

UAC News

for the Principal, Careers Adviser, Year 12 Adviser and Curriculum Adviser

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Educational Access Schemes

Most institutions participating through UAC have an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) for applicants who've experienced long-term educational disadvantage (normally lasting for at least six months) due to circumstances beyond their control or choosing, and which has seriously affected their educational performance.

For 2012 admissions, seven institutions will consider applications for EAS through UAC for applicants undertaking or who've previously undertaken tertiary study. These institutions are Australian Catholic University, Griffith University, La Trobe University, Southern Cross University, University of Canberra, University of Newcastle and University of Technology, Sydney.

Key EAS dates to look out for are:

On-time applications close Friday 30 September 2011

Acknowledgement emails sent progressively Mid-November 2011

Final applications close Thursday 5 January 2012

Those who apply for EAS by Wednesday 30 November 2011 will receive an eligibility letter around the same time as the release of ATARs in early December.

Equity Scholarships

Applications are now open for Equity Scholarships. Equity Scholarships assist financially disadvantaged students with the costs associated with higher education.

Equity Scholarships through UAC comprise:

- Institution Equity Scholarships (IES) funded by individual institutions. Some IES are funded by donation or sponsorship.
- Commonwealth Scholarships (CS) for Indigenous applicants funded by the Australian Government.

Students can only receive an Equity Scholarship offer from an institution at which they're currently enrolled and/or to which they've received an offer of admission.

By submitting just one online application through UAC, students will be considered for all available Equity Scholarships for which they're eligible at the participating institutions.

The on-time closing date for applications is Friday 30 September 2011.

The final closing date for applications is Wednesday 30 November 2011.

For more information about IES and CS for Indigenous applicants, read the UAC 2012 Equity Scholarships booklet which you can download from www.uac.edu.au/equity/



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All about the ATAR

Students will be able to access their ATAR from 9am on Thursday 15 December 2011 on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au. They will need their UAC application number or HSC student number and UAC PIN. They'll receive written advice of their ATAR from UAC from Friday 16 December 2011.

The ATAR Enquiry Centre will be open from 15 to 31 December for students who have questions about their ATAR or UAC application. Details, including hours of operation, will be sent out in early December with the *All about your ATAR* booklet.

All about your ATAR will have all the information students need about the ATAR, from how it's calculated and how it relates to HSC marks, to how to read the ATAR Advice Notice.

Accessing ATARs

Please remind students that they will need their UAC application number or HSC student number and UAC PIN to access their ATAR on UAC's website.

If they don't have their UAC PIN they should call UAC immediately on (02) 9752 0200 to have it re-issued.

Students need to keep their UAC PIN in a secure place and not give it to anyone else. We recommend that students change their UAC PIN using Check & Change after they apply.

University *news and updates*

Course changes

It's always a good idea to encourage students to check the Undergraduate course updates section on UAC's website regularly, as institutions often add new courses or cancel others. They can visit www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/courses/index.shtml for the latest details.

Most of the following changes have occurred since the publication of the *UAC 2012 Guide* and the July issue of *UAC News*.

University of New South Wales

New courses

422025 – B Economics/B Education (Secondary)

This four-year program leads to the award of the B Economics and the B Education. It is recognised as a professional teaching qualification in all states and territories of Australia and prepares graduates for a high school teaching career in Economics/Business Studies. For more details visit www.arts.unsw.edu.au

424009 – B Commerce (Co-op)

Any student applying for a Co-op Scholarship in Accounting and Business Management, Actuarial Studies, Finance, Information Systems and Management, or Marketing will now apply through the new B Com (Co-op) degree. The new four-year degree program has a stand-alone UAC Code of 424009. In the new four-year Co-op degree, greater recognition is being awarded for increased reporting and assessment of industry experience. Scholars in the new B Com (Co-op) can choose between a Double Major and the Honours program, depending on their program of study.



Changes to area of study

422002 – The B Arts/B Education (Secondary)

The program will offer the following three new majors in 2012: Korean, Legal Studies, and Society and Culture.

