



## Differences between UAC Undergraduate and UAC International

UAC now has two application gateways for undergraduate applicants – UAC Undergraduate and UAC International. The gateway applicants use depends on their citizenship status – see summaries below.

If you have any queries about UAC International, please email us using the dedicated address for schools with queries about international applicants – [intschools@uac.edu.au](mailto:intschools@uac.edu.au).

### UAC Undergraduate

The following applicants use UAC Undergraduate:

- Australian citizens (including dual citizens)
  - New Zealand citizens (including dual citizens)
  - Australian permanent resident visa holders
  - Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa holders
- On-time closing is Tuesday 30 September 2008. Late applications are accepted until Thursday 5 February 2009.
  - A non-refundable application fee of \$23 is payable. Apply on-time, as late applications incur a late fee.
  - Some courses have early closing dates – check closing dates before applying.
  - Applicants must apply online through UAC Undergraduate – visit [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) and select the UAC Undergraduate button.
  - Applicants use the *UAC 2009 Guide* to assist them with their application. The UAC Undergraduate website includes all of the information contained in the Guide.
  - Applicants can apply for Commonwealth-supported place (CSP) courses. Find details of these courses at [www.uac.edu.au/course\\_search/search.html](http://www.uac.edu.au/course_search/search.html).
  - Applicants can select up to nine courses.
  - In each offer round, applicants may receive only one offer – to the highest preference for which they are eligible and competitive enough.

### UAC International

The following applicants use UAC International:

International students undertaking:

- an Australian Year 12 in Australia in 2008
- an Australian Year 12 outside Australia in 2008
- an International Baccalaureate (IB) in Australia in 2008
- a New Zealand National Certificate at Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3 in 2008

who are **NOT**:

- Australian citizens (including dual citizens)
  - New Zealand citizens (including dual citizens)
  - Australian permanent resident visa holders
  - Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa holders
- Applicants are encouraged to submit their application by Friday 31 October 2008 for courses starting in semester 1, but can still apply up until February 2009.
  - A non-refundable application fee of \$57.50 is payable. There are no late fees.
  - Some courses have early closing dates – check closing dates before applying.
  - Applicants must apply online through UAC International – visit [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) and select the UAC International button.
  - Applicants use the *UAC 2009 International Booklet* to assist them with their application. The UAC International website includes all of the information contained in the booklet.
  - Applicants can apply for International fee-paying (IFEE) courses only. Find details of these courses at [www.uac.edu.au/international/course\\_search/search.html](http://www.uac.edu.au/international/course_search/search.html).
  - Applicants can select up to six courses.
  - In each offer run, applicants may receive multiple offers – by receiving one offer from each institution included in their list of preferences. Each institution may make an offer to the highest preference for which the applicant is eligible and competitive enough.

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# University news & updates

## Griffith University

### Bonus points scheme

Griffith University recognises that there are some subjects and studies undertaken by high school students that require a high level of skill and knowledge and that better prepare students for the rigour and diversity of tertiary study.

UAI eligible students (or equivalent interstate students) successfully completing nominated subjects or studies will automatically be granted bonus points when applying to Griffith University. Students must still meet any prerequisites, interview, or audition requirements for each Griffith University preference.

Students studying a combination of either Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1 or Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 2 (or equivalent) will be granted two bonus points. Additionally, languages other than English (LOTE) subjects will have two bonus points awarded for each subject undertaken. Students completing the Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies (GUESTS) program, or recognised GUESTS equivalent from other tertiary institutions, will be granted one bonus point for each subject undertaken. A maximum of five bonus points will be applied under the scheme.

(For more information about the scheme visit: [www.griffith.edu.au/ua/aa/sta/admission/home.html](http://www.griffith.edu.au/ua/aa/sta/admission/home.html). Contact the Student Centre on (07) 5552 8811 or Freecall 1800 154 055 or email [admissions@griffith.edu.au](mailto:admissions@griffith.edu.au)).

## Macquarie University

### Bonus points scheme – Academic Advantage

Known as Academic Advantage, this bonus points scheme recognises Year 12 HSC students' achievements in courses that relate specifically to Macquarie's degree programs.

