

Pre-Master's Programs Q&A

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Question	Answer
Program information, intake dates and structure	
What is the difference between a UTS College graduate certificate and a UTS graduate certificate, especially for some specific majors such as Accounting, Marketing and Finance?	The difference is the entry requirements. Students study the same subjects as in 1 st semester UTS master's degree.
Will there be three intakes for the pre-master's programs?	Yes, we will have three intakes from 2022 onwards in March, July and October.
What is the remaining duration of the master's programs at UTS if a student obtains credit points from this graduate certificate?	The student will have 1.5 years remaining at UTS. Students will receive 24 credit points (one semester off) from their master's at UTS.
When is the first semester starting date and what is the application deadline?	First intake is Semester 2 2021. Applications will open early March 2021. Students will need to accept offers by 9 June 2021. For students based offshore who can travel, offers will need to be accepted leaving enough time for visa processing and travel ready to commence 15 June 2021.
Scholarships	
Will the scholarship process be the same as for our undergraduate academic programs?	Yes, the scholarship process will be the same. It will also count towards the current allocations.
Is there going to be additional scholarships for the pre-master's programs?	We may be able to offer a scholarship and will keep you updated in the coming months.
How can a pre-master's student be eligible for a scholarship?	We will look at the individual merits of the student's application on a case-by-case basis.
Can pre-master's student compete for the scholarships that are available for master's students at UTS?	We will look at the individual merits of the student's application on a case-by-case basis.
Entry requirements - general	
What is the entry requirement to UTS after completing the pre-master's program?	For the Faculty of Engineering and IT and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences there are no requirements. If a student completes all subjects in the pre-master's program, they will be able to articulate into the master's courses. However, for the Business School, there is a requirement of no more than one out of four subjects failed.
What is the academic requirement for this course?	The academic requirement is equivalent to AQF6 (Australian Qualification Framework) Level 6.

