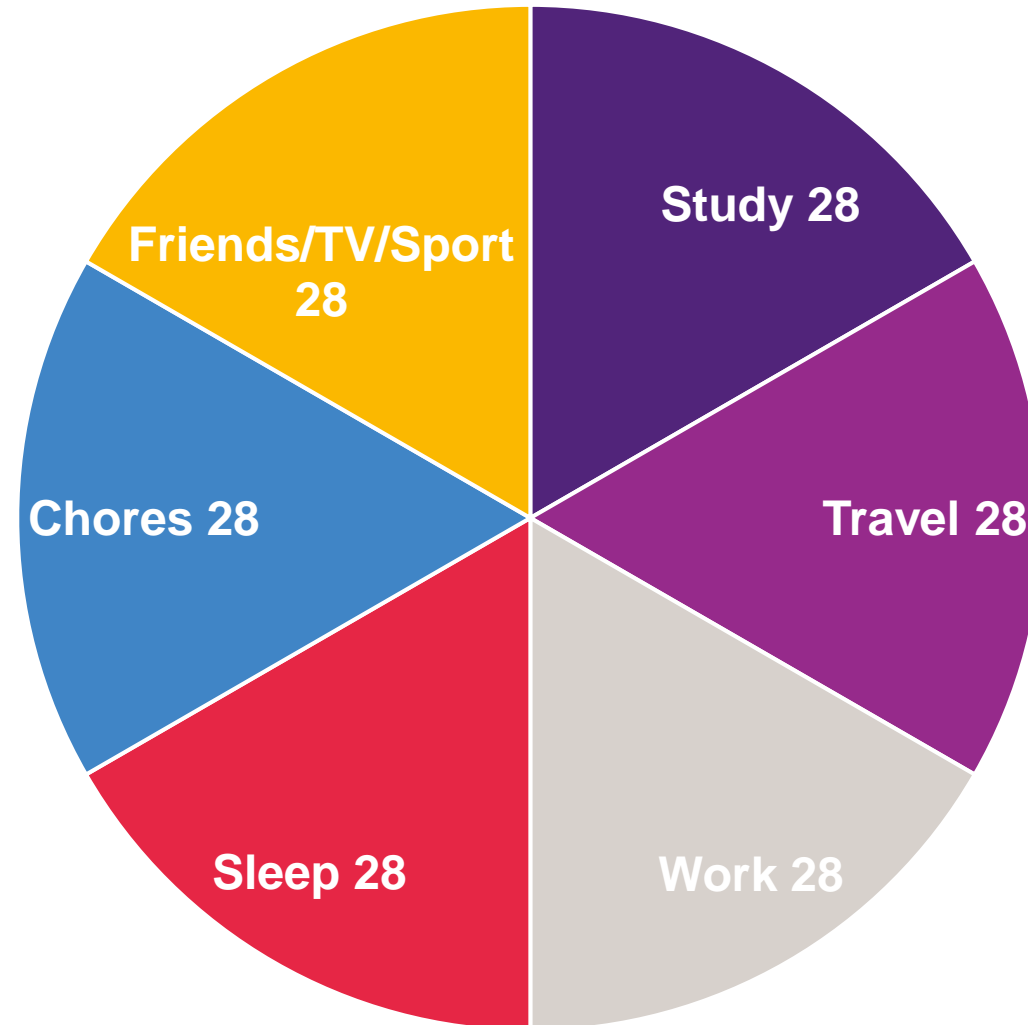
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# Managing life & study