422000 – B Arts and 422006 – B Social Science

Psychology is no longer available as a major in these courses. Psychology remains a major in B Psychology, B Psychological Science, B Science (Advanced Science) and B Science. For more details visit www.arts.unsw.edu.au and www.science.unsw.edu.au

422000 – B Arts and 422006 – B Social Science

A new major in Indigenous Studies will be offered and a Dance major will be available in B Arts.

422000 – B Arts and 422006 – B Social Science

History and Philosophy of Science will no longer be offered as a major.

422006 – B Social Science

Political Economy will not be available as a major in B Social Science.

450001 – B Arts (ADFA)

Aviation is no longer available as a major.

Changes to course name

424004 – B IS (BIT)

The course name has changed to B IS (Co-op).

422010 – B Social Science (Criminology)

The course name has changed to B Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Australian Catholic University

New course

105512 – B Nursing (Practice Leadership)

Australian National University

Cancelled course

131002 – Dip Arts

Changes to course duration

The following courses are offered in both full-time and part-time mode:

135015 – B Engineering/B Arts

135700 – B Advanced Computing (Research and Development)

135705 – B Advanced Computing

138024 – B Asia-Pacific Studies/B Science (Forest Sciences)

138034 – B Commerce/B Science (Forest Sciences)

138085 – B Science/B Science (Forest Sciences)

Charles Sturt University

New course

211007 – B Arts (Bathurst)

Griffith University

Cancelled course

283318 – B Nursing - Graduate Entry

Early closing date change

The early closing date for the following courses is now 6 December 2011.

283324 – B Pharmaceutical Science - (Students with prior qualifications) Graduate Entry

283318 – B Nursing - Graduate Entry

La Trobe University

Change to course name

181030 – B Accounting

This course name has changed to B Business (Accounting).

Southern Cross University

New course

331160 – B Education (Primary)

Cancelled course

426000 – B Jurisprudence/B Laws

Changes to course duration

These courses have changed in duration:

424000 – B Commerce/B Arts

is now 4 years full-time

424002 – B Economics/B Arts

is now 4 years full-time

426000 – B Social Work/B Laws

is now 6.5 years full-time

422007 – B Social Work/B Arts

is now 5.5 years full-time

422007 – B Social Work/B Social Science

is now 5.5 years full-time

425014 – B Engineering/B Arts

is now 5.5 years full-time*

426000 – B Engineering/B Laws

is now 6.5 years full-time*

428000 – B Medicine/B Surgery/B Arts

is now 7.75 years full-time*.

*It may be possible to complete these courses in less time, depending on the sequence of studies undertaken.

University of Newcastle

Following an accreditation review, the psychology major in the following programs will no longer be accredited for students commencing the programs in 2012. Students who would like to be psychologists are advised to apply for the Bachelor of Psychology program.

480030 – B Arts Callaghan

480040 – B Arts Ourimbah

480770 – B Science Callaghan

480780 – B Science Ourimbah

480870 – B Social Science Callaghan

480880 – B Social Science Ourimbah

A minimum GPA will now be required for entry to the fourth year in the B Psychology courses below. Students will graduate with a B Psychological Science if they fail to meet the GPA cut-off for the fourth year.

480769 – B Psychology Ourimbah

480768 – B Psychology Callaghan

Programs currently under review

480030 – B Arts Callaghan

480040 – B Arts Ourimbah

481055 – B Teaching (Secondary)/B Fine Art

480900 – B Social Work

Key dates for 2012 admissions

Some courses have early closing dates set by the institutions that are earlier than UAC closing dates. Check UAC's website for details.

Applications

Friday 30 September 2011

Monday 31 October 2011
Wednesday 30 November 2011
Thursday 2 February 2012

on-time applications close

late applications close with \$116 late fee
late applications close with \$133 late fee
final close of applications with \$143 late fee

HSC and ATARs

Wednesday 14 December 2011
Thursday 15 December 2011
Friday 16 December 2011

NSW HSC results released by Board of Studies
ATARs released on UAC's website at 9am
NSW HSC result letter and ATAR notice sent

ACT Year 12 students can access their ATAR through UAC's website from 9am on Wednesday 21 December 2011.

