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Order your Year 10 Booklets by Friday 18 May

How to order

Schools will now be able to purchase the *University Entry Requirements 2010 Year 10 booklets* through UAC's new online facility, UAC Shop. Booklets can be ordered at www.uac.edu.au from the end of April. Orders received by 18 May 2007 will be mailed the following week.

Booklets cost \$4.50 each (plus postage and handling) and you can pay online using Paypal or credit card (MasterCard or Visa). Paypal allows you to pay securely online from your nominated bank account or credit card. If you choose to use Paypal, and you don't already have a Paypal account, you will need to follow the links when you register at UAC Shop to set up a Paypal account.

If you need authorisation from your school before you can order your booklets, a proforma will be available to download that will help you prepare for placing your online order.

About the Year 10 booklet

The booklet shows prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended studies for university courses commencing in 2010.

The purpose of the booklet is to help Year 10 students make informed choices about which HSC courses they should study in Years 11 and 12 in preparation for tertiary study.

It also outlines UAI eligibility and provides an overview of the areas of study available at universities.

Update for international students sitting an Australian Year 12

International students sitting an Australian Year 12 in 2007 need to apply through UAC for 2008 admissions. This includes all international students who are:

- attempting a 2007 Australian Year 12 in Australia
- attempting a 2007 Australian Year 12 overseas
- attempting an International Baccalaureate in Australia in 2007
- attempting a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3

All other international fee-paying applicants apply directly to the institutions and not through UAC.

International students applying through UAC submit one online application – with up to nine course choices – through UAC's International Apply-By-Web.

A separate UAC publication will be available in late July to give international students the information they need to apply. This information will also be available in a dedicated area for international students on UAC's website from August 2007.

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STOP PRESS!

Apply-By-Web only

All applicants for the 2008 main admissions period will need to apply online using UAC's Apply-By-Web.

Apply-By-Telephone and paper application forms will no longer be available.

Apply-By-Web is simple to use. It takes around 30 minutes to submit an application, depending on the internet connection and the number of questions that the applicant has to complete.

Remember that students only submit one application through UAC, with up to nine course preferences. Applications for 2008 admissions will open in early August 2007.

UAC NEWS for the: Principal | Careers Adviser | Year 12 Adviser | Curriculum Adviser

Copies of the current and previous newsletters can be downloaded from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/pubs/uacnews.html

Study costs and financial assistance

Study costs at university depend on whether students are enrolled in a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP) or a domestic fee-paying place (DFEE). Students enrolled in a CSP course pay a student contribution (only **part** of the course cost); students enrolled in a DFEE course pay a tuition fee (**all** of the course cost).

CSP courses

CSP courses used to be called HECS – students only pay part of the cost of the course (a student contribution). The Australian Government pays the remainder of the cost. Institutions determine their own student contribution level for each unit of study within a range set by the government. The exceptions are education and nursing, identified by the government as national priorities. Student contributions therefore, vary between institutions and courses.

Australian citizens and holders of an Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa can pay their student contribution up front (and receive a discount) or they may request a HECS-HELP (Higher Education Loan Programme) loan and repay the rest later. Repayments are based on income and are made through the taxation system. Students do not have to start repaying their HECS-HELP loan until their income reaches a certain level (\$38 148 for 2006–07).

New Zealand citizens and holders of an Australian permanent resident visa (other than an Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa) do not have access to HECS-HELP loans and must pay their student contribution up front.

DFEE courses

Students pay the full cost of the course (tuition fees). There is no subsidy from the Australian Government. Each institution sets its own tuition fees for each DFEE course. Tuition fees, therefore, vary between institutions and courses.

Nine institutions will offer DFEE courses for 2008 admissions. They are Australian Catholic University, Macquarie University, La Trobe University, Southern Cross University, the University of Newcastle, the University of New South Wales, the University of Technology, Sydney, the University of Sydney and the University of Western Sydney.

Australian citizens and holders of an Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa in a DFEE course can pay their tuition fees in three different ways:

- pay the full tuition fee up-front
- receive a FEE-HELP (Higher Education Loan Programme) loan for the full tuition fee; or

	Student contribution ranges for 2006 - Post-2005 students	Student contribution ranges for 2007 - Post-2005 students
CSP courses		
Band 3 (law, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science)	\$0 – \$8 170	\$0 – \$8 333
Band 2 (accounting, commerce, administration, economics, maths, statistics, computing, built environment, health, engineering, science, surveying, agriculture)	\$0 – \$6 979	\$0 – \$7 118
Band 1 (humanities, arts, behavioural science, social studies, foreign languages, visual and performing arts)	\$0 – \$4 899	\$0 – \$4 996
National Priorities (education, nursing)	\$0 – \$3 920	\$0 – \$3 998
DFEE courses		
Tuition Fees	Tuition fees are set by institutions. The tuition fee set for a unit of study must be equal to or greater than the highest student contribution amount charged by the institution for that unit of study.	

- pay some of the tuition fee up front and receive a FEE-HELP loan for the balance of the tuition fee.