# High School vs University

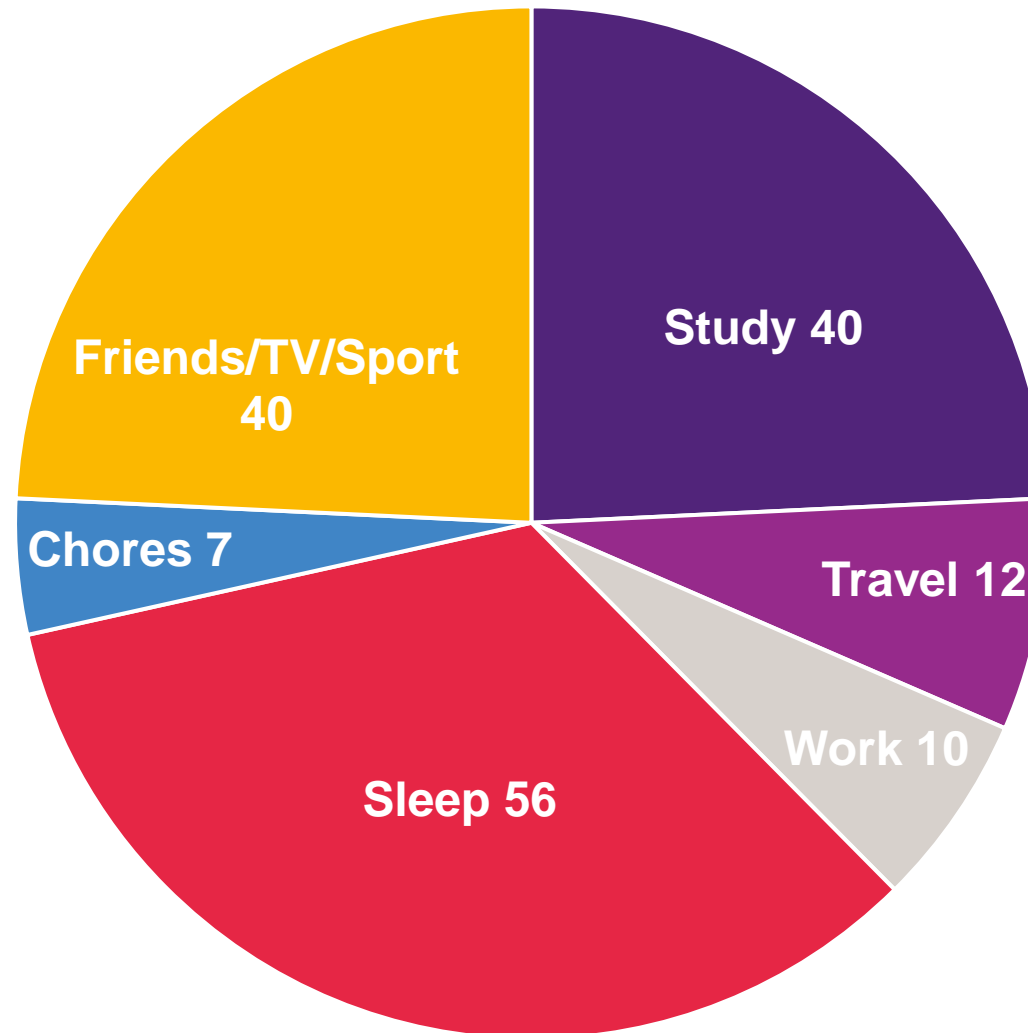


# A week is 168 hours....





# But a week really looks like this...



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# Work vs Study

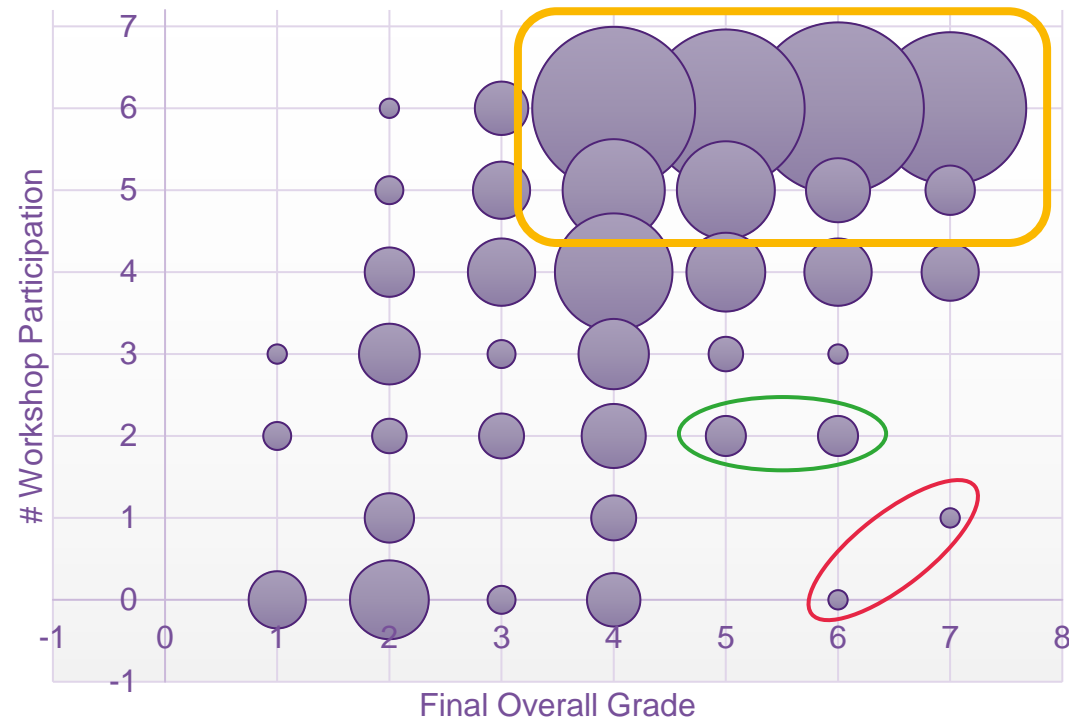
**Working more than 10 hours per week is not recommended when studying full time.**

**Think carefully about how much you NEED to work during semester.**

**Something will have to give if you work more than 10 hours per week.**



# Study is hard work



**Developing mastery takes time,  
effort, and planning.**

**It also requires trying stuff, getting  
stuff wrong, and confusion!**



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# Getting set for success

Talk to someone about  
where things are at





# Study or take a break?

Are you excited or dreading the semester ahead?



**Be committed to the semester ahead**

**or**

**Take a break**

- If you are a **Domestic student**, you can interrupt your studies. In some cases, you need to apply to interrupt. Get academic advice from the EAIT Faculty.
- If you are an **International student**, and want to interrupt your studies, you **must** apply to interrupt.
  - You **must** seek **prior** approval to interrupt your studies. Failure to do so **may impact your student visa**. Get academic advice from the EAIT Faculty.



# Number of courses

Choose a realistic load



## Reduce your enrolment

- If you are a **Domestic student**, you can reduce your enrolment this semester to 4-6 units.
- If you are an **International student**, and want to reduce your enrolment, send your request to under-enrol to the Faculty for approval - [eaitsupport@uq.edu.au](mailto:eaitsupport@uq.edu.au)
  - You **must** seek **prior** approval to reduce your study load. Failure to do so **may impact your student visa**.

# Correct courses

Use academic advice and choose carefully



## Choose your courses carefully

- Only enroll in courses you have **passed the pre-requisites for**
- Get **academic advice** about what subjects to choose over **at least** the next two semesters to support your progress.
- See an **academic advisor** not friends!



## Mental & Physical Health and SAP

- **Very important that you actively manage your mental and physical well being**
- **Keep seeing (or start seeing) your healthcare practitioner**
- **If you need a Student Access Plan – get one as soon as possible.**