Change of preferences

Tuesday 25 October 2011
Tuesday 15 November 2011
Tuesday 6 December 2011
Monday 2 January 2012

for consideration in October Round
for consideration in November Round
for consideration in December Round
for consideration in Early January Round

Thursday 5 January 2012

Wednesday 18 January – Wednesday 25 January 2012
Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 2 February 2012

for consideration in Main Round

for consideration in Late Round
for consideration in Final Round

Change of preferences must be made through Check & Change on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au and be submitted by midnight on the relevant closing date.

Offers

Thursday 27 October 2011
Thursday 17 November 2011
Thursday 8 December 2011
Wednesday 4 January 2012

October Round offers released
November Round offers released
December Round offers released
Early January Round offers released

Wednesday 18 January 2012

Wednesday 1 February 2012
Wednesday 8 February 2012

Main Round offers released at 9pm

Late Round offers released at 9pm
Final Round offers released

Processing charges

2011 domestic Year 12 applicants – \$26
Non-Year 12 applicants – \$56
International applicants – \$64

Note: Times indicated above are based on Sydney local time.

New program location

480722 – B Midwifery, Port Macquarie*

*Subject to final approval

New courses

480722 – B Midwifery

481053 – B Teaching (Secondary)/B Technology

Changes to course duration

489990 – Dip Theology

is now 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time.

University of Technology, Sydney

UTS Guaranteed Entry Scheme

There is often strong competition among school leavers to secure a place in UTS courses. That's why UTS has introduced the Guaranteed Entry Scheme for the 2012 Autumn intake.

High performing students may be eligible to receive a guaranteed offer to one of the many UTS courses included in the scheme. For further details and the courses listed under the Guaranteed Entry Scheme, check out page 302 of the *UAC 2012 Guide* or visit www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au/school/leavers/entry/ges.html

UTS Principals' Recommendation Scheme

In some circumstances a student's performance in their Year 12 assessment and examination program may not be a true or fair indicator of their ability to succeed at university.

High school principals are invited to nominate up to two students for a guaranteed offer into their selected UTS course in the 2012 Early January Round who meet the eligibility criteria of the Principals' Recommendation Scheme. For further details including how to apply, visit www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au/school/leavers/pathways/principals.html

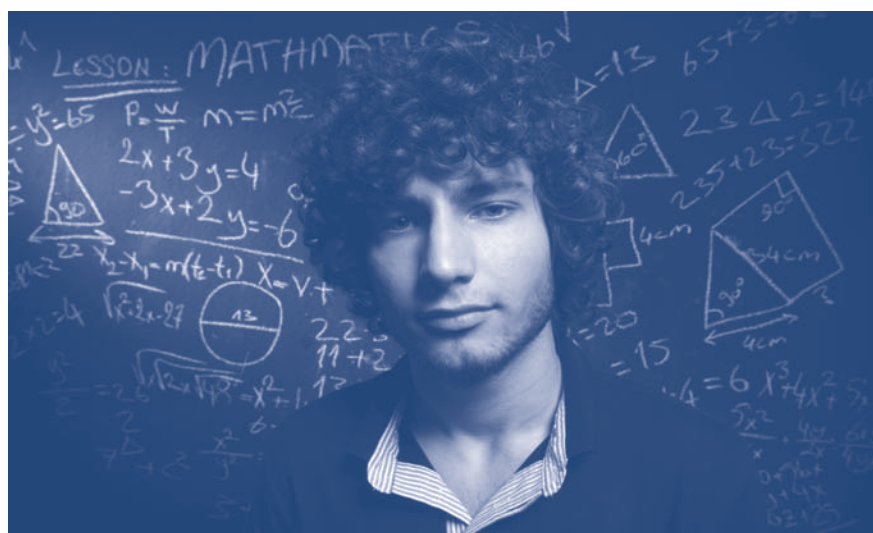
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Central Queensland University

CQUni will be offering a number of courses at their Sydney campus through UAC for 2012 admissions.