FEE-HELP loans cover up to the full amount of tuition fees, with students able to borrow a total of \$80 000 (or \$100 000 for medicine, dentistry or veterinary science students). FEE-HELP loans are subject to a 20 per cent loan fee. Repayments are based on income and are made through the taxation system. Students do not have to start repaying their FEE-HELP loan until their income reaches a certain level (\$38 148 for 2006–07).

New Zealand citizens and holders of an Australian permanent resident visa (other than an Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa) do not have access to FEE-HELP loans.

Applying for domestic fee-paying courses (DFEE)

Students apply for DFEE courses exactly the same way they apply for CSP courses, but must use the correct course code from the table of courses available or the course description in the UAC Guide. Applicants may apply for the same course as both a CSP and DFEE.

Students must ensure that the correct codes are entered and that codes for DFEE courses are not included unless seeking entry for a fee-paying place. Students sometimes confuse paying student contributions for a CSP course with a DFEE course; they are not the same.

Students should check their application carefully to ensure that they have not listed any DFEE courses by mistake.

UAC 2008 Guide – what's new?

The *UAC 2008 Guide* will be available in August 2007 and you will notice some changes.

Table 1

Table 1 will remain in landscape format but will become even more user-friendly with courses now listed in alphabetical order or by discipline.

The index and the course descriptions in Part 2 will continue to be listed in CSP (HECS) course code order, giving students two ways to find the course they are looking

for – by name or course in table 1 or by course code order as found in the index.

IFEE courses

International fee-paying (IFEE) courses will no longer be listed in the Guide. A separate publication will be published by UAC for international fee-paying students, which will contain application information and a list of courses available. This publication will be free to international students applying through UAC and available in late July.

University news & updates

Griffith University

Griffith University is pleased to advise they will be joining UAC from 2008 and offering admission places in their Gold Coast campus programs. Griffith University offers programs including arts, business, dental science, education, engineering, environment, health science, IT, journalism, law, medicine, multimedia, nursing, physiotherapy/exercise science, pharmacy, psychology, science and visual media.

Griffith University Gold Coast campus has a student population of 12 000 and is located at Parklands Drive, Southport. Medical Science and Oral Health in Dental Science is taught from the new state of the art facilities in central Southport adjacent to the Gold Coast Hospital.

For further information visit: www.griffith.edu.au
email goldcoast_enquiry@griffith.edu.au or
call (07) 5552 8811.

Southern Cross University

In the March edition of UAC News, Southern Cross University published new Law courses available at the Tweed Gold Coast campus. These have now been withdrawn.

University of New England

B Advanced Science with Honours*
392691 – on-campus, 3F

This new accelerated program is designed for high achievers and is completed in three years rather than four years. In the third year of the program, students complete a research project and present a thesis. Selection is based on a combination of academic achievement and personal qualities and achievements as evidenced in an interview. Refer to B Science for available majors.

B Biomedical Science*
392692 – on-campus or distance, 3F or 6P

This is a new degree focused towards careers in the medical, paramedical and forensic fields. Subjects which can be studied include: human physiology, genetics, nutrition, biochemistry, chemistry, pharmacology and microbiology and the integration and applications of these into biomedical science.

B Criminology*
391660 – on-campus or distance, 3F or 6P

Topics include: theories of crime and criminality; crime prevention; crime and public policy; research methods, with a focus on the interpretation of crime and the operation of

justice systems; legal systems, with a focus on policing, courts, prisons and community based corrections; delinquency; crime and violence in Australian history; crime in popular culture; sentencing. This program is unique among Australian universities in that it provides an opportunity to study crime and develop professional skills in a rural and regional context.

B Engineering Technology
392694 – on-campus or distance, 3F or 6P

Majors available are civil and environmental engineering and subjects which can be studied include: applied fluid mechanics, pollution management, project management, principles of hydrology, introduction to GIS, water and catchment management. Students are also able to include units from the University of Newcastle in their program.

B Marine Science and Management*
392693 – on-campus or distance, 3F or 6P
(includes one year at the National Marine Science Centre at Coffs Harbour)

Subjects which can be studied include: marine and estuarine biology and ecology; coastal processes; description, assessment and management of coastal habitats; measuring and monitoring marine biodiversity; sustainable use of marine resources.

B Music*
391604 – on-campus or distance, 3F or 6P

This degree comprises units on creative music making for both performance and composition, musicology (music history, ethnomusicology and social perspectives on music) and all aspects of musical craft (aural training, arranging and harmony).

B Psychological Science*
391678 – on-campus or distance, 3F or 6P

This degree provides a thorough grounding in psychology and is immediately recognisable in the workplace. Students with sufficient grades are eligible for entry into our accredited postgraduate fourth year. It is a three-year sequence in psychology that is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council.

B Theatre Studies*
391603 – on-campus or distance, 3F or 6P

This degree begins with introductions to the roles of the actor and the writer as creators of theatre events, and then allows students to focus on playwriting, performing, and the informed study of theatre within society. There is a special focus on Australian theatre.

* Subject to final approval.

Entry to course with a UAI below the cut-off

The 2007 admissions period saw some lengthy media discussion about students gaining entry to courses with UAIs below the cut-off. The UAC Guide has for many years contained information on this situation, and the *UAC 2007 Guide* was no exception.