- **Plan your week (use your calendar)**

- **Plan your day (list however you want)**

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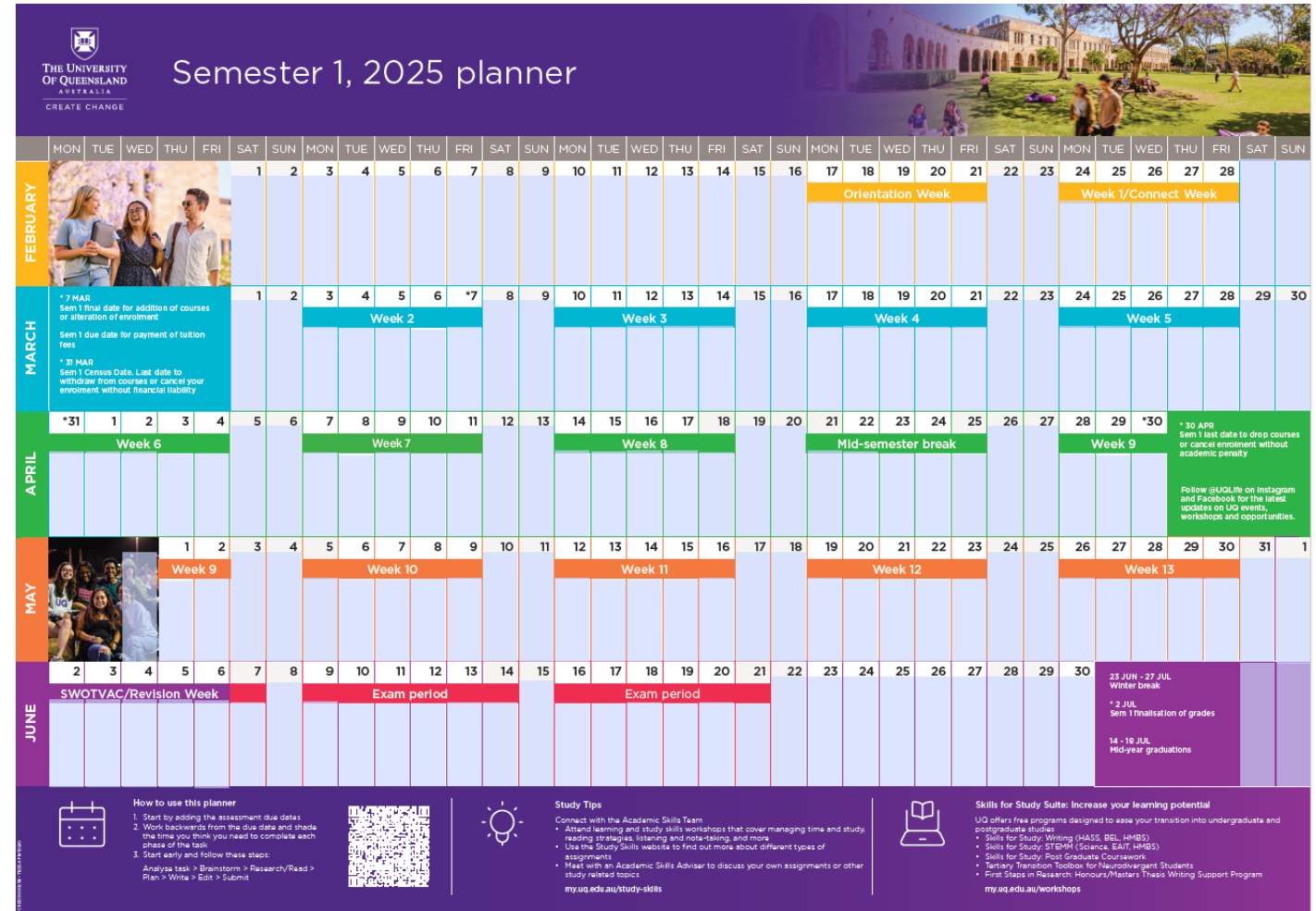


# Plan



<https://my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/study-skills/time-management-and-procrastination>

- **Plan the whole semester**

- Regular classes (into calendar)
- practicals, field trips, etc. that are not every week.
- assignment due dates
- exams
- any other important dates
- include important social/life events
- include important work events



# Semester 1, 2025 planner

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN		
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## Study Tips

- Connect with the Academic Skills Team
- Attend learning and study skills workshops that cover managing time and study, reading strategies, listening and note-taking, and more
  - Use the Study Skills website to find out more about different types of assignments
  - Meet with an Academic Skills Adviser to discuss your own assignments or other study related topics

[my.uq.edu.au/study-skills](https://my.uq.edu.au/study-skills)





## Skills for Study Suite: Increase your learning potential

- UQ offers free programs designed to ease your transition into undergraduate and postgraduate studies
- Skills for Study: Writing (HASS, BEL, HMBS)
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# How you study is important!

Once you have planned your time, use it effectively! Workshops about this are available. Extra important if you feel exams are a major issue for you.