Does a potential student who has an associate degree from their country require any experience?	If the associated degree in their country is equivalent with the AQF 6 then no, there would be no experience required.									
How do you categorise the non-recognisable degrees from other countries, such as section 2 or section 3?	The finer details of those assessment practices are yet to be worked out. As we start to build on the information, we will be able to seek clarification and provide more information.									
If a student is eligible for direct entry to UTS but wants to take the pre-masters option instead to build their confidence, can they still choose it?	Probably not at this stage but will reassess if/when we start receiving enquiries.									
What are the entry requirements for direct entry into graduate certificate at UTS?	Direct entry into UTS graduate certificates generally have academic requirements of a UTS-recognised bachelor's degree (AQF7) and IELTS 6.5.									
Will you consider over-qualified students who meet the direct entry requirements into the UTS graduate certificate or master's degree?	We will need to monitor if this request becomes popular and discuss further as a business and with UTSI. There is an opportunity for a pathway offer to be issued to those who don't meet direct entry for a master's degree with UTSI.									
Can students from Sec-3 universities (NOOSR) apply?	We will be aligning with UTSI assessment practices. We need to ensure any qualification accepted is equivalent to AQF 6.									
For some of the PG programs at FASS, the English requirement is IELTS 7.0. If the Pre-Master's programs are a pathway to those PG programs, how would they meet the entry requirement?	The master's courses at FASS that UTS College students are articulated into, all have IELTS requirements of 6.5.									
Will the academic entry requirements be country-specific?	<p>There is no country-specific information as the entry requirements are based on an assessment of the equivalence to the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF).</p> <p>The graduate certificates offered by UTS College are intended to attract quality international students to UTS master's programs in the Faculties of Engineering and IT, Business and Communication where the bachelor's degree held by those students is not recognised, or for students that have met the academic entry for master's courses but do not possess the English requirement (6.5 IELTS).</p> <p>Entry requirements</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="783 1771 1449 2072"> <thead> <tr> <th>Program and Mode</th> <th>Academic Requirements</th> <th>English Requirements</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Grad Cert - Accelerated (1 semester)</td> <td>AQF Level 6: Associate degree / Advanced Diploma</td> <td>IELTS 6.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grad Cert - Standard (2)</td> <td>AQF Level 6: Associate</td> <td>IELTS 6.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Program and Mode	Academic Requirements	English Requirements	Grad Cert - Accelerated (1 semester)	AQF Level 6: Associate degree / Advanced Diploma	IELTS 6.5	Grad Cert - Standard (2)	AQF Level 6: Associate	IELTS 6.0
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Can students get recognition of prior learning (RPL) from this program?	Recognition of prior learning will be assessed as it is currently. Therefore, we will need the student's academic details to be able to liaise with education to confirm if it meets the requirements.		
Can we package a UTS offer with a conditional UTS College offer?	Yes, normal package arrangements apply to new course offerings.		
Entry requirements - Vietnam			
If AQF6 in Vietnam is equivalent to an Advanced Diploma (which might take 2-3 years to complete), what GPA is required?	Any qualification needs to be equivalent to AQF 6.		
Entry requirements – China			
Will the pre-master's program accept a four-year bachelor student without a bachelor's degree certificate from China?	If a student does not have their degree certificate to include in the application, we encourage you to still submit their application for assessment.		
Do students from China with three-year diplomas from a vocational and technology college meet the academic requirements for a pre-master's in business?	Any qualification that is accepted needs to be equivalent to AQF6. We understand this can be difficult to assess on occasions, therefore we encourage you to submit all student applications if they have graduated from an undergraduate degree from any country or you believe they have obtained a qualification that meets the AQF6 equivalent.		
Is a three-year diploma (full-time, part-time or self-taught) from a college in China equivalent to the AQF6 entry requirement?	We have several tools that will assist us with entry requirements; however, our Admissions team will ensure all qualifications received are equivalent, Therefore, we encourage you to submit all student applications if they have graduated from an undergraduate degree from any country or you believe they have obtained a qualification that meets the AQF6 equivalent.		
Do two-year associate degrees or higher diploma qualifications from Hong Kong and Singapore meet the entry requirements?	Any qualification that is accepted needs to be equivalent to AQF6. We understand this can be difficult to assess on occasions, therefore we encourage you to submit all student applications if they have graduated from an undergraduate degree from any country or you believe they have obtained a qualification that meets the AQF6 equivalent.		
Entry requirements – Indonesia			
Will the pre-master's program accept D3 students?	That will depend if D3 students meet the qualification equivalent to AQF6. We encourage you to submit all student applications if they have graduated from an undergraduate degree from any country or you believe they have obtained a qualification that meets the AQF6 equivalent.		
Can the pre-master's program help students who does not meet minimum academic requirements?	If an applicant doesn't meet the entry requirements for a UTS master's degree directly but they have academic qualifications that are equivalent to AQF6 then an offer for a UTS College Pre-Masters can be made.		

Entry requirements – Southeast Asia and North Asia	
Can students with a recognised bachelor's degree still study in the pre-master's program?	Any qualification that is accepted needs to be equivalent to AQF6. We understand this can be difficult to assess on occasions, therefore we encourage you to submit all student applications if they have graduated from an undergraduate degree from any country or you believe they have obtained a qualification that meets the AQF6 equivalent.
Can students with a non-related bachelor's degree take a Pre-Master's program in another area of interest such as Engineering or Business?	For any applicants with a non-related bachelor's degree, we encourage you to submit the application for assessment.
Do the pre-master's courses require work experience?	Work experience is not necessary; however, applicants will need to meet the equivalent of AQF 6.
Will the pre-master's program take students with lower GPAs who cannot get into UTS?	For the assessment, it is not the GPA that is assessed but the qualification. Applicants will need to meet the equivalent of AQF6.
If a student fails English, can they still progress to the master's degree at UTS?	Students will need to pass their English subjects prior to articulating to a UTS master's degree
Are students who meet the direct entry requirements for a UTS master's degree eligible for admission into the pre-masters?	Probably not at this stage but will reassess if/when we start receiving enquiries.
Entry requirements – Nepal, India and Pakistan	
Are three-year bachelor's degrees from Nepal acceptable for entry into the pre-masters?	Any qualification that is accepted needs to be equivalent to AQF 6. The finer details of those assessment practices are yet to be worked out. As we start to build on the information, we will be able to seek clarification and provide more information.
Are associate and two-year bachelor's degrees acceptable for entry into the pre-masters?	Any qualification that is accepted needs to be equivalent to AQF 6. The finer details of those assessment practices are yet to be worked out. As we start to build on the information, we will be able to seek clarification and provide more information.
What is the minimum IELTS requirement (for each module) for the Standard pre-masters?	The requirement for the Standard pre-masters is IELTS 6.0. For the Accelerated pre-masters, it is IELTS 6.5 or equivalent.
Admissions	
As we are going to promote post study work (PSW) as a key selling point, how will students satisfy our GTE/GE assessment if they mention PSW in SOP?	Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirements will need to be met. While PSW rights can be something a student considers as part of their intended plans, they also need to be able to articulate the relevance of the studies and future aspirations as a genuine student.
Will students be eligible for PSW after finishing a pre-master packaged with a master's degree (two years in total)?	A student's eligibility for post study work is assessed by the Department of Home Affairs.