Macquarie academic staff have identified the relevant Year 12 HSC courses that relate to Macquarie programs, and, depending on the Performance Band attained, prospective students will receive between one and three bonus points. Students can receive a maximum of five bonus points for each Macquarie University preference.

Students do not need to submit a separate application. If a student chooses Macquarie University amongst their preferences, bonus points will be automatically calculated by UAC.

Academic Advantage is available to all prospective students who complete either

an Australian (Year 12) or the IB in Australia in 2008.

To be eligible for bonus points students must have a minimum UAI (or equivalent) of 70.

Academic Advantage applies to all Macquarie University degree programs except:

- all combined Law programs
- all Actuarial Studies programs (including combined degree programs)
- B Psychology (Honours)
- B Ancient History (Honours)
- B International Studies.

Full details are available on [www.mq.edu.au/academicadvantage](http://www.mq.edu.au/academicadvantage) and information packages will be sent to schools in the next few weeks.

## Southern Cross University

### New courses

#### B Occupational Therapy#

335163 – Tweed Gold Coast\*, 4F/8P

**Major studies:** Compulsory study streams are professional studies, social sciences, biological sciences.

**Practical experience:** Clinical experience is provided within the course at hospitals, community and health agencies in Queensland and NSW.

**Honours:** An Honours stream in the later years of the course features research which addresses the occupational needs of rural and regional Australians.

**Professional recognition:** The course is being developed in consultation with the accrediting body, OT Australia, to ensure it meets accreditation standards and the requirements of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

**Career opportunities:** As an occupational therapist within public and private hospitals, medical rehabilitation units, in community health settings, and in private practice.

# Subject to Academic Board approval.

\* The course will be delivered in 2009 at SCU Lakeside, Caloola Drive, Tweed Heads.

#### B Behavioural Science#

335166 – Tweed Gold Coast\*, 3F/6P

**Major studies:** Core topic: psychology. The course structure moves from basic theory to analysis and application.

**Honours:** Available to students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement.

**Career opportunities:** With government departments and organisations involved in

the provision of health, social and disability services. Also in private sector fields such as HR management, marketing, business administration and specialised consultancy services.

**Additional information:** This course seeks to explore the reason human beings behave the way they do and is designed for application to a broad range of human endeavours and activities. The course balances research, theory and application to develop skills highly sought after by employers. Relevant Indigenous material is included to strengthen the graduate's capacity in rural and regional contexts.

# Subject to Academic Board approval.

\* The course will be delivered in 2009 at SCU Lakeside, Caloola Drive, Tweed Heads.

### Additional campuses

#### B Education (Early Childhood)

331117 – Lismore, 4F/8P

331167 – Tweed Gold Coast\*, 4F/8P

This course has been approved by the NSW Department of Community Services and accreditation by the NSW Institute of Teachers will be advised in October. Refer to UAC's website at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) for more details on these courses.

\* The course will be delivered in 2009 at SCU Lakeside, Caloola Drive, Tweed Heads.

## University of New South Wales

### New combined music/science programs

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences is offering two new combined degrees in music and science for 2009 admissions. A satisfactory audition is a requirement for admission to both courses. Auditions will be held in late November and applicants are required to apply for an audition online at [www.empa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.empa.unsw.edu.au) before the end of October.

#### B Music/B Science

422004 – Kensington, 4F

This combined degree program enables students to complete a major sequence from science while studying for a specialist music degree involving instrumental performance and/or composition.

#### B Music/B Advanced Science

422008 – Kensington, 5F

This combined program enables students to complete a study plan in advanced science as well a project or thesis in science while studying for a specialist music degree involving instrumental performance and/or composition.

## University of Sydney

### Flexible Entry Scheme 2009

The University of Sydney Flexible Entry Scheme is available for current HSC applicants whose UAI falls up to a maximum of five points below the UAI cut-off for their chosen degree, subject to the availability of places. The Flexible Entry Scheme is available for entry into courses in agriculture, architecture, arts, design computing, engineering and information technologies, health sciences, nursing and science. Faculties take into account performance in relevant subjects, and in some cases a separate application. For more information, see the University of Sydney Flexible Entry Scheme website at: [www.usyd.edu.au/flexibleentry](http://www.usyd.edu.au/flexibleentry) or contact us on 1300 362 006 or email [futurestudents@usyd.edu.au](mailto:futurestudents@usyd.edu.au).