## Effective:

- **Doing stuff!**
- **Testing yourself**
- **Discussing your work/ideas with peers**
- **Making summaries**
- **Writing down your questions**
- **Using feedback**
- **etc.**



## Ineffective:

- **Passive consumption**
- **Re-watching lectures**
- **Re-writing notes**
- **"Solving" problems using solutions regularly**
- **Ignoring feedback**
- **etc.**



# Aim high

But be realistic in expectations

- **Aim for at least a 5.**
- **Consistently getting 4s will eventually result in a 3 or 2.**
- **Change is hard. Passing everything is a great step forward. Don't be discouraged if you don't get 5+ next semester.**
- **Continue the changes you have made and grades of 5+ will come.**





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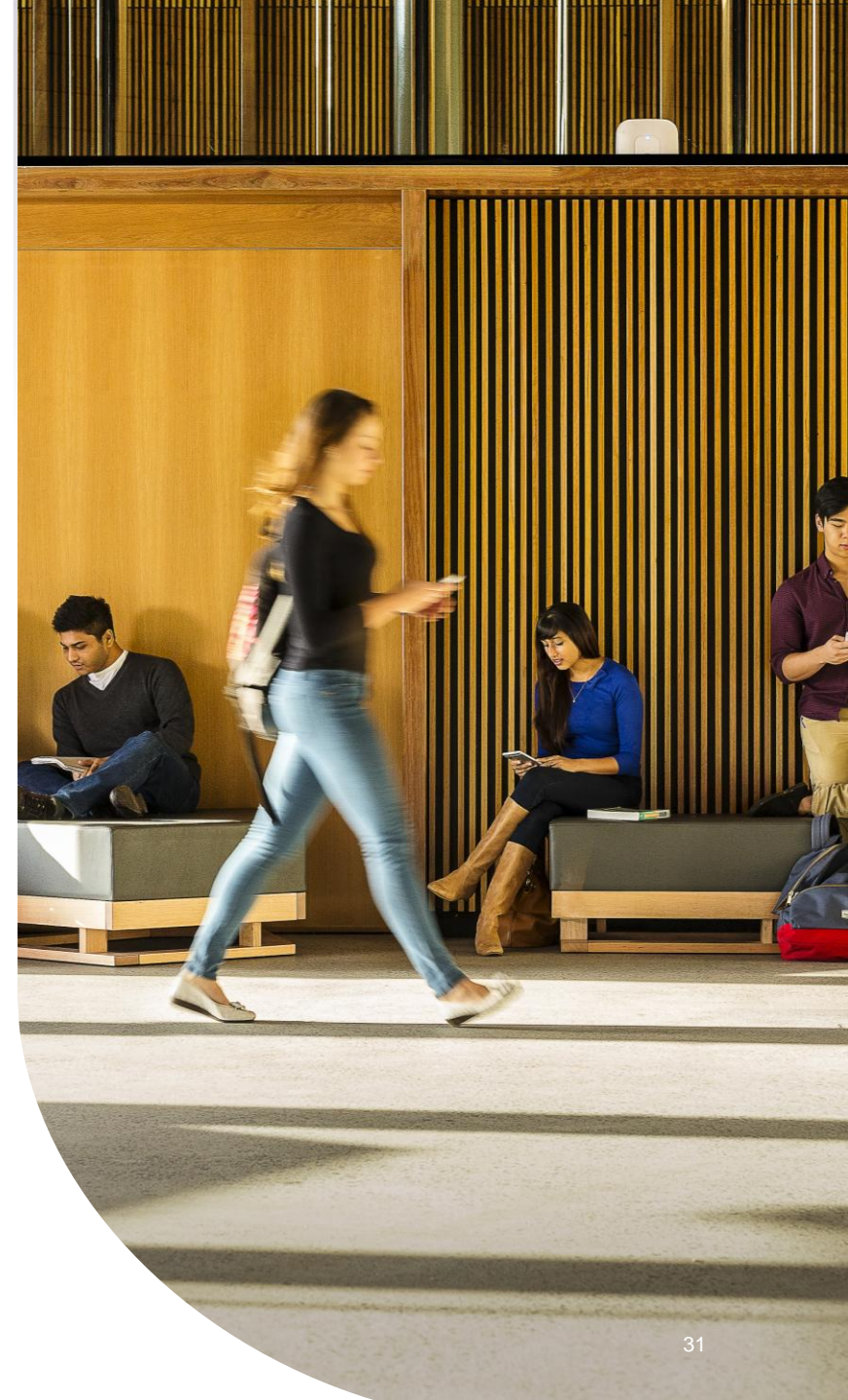
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## What do you plan to do differently in the upcoming semester?