CQUni will also be participating in Educational Access Schemes (EAS) through UAC for their Sydney courses.

Check UAC's website in the next few weeks for details.



Applications for 2012

On-time applications for 2012 admission for domestic undergraduate students close on Friday 30 September 2011. Students can apply after this date but late fees will apply, and certain courses have early closing dates – check UAC's website or the *UAC 2012 Guide*.

Remember, students need to tell UAC about all their studies and qualifications when they apply, even if they've applied through UAC before. They need to include all current and complete as well as incomplete studies and qualifications. UAC doesn't keep applications from previous years so students must answer all the questions that are relevant to them.

International Year 12 applicants have a little longer to submit their online application – we encourage students to apply by Friday 28 October 2011 for courses starting in semester 1, 2012.

Course preferences

When applying, students need to list preferences in the order they wish them to be considered, with the course they would most like to do first, then the course they would next prefer and so on rather than in ATAR order. During the selection process, course preferences are considered one at a time in the order listed on the student's application.

Conditional offers for international students

About 48 hours after they apply to UAC, international students will receive a conditional offer letter which can be used as part of a pre-visa assessment if needed.

The conditional offer letter lists all the courses for which a student has applied, and is a conditional offer of admission only. Students need to receive an unconditional offer to be eligible to enrol in a course of study – unconditional offers will be released from Wednesday 21 December onwards.

International students may receive one conditional offer, and changing their preferences will not result in a new conditional offer.

Bonus points

Universities may allocate bonus points when assessing a student's application in a number of different circumstances. These can include performance in specific HSC subjects, living in or attending school in an area defined by the university, and applying for consideration through Educational Access Schemes (EAS).

If universities allocate bonus points it doesn't change a student's ATAR – it changes the student's selection rank. For most Year 12 students their selection rank is their ATAR. If a student is allocated bonus points, though, then their selection rank = their ATAR + bonus points.

Bonus points schemes are different for each university and sometimes for each course at the same university, so a student's selection rank can be different for each course preference they list.

You can find details of institution bonus point schemes for undergraduate study at UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/institutions/ or in the *UAC 2012 Guide*.

Community engagement

This was the first year UAC had a presence at all major multi-school careers events throughout NSW and ACT. We attended several Sydney and ACT metropolitan careers markets, as well as events in the north-west, central-west, north coast, south coast, Riverina, Illawarra, Newcastle and Hunter Valley regions. It was a great opportunity to reach a large number of Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their teachers.

We were also pleased to accept invitations from several careers adviser networks and welcomed the opportunity to provide UAC updates and information about scaling and the ATAR.

Our final event for 2011 will be at the Careers Advisers Association annual conference at the Liverpool Catholic Club on 18–19 November.

Planned events for 2012

We have just started booking events for the 2012 community engagement calendar. There will be many other events added over the next three months and advised in future issues of *UAC News*. They include:

Central West Regional Careers Conference, Bathurst, 21 March 2012

Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo, Moore Park, 31 May, 1–3 June 2012

Western Sydney Careers Expo, Sydney Olympic Park 21–24 June 2012.

Chris Diessel, Year 10 student from Chatham High School, Taree with Donna Munro, UAC's Community Liaison Manager

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Find out about the latest news from UAC as soon as it happens. You can tap into a growing range of admissions information, alerts and other services from UAC's website.

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Sign up for our newsletter

To check up on the latest news, important dates, events and admissions tips by email, register online for *Directions*, UAC's electronic newsletter.

What's new on Schoolink

A short Undergraduate Apply online demonstration for Australian Year 12 students is now available. It tells you about the main points of UAC's application process, including how to enter your personal details, qualifications and course preferences. Visit www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/demos/yr12apply/ to view the demo.



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