## University of Technology, Sydney

### UTS HSC Bonus Scheme – more courses included for 2009 entry

There will be more courses awarding bonus points based upon an applicant's performance in selected 2008 HSC subjects. The maximum

number of bonus points usually awarded is five with Engineering courses awarding a maximum of six bonus points. For full details about the scheme including the UTS courses, HSC subjects and the number of bonus points awarded, visit the HSC Bonus scheme webpage at <http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/study/hscbonus.cfm>.

## University of Wollongong

### Important UOW application closing dates

#### Scholarships

The University of Wollongong's Scholarship program is designed to reward and encourage excellence, and help our students achieve their dreams. We offer a range of scholarships from academic and sporting scholarships to Equity Scholarships. The closing date for scholarships is Tuesday 30 September 2008. Go to [www.uow.edu.au/about/scholarships/](http://www.uow.edu.au/about/scholarships/) for more information.

#### B Creative Arts (and associated double degrees)

In addition to applying to UAC, you must also submit an interview/audition application form to UOW. The application form must be returned

to the faculty by Tuesday 30 September 2008. See the UAC Guide or UAC's website at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) for more details.

#### B Health Sciences

Acceptance into this course is based upon a portfolio, interview and UAI results. In addition to applying to UAC, you must also submit a portfolio application form to UOW. The application form must be returned to the faculty by Tuesday 30 September 2008. See the UAC Guide or UAC's website at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) for more details.

#### B Journalism (and associated double degrees)

In addition to applying to UAC, you must also submit an interview application form to UOW. The application form must be returned to the faculty by Tuesday 30 September 2008. See the UAC Guide or UAC's website at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) for more details.

#### International Bachelor of Science (Honours)

In addition to applying to UAC, you must also submit an application form to UOW. The application form must be returned to the faculty by Friday 26 September 2008. See the UAC Guide or UAC's website at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) for more details.

## Release of 2008 UAIs

Eligible 2008 NSW HSC students can access their UAI or Limited UAI from 9am on Thursday 18 December 2008 via UAC's website at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au).

HSC students will also receive an official UAI/Limited UAI Advice Notice in the mail on Friday 19 December 2008.

## UAI Enquiry Centre

(02) 8736 5900

### From 18 December 2008

UAC runs a telephone enquiry centre to support the release of the UAI. It will be staffed by experienced teachers and UAC staff trained especially to answer UAI queries.

Details of the UAI Enquiry Centre will be included in the *You and Your UAI* booklet, which aims to answer some of the most commonly asked questions by students about the UAI.

The booklet will be mailed to HSC students' homes and to schools in mid-December, along with information on changing courses and dates of university HSC Advisory Days.

# For your information

## Bonus points schemes

As written about in the July issue of *UAC News*, universities have a number of schemes that allow the allocation of bonus points. And in this issue there is more information from some of our universities in the "University news & updates" section.

Remember that if universities allocate bonus points it does not change a student's UAI, it changes a student's selection rank.

For most Year 12 students their selection rank is their UAI. However, if a student is allocated bonus points, then their selection rank = their UAI + bonus points.

## Equity Scholarships Online!

A reminder that applications for Equity Scholarships are now made online through a dedicated section of UAC's website – Equity Scholarships Online – at [www.uac.edu.au/equity/equityschols.html/](http://www.uac.edu.au/equity/equityschols.html/).

The online application takes about 15 minutes to complete. Some applicants may also need to provide documents to support their application; these must be sent to UAC within seven working days after applying online.

## What are Equity Scholarships?

For students in need, financial assistance is available to help meet the costs of going to uni. Equity Scholarships are comprised of the Commonwealth Scholarships Programme (CS), established and funded by the Australian Government, and Institution Equity Scholarships (IES) funded by individual institutions. Some IES are funded by donations or sponsorship.

## Acknowledgement letters

UAC no longer sends acknowledgement letters to applicants after they have completed their application.