Agent and visa-related	
For agents, is the commission structure different for pre-master's programs? For diploma students, UTS provides a percentage of the full-year fee. However, for the pre-master's, only a percentage of the first semester fee is given. Is this correct?	Commission arrangements for the program are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UTS College - they will receive the same percentage of course fees as they do for Diploma or Foundation (Gold or Platinum) • UTS - there is only one semester of course fees, if they are a joint agent.
Will a non-UTS agent get an articulation bonus?	At this stage there is no mechanism for this, but it may be considered in future if required.
Will a visa application be required for a student who is applying for an Accelerated Program (three months)? Can students apply for a stand-alone visa?	Once borders open – yes! A visa will be required for students to travel to Sydney and complete the 3-month program on a student visa. The student could choose to study the stand-alone program, however if they apply for a stand-alone visa and then apply for a master's degree after completion, they will need a visa extension.
If a student decides to undertake only the graduate certificate, which is three months in duration, will the student still need to apply for a student visa?	Yes. Any international student wanting to study any course with UTS College will need to have a valid student visa.
How do Channel Partners know if students' qualifications are AQF6 or not?	We have several tools that will assist with entry requirements. However, our Admissions team will ensure all qualifications received are equivalent. As this is a new area for us, we will build our database of qualifications as we go.
Articulation, study plans and breaks	
Can the pre-master's programs be packaged with the English language programs?	Should an applicant not meet the English entry requirements for Pre-Master's Programs, there is an opportunity to package English.
Is it correct that an AQF6 entrant will be able to bypass AQF7 and AQF8, and graduate with an AQF9 certificate within two years?	Correct. If they complete three to six months of the Pre-Master's Program, they will have an AQF 8 qualification. At 1-1.5 years they will have an AQF 9 qualification.
Can a student take a break after finishing the pre-master's program at UTS College before continuing to UTS?	Students can take slight gaps between programs but usually a study plan is ongoing. Any gap taken will need to be permissible with the requirements of their student visa.
Can a student graduate from the pre-master's program with a recognised Graduate Certificate qualification regardless of whether they continue to a UTS master's degree?	Yes. They will receive a recognised UTS College Graduate Certificate qualification (24 credit points).
Will the certificate be issued by UTS or UTS College?	The certificate will be issued by UTS College. The course is registered by UTS College with TESQA
If a student joins the Accelerated program in July, finishes in October (three months) there will be a long gap of 4-5 months before the main UTS program commences in February. Will there be any issues with the visa conditions?	The Admissions team will advise students who are eligible for the Accelerated program to start in October rather than July to avoid the long gap.

Delivery mode	
Is the online option available only during COVID-19 or it will be ongoing? We are afraid post COVID-19, students may not be eligible for PSWR if they do the pre-master's component online.	During COVID-19, the time spent online will count towards the two-year requirement. We have not outlined post COVID-19. We will be looking into the legal requirements for online courses and their contribution to the two-year requirement.
Markets	
Is it correct that this program is open to all markets including China?	Yes, the Pre-Master's Program is open to all countries.
Fees	
What does a Pre-Master's Program cost?	<p>The Pre-Master's Accelerated Program fees are: A\$18,000 for Communication A\$21,375 for Accounting & Finance A\$22,000 for Technology Practice.</p> <p>The Pre-Master's Standard Program fees are: A\$23,500 for all Standard Programs.</p>