- What are your goals this semester?
- Identify 3 (or more) things you are going to change this semester to help your study.
- Be realistic and as specific as possible.



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# Help and Support

# Myth!

**University is sink or swim  
and no-one cares about  
how you are going.**





# Truth!

We care and there is lots of support available.

**BUT**

You need to reach out or we cannot help.





# Getting Help And Support

## Courses and coursework



### Need help working out what courses to enrol in?

- Contact EAIT Academic Advisors
- <https://www.eait.uq.edu.au/current-students/manage-your-program/academic-advice>

### Help with your academic work?

- Course coordinator; Tutors - check the course profile.
- UQ Library: Workshops and support

**Have a question and can't find what you're looking for or would like further support?  
Contact us via Phone, Email or Chat Online.**

- <https://www.eait.uq.edu.au/contact>

# Student Support @ UQ: Study skills

<https://my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/study-skills>

Refine your writing or study skills with “coaching” from a Learning Adviser

**Workshops**

Learning Advisers offer a program of workshops throughout the semester.

*I have just started my degree and my writing has been pretty messy. This workshop has provided me clear guidance in organising my ideas and my structure.*  
UQ student



**Resources**

You can access a range of free resources and guides to help you with your writing and study management.

*I am only just finding these resources now in the latter part of my 2nd Year of study (part time) and wish I had found them earlier.* UQ student



**Appointments**

You can book a one-on-one consultation with a Learning Adviser.

*“Being honest and giving constructive feedback without judgement was great for effective communication during the appointment.”* UQ student



**Drop-in Sessions**

Develop your writing skills with feedback from a Learning Adviser at our weekly ‘drop-in’ consultation sessions. This is an opportunity to ask a quick question about your assessment task or something specific about your writing, such as your structure or integrating referencing. Drop-in sessions begin in week 1 (28 July) and occur every week until the Revision week (3 Nov). No appointment is required, just bring your writing and come along.

12–1.30pm Thursdays at St Lucia campus – Workshop A 06-223 (opposite Student Central)

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## Access Workshops and Learning Support

- **General study skills**
  - Help with how to study
  - Problem-solving skills
  - Critical reading and analysis
- **Exam tips**
- **Assignment writing**
- **Group work**
- **Presentation skills**
- **Statistics support**
- **Time management and procrastination**

# Student Support @ UQ

Life can be a lot. Use the support available!



## Student Central Support Services

- Administration (ID Cards, Enrolment, Fees and more)
- Support Services (Counselling, Financial hardship assistance, accommodation, [study skills](#) and more)
- Enrichment and Employability (Career advice, global experiences, research programs)



# Student Support @ UQ

Proactive workshops for life and university



## Student Life

- [Life and wellbeing workshops](#) (Peer writing support, mindfulness meditation and more.)
- [Other workshops available through student services](#) (study skills etc.)

## UQ Library

- [Workshops](#) in software, research skills and more.
- [Other library services for students](#)



# Monitor yourself

Don't ignore early indicators of trouble.



## What might indicate you need help?

- Dramatic change in life circumstances
- Not doing things you enjoy
- Doing things you enjoy excessively!
- Not going to class
- Late with assessment
- Multiple extensions
- Etc.

**If this happens, reach out, help is available.  
If in doubt, ask!**

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# What happens if results don't improve?

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## Progression Improvement Plan

### Progression Intervention Notice issued

**You'll be asked to submit a  
Progression Improvement  
Plan to the Associate Dean  
(Academic)**

**The plan should include all  
the steps you have taken to  
improve your results.**

**You must include evidence:**

- **So what you choose to do  
now matters!**

**You may be required to  
attend an interview.**

**The Associate Dean  
(Academic) will make  
decision on your enrolment:**

- **Limit number of courses**
- **Require you seek assistance**
- **Require a break**

# Legislation & UQ Policy

Ask Faculty for  
advice

## All Students: Maximum time for completion

- **All students:** Check the 'Enrolment' policy. Otherwise, you have up to 10 years to complete your degree

## International Students: Student visa

- You must comply with all visa conditions. These may include:
  - Maintain enrolment in a registered program
  - Maintain satisfactory course progress
  - Complete their program by the end date on their Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).
  - If graduation is delayed, apply for a new CoE.

