

FAQ Guide JCU Brisbane 2024 Intakes

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Q: What are the new start dates for JCU Brisbane in 2024?** The new start dates for the traditional JCU Brisbane Trimesters in 2024 are as follows: • 29 January • 20 May • 16 September The start dates for the new JCU Brisbane 'Block Mode' in 2024 are as follows: • 11 March • 8 July • 4 November

Q: What is the difference between a 'Trimester' and a 'Block Mode' at JCU Brisbane?

A: Both Trimesters and Block Modes are the names that we give to Study Periods at JCU Brisbane. There are three **Trimester** start dates each year.

There can be **up to** six **Block Mode** start dates each year, but in 2024 there are only three specified Block Mode start dates for JCU Brisbane. Block Modes are approximately half the length of time of a Trimester. Students who study in a Block Mode will be studying in a more 'intensive' mode, and with fewer subjects than those students studying in a Trimester.

Usually, a student will study three (3) subjects every Trimester and two (2) subjects every Block Mode. *

*Because of the intensive nature of the Block Modes, students can not arrive after the first day of the Block Mode. They must arrive and start classes by the Block Mode start date.

Q: Will all Courses be available for new students on all start dates?

A: All of our Courses at JCU Brisbane are available to start in each of the Trimester start dates **EXCEPT** the MDS. This new MDS degree, called the Master of Data Science (Professional), will only be available to **start** in the Block Mode dates. Once a student enters the MDS in a Block Mode format, they will continue to study the **whole** MDS Course in that Block Mode format. They will not be able to change to a Trimester format.

It is expected that in 2024, most of our other Courses will also have ALL six start dates. That is, all our Courses (except the MDS) will be offered for students to start in any one of the Trimester or Block Mode dates* for 2024.

*Please note, if a student starts in a Trimester, they will continue their whole Course in a Trimester format. If a student starts a Course (other than the MDS) in the Block Mode start date, then they will transition to a Trimester format for their next study period, and they will continue to study their Course in a Trimester format. They cannot move back to the Block Mode format.

Q: What are the approved start dates available for the Master of Data Science (Professional) in 2024?

- A: The Master of Data Science (Professional) will commence:
 - 11 March
 - 8 July
 - 4 November

Students can not arrive late for these Block Mode start dates.

Q: What are the approved start dates available for the Postgraduate Qualifying Program (PQP) in 2024?

- A: The Postgraduate Qualifying Program will commence:
 - 29 January
 - 20 May
 - 16 September

Q: My student wants to commence the MBA program in March 2024. How will they progress through their course?

A: March 2024 is a Block Mode start date and therefore student will commence with a 2 subject study load Block Mode. Then, they will move into the regular 3 subjects study load of a Trimester and complete the program in the Trimester mode.

Q: How will the Block Modes be structured for students starting the Master of Data Science (Professional)?

- A: If you begin your Master of Data Science (Professional) in the March, July, or November intake, your Block Modes will follow this structure:
 - Block Mode 1: *March (2 subjects)
 - Block Mode 2: May (2 subjects)
 - Block Mode 3: *July (2 subjects)
 - Block Mode 4: September (2 subjects)
 - Block Mode 5: *November (2 subjects)
 - Block Mode 6: January (2 subjects)
 - And so on, following a similar pattern throughout the year.

*Intake dates

Q: Is my start date affected if I am applying for credit for previous study?

A: Yes, If you receive credits for previous study, then you can only commence in the Trimesters

- 29 January
- 20 May
- 16 September.

Q: How will the study load differ for students starting their degree, based on their intake date?

A: If you commence in January, May, or September, you will begin with a standard Trimester 3-subject study load and continue with a 3-subject study load throughout your whole Course.

If you start in the Block Mode in March, July, or November, the study load will be structured differently. In this case:

- Block Mode: (2 subjects)
- From the next available Trimester onwards: transition to normal 3-subject study load for the remainder of the Course.*

Block modes have a lighter study load due to the shorter course duration.

*Please note: This does not apply to Master of Data Science (Professional)

Q: I need more assistance to understand the new intakes.

A: At James Cook University Brisbane, we are offering increased flexibility for students commencing their studies. Because this is a new model, we recommend you connect with one of our managers below to answer specific questions:

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Note:

^{**}All new students are expected to arrive the week BEFORE these dates, for their Orientation Week (O-Week).

^{** &#}x27;Block Modes' are only available for select courses.