Information on page 8 of the *UAC 2007 Guide* appeared under the heading 'Offers to applicants who have a UAI below the published cut-off'. It included details of the alternative pathways institutions may have in place to allow applicants to receive an offer to a course even though they have a UAI below the published cut-off. These include Educational Access Schemes, regional schemes, school recommendation schemes, strong performance in relevant subjects and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian schemes.

Given the public and media interest, however, some institutions may expand upon this information to better inform applicants in the *UAC 2008 Guide*.

UAI eligibility

To be eligible for a UAI a student must satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of UAI courses. These UAI courses must include at least:

1. eight units from Category A courses
2. two units of English
3. three Board Developed courses of two units or greater
4. four subjects.

When Year 10 students choose their Year 12 program of study, please make sure that checks are in place to ensure that students are eligible for a UAI. Also, as students move into Year 11 and Year 12 and change their course enrolments, it is important to check that they maintain a minimum of eight units of Category A courses in their program of study.

UAI courses

UAI courses are Board Developed courses for which there are formal examinations conducted by the Board of Studies that yield a graded assessment. These are the only courses that can be included in the UAI calculations.

For your information

Course search

The course search for 2007 admissions is still available at www.uac.edu.au.

Year 12 students can become familiar with UAC's website and research the wide range of courses that were available for 2007 admissions.

Remember that this course search is a reference tool only. Courses available for 2008 admissions will not be confirmed until applications open in August 2007.

2007 mid-year admissions

Applications for mid-year admissions are now open. There are more than 700 courses available. The *UAC 2007 Mid-Year Admissions Supplement*, containing details of all courses being offered and an application form, is available from UAC. A reference copy has been included with this issue of *UAC News* for your information.

Applicants also have the option of accessing the same information, plus any recent updates, from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au and can apply online via Apply-By-Web.

How to... avoid delays and late fees

Too many Year 12 students leave applying to UAC until the last minute, and then have trouble with the inevitable delays caused by congested internet lines at on-time closing. Even if students are unsure of their preferences, encourage them to apply early - preferences can always be changed after they have applied, and as often as they wish. Leaving it to the last minute causes undue stress for students (who are probably under enough pressure as it is!) and could mean they are charged a late fee.

Changing addresses

UAC receives the addresses of Year 12 students from the files held by the NSW Board of Studies. Every year UAC sends out hundreds of undeliverable letters because Year 12 students have either not notified the Board of Studies of a change of address, or the address is incomplete.

Encourage your students to make sure that the address held for them by the Board of Studies is accurate and complete.

UAC key dates for 2008 admissions

The *UAC 2008 Guide* will be distributed to schools from the week beginning Monday 23 July 2007. The Guide will be available from newsagents from Wednesday 1 August 2007.

Applications

Early August 2007	applications open
Friday 28 September 2007	on-time applications close
Wednesday 31 October 2007	late applications close with late fee – tba
Friday 30 November 2007	late applications close with late fee – tba
Friday 1 February 2008	final close of applications with late fee – tba

HSC and UAI

Wednesday 19 December 2007	2007 NSW HSC results e-released by BOS
Thursday 20 December 2007	UAIs e-released by UAC

Change of preferences

Mid-August 2007 – 4 January 2008	for consideration in Main Round
17 January 2008 – 22 January 2008	for consideration in Late Round
31 January 2008 – 1 February 2008	for consideration in Final Round

Offers

Friday 26 October 2007	Distance Education Round offers e-released
Wednesday 5 December 2007	Early Round offers e-released
Thursday 3 January 2008	Preliminary Round offers e-released
Thursday 17 January 2008	Main Round offers e-released at 9pm
Thursday 31 January 2008	Late Round offers e-released at 9pm
Thursday 7 February 2008	Final Round offers e-released

Open days for 2007

Australian Catholic University

Canberra campus	25 August
North Sydney campus	
Information Night	5 September
Strathfield campus	8 September

Australian Maritime College

Newnham campus	26 August
<i>Campus tours can be arranged by appointment.</i>	
<i>For further information call 1800 030 277</i>	

Australian National University

25 August

Charles Sturt University

Every Day

For campus tours/appointments and course information call 1800 334 733

La Trobe University

Albury–Wodonga campus	19 August
Mildura campus	12 August

Macquarie University

1 September

Southern Cross University

For personalised campus tours and special events call 1800 111 890

University of Canberra

25 August

University of New England

6 September

University of New South Wales

Courses and Careers Day	1 September
Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra	25 August

University of Newcastle

Callaghan campus	8 September
Ourimbah campus	15 September
Port Macquarie campus - Information Night	25 September

University of Sydney

Camperdown & Darlington, Mallett Street, Sydney College of the Arts and Sydney Conservatorium of Music (Macquarie St campus) 25 August
For campus tours call 1300 362 006

University of Technology, Sydney

UTS Information Day, Broadway campus	25 August
UTS Information Evening, Kuring-gai campus	5 September

University of Western Sydney

Parramatta campus	19 August
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University of Wollongong

For personalised campus tours and special events, call 1300 367 869.

For information on school visit days, contact individual universities.