## Interruption Policy

- There is a limit to the length and number of interruptions you can take, and a new process to apply for an interruption and/or return from an interruption
- **Maximum interruption is 2 years.**
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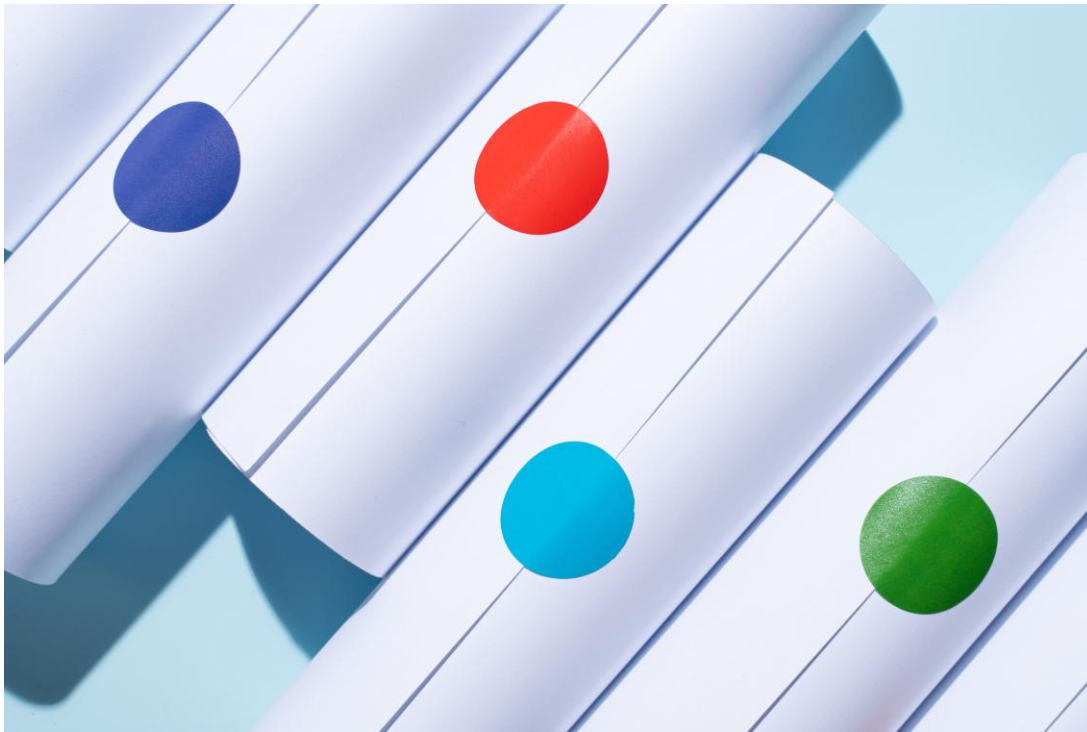
**This includes ALL interruptions whether they are self-imposed or required as part of a progression intervention.**

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# Changes to JRG

JRG = Job Ready Graduates



From 1 January 2024, the Australian Government has **REMOVED** the 50% pass rate requirement for students in a Commonwealth supported place (CSP) or accessing HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP assistance.

**This applies to all domestic students regardless of when you started your degree.**

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# What happens next?

# Important Dates

Refer to the Academic Calendar:

You need to be aware of these dates (put in semester planner)

- **Last date to add semester one courses:**
  - 7 March 2025
- **Census date** (last day to drop a course without financial liability):
  - 31 March 2025
- **Last day to drop courses or cancel enrolment without academic penalty:**
  - 30 April 2025



**Save  
the  
dates.**



**Good choices now will  
help lead to a  
successful semester.**

**Changes you make will  
be great stuff to talk to  
future employers  
about!**



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Thanks. Questions?