Applicants are now provided with a Confirmation of application once they have completed their Apply-By-Web application.

This must be checked carefully to make sure everything on the application is correct. If anything needs to be changed, applicants can use Online applicant services on UAC's website.

## For your information (continued)

### Requirements for students of health-related and teacher education courses

As written about in the July issue of *UAC News*, students in health-related and teacher education courses must meet certain requirements. If you have students interested in these courses you should draw their attention to these requirements when they apply. For more information see pages 19-20 of the *UAC 2009 Guide*.

### The importance of course preferences

Many students find it difficult to order their course preferences when they apply. Here are UAC's tips for domestic students choosing course preferences:

- apply on-time (by Tuesday 30 September 2008) to avoid late fees;
- it doesn't matter if you haven't decided on your preferences when you apply, you can always change later;
- there is plenty of time to change preferences when you have thought more

about what you want to do and/or have received your results and have a better idea of your competitiveness;

- you can change your preferences as often as you like free-of-charge on UAC's website;
- remember that the Main Round is when most offers are made (almost 60 000 offers were made in the 2008 Main Round);
- so make sure you have your list of preferences finalised by the change of preference closing date for Main Round (Wednesday 7 January 2009);
- use your preferences wisely, by putting your ideal courses at the top, followed by those you will have a realistic chance of receiving an offer to, making sure that all your preferences are for courses that suit **your** interests and abilities, not those of your friends and relatives!

### PINs for Year 12 students

UAC Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) have been sent to NSW HSC and ACT Year 12 students. For Year 12 students from other states (and for all non-Year 12 students), their PIN is the first four digits of their date of birth. All UAC applicants can retrieve and/or change their PIN on UAC's website at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au).

### Email correspondence

Most correspondence from UAC will now be emailed, so it is important to make sure the email address students list on their application is correct and that they check their email regularly.

If any correspondence has not been accessed within five days of being emailed, UAC will mail the correspondence to the applicant.

Remember that UAC uses the address details held by the NSW Board of Studies so students should ensure those details are accurate and complete.

### Apply-By-Web demos now on Schoolink

Demonstrations of UAC's Apply-By-Web can now be accessed through Schoolink, the online school resources section on UAC's website at [www.uac.edu.au/career/schoolink.html](http://www.uac.edu.au/career/schoolink.html). Schoolink has all the information important to schools, including links to the schools packages for EAS and Equity Scholarships applications.

### [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

UAC's website contains easy-to-access information about going to university in 2009. Students can:

- apply online through Apply-By-Web
- research courses and institutions
- view a list of open days in 2008
- download UAC publications
- follow links to institution websites.

### Contacting UAC

#### telephone

(02) 9752 0200

#### email and website

use our online enquiry form at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

#### postal address

UAC, Locked Bag 112  
Silverwater NSW 2128

#### in person

Quad 2, 8 Parkview Drive  
Homebush Bay NSW

#### office hours

8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday

## UAC key dates for 2009 admissions

### Applications

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Early August 2008         | applications open                                 |
| Tuesday 30 September 2008 | on-time applications close                        |
| Friday 31 October 2008    | late applications close with late fee – \$101     |
| Friday 28 November 2008   | late applications close with late fee – \$113.50  |
| Thursday 5 February 2009  | final close of applications with late fee – \$125 |

### HSC and UAI

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| Wednesday 17 December 2008 | 2008 NSW HSC results e-released by BOS |
| Thursday 18 December 2008  | UAIs e-released by UAC                 |

### Change of preferences

|                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mid-August 2008 – 7 January 2009  | for consideration in Main Round  |
| 21 January 2009 – 27 January 2009 | for consideration in Late Round  |
| 4 February 2009 – 5 February 2009 | for consideration in Final Round |

### Offers

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| Thursday 30 October 2008   | Distance Education Round offers e-released |
| Friday 5 December 2008     | Early Round offers e-released              |
| Tuesday 6 January 2009     | Preliminary Round offers e-released        |
| Wednesday 21 January 2009  | Main Round offers e-released at 9pm        |
| Wednesday 4 February 2009  | Late Round offers e-released at 9pm        |
| Wednesday 11 February 2009 | Final Round offers e-released              |