UAC News
For the principal, careers adviser, year 12 adviser and curriculum adviser

Admissions 2015–16

UAC has two new participating institutions for the 2015-16 admissions period. These are: the Australian National College of Beauty and CATC Design School.

Schools Recommendation Schemes update

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) is open for registration of schools. There will be 10 institutions participating in the scheme in 2015–16.

NSW schools previously registered for SRS have received an email regarding this. All other schools will receive an email or letter from UAC by 12 July.

The first step in the process is for principals to register their schools through SRS Schools and nominate a rater. The rater is a member of staff who will provide their professional assessment of SRS applicants from their school. Please note that schools are now only required to nominate one rater and submit one set of ratings, and pre-selection of students as candidates for SRS is no longer required.

Both videos are available on the SRS Schools section of UAC’s site at www.uac.edu.au/srs/schools.

Students will be able to complete the online application from August 2015, after they apply for undergraduate study through UAC.

To access the SRS Schools application, go to UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/schools.

Changes to STAT – University of Sydney

The University of Sydney will no longer require STAT as part of its eligibility requirements for B Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Selection will be based on a student’s ATAR, or equivalent, and the submission of a Commitment Statement. The form can be downloaded from the Faculty website at www.sydney.edu.au/vetscience/bvetbiol-dvm/entry.shtml.

The UAC Guide

The UAC Guide 2015–16 has been finalised and will be with NSW and ACT schools in mid-July. This year the guide has more than 1,900 undergraduate courses.

University Entry Requirements 2018 Year 10 booklet

You would by now have received your complimentary copies of the Year 10 booklet University Entry Requirements 2018 for Year 10 students.

Extra copies can be ordered online from the UAC Shop at www14.uac.edu.au/uacshop. Booklets cost $6, plus postage and handling. Payments can be made by cheque, Paypal, Mastercard or Visa.

An accompanying Powerpoint presentation is available on Schoolink on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/year-10.shtml.

UAC information days

UAC’s Community Liaison team are travelling around NSW and the ACT attending HSC and careers expos, tertiary info days and hosting UAC Days. See overleaf for events in the coming months. For a full list of events, visit www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/events.shtml.

UAC Days are free professional development days for staff who advise students in Years 10, 11 and 12 about subject selection, the ATAR and applying for tertiary study. For more information and to book a UAC Day, visit https://v1.bookwhen.com/uacdays.

General Mathematics or Mathematics?

Recent references in the media to a “9-10 ATAR point advantage” in studying General Maths rather than Maths are simply not true. A study of maths marks had suggested an advantage of up to 10 scaled marks, not ATAR points. Even if this advantage held true, it would mean only a very minimal advantage in terms of ATAR.

It’s also important to note that universities don’t usually offer bonus points for General Maths.

As we consistently advise, each student should choose HSC courses consistent with their own abilities and plans for life after Year 12.
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UMAT reminder

Applicants for medicine courses in 2016 need to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT). This year, UMAT will be held on Wednesday 29 July. Registration closes at 5pm on Friday 5 June. Late registrations will be accepted until 5pm on Friday 19 June (late fees apply). Visit UMAT’s website at http://umat.acer.edu.au for more information.

UAC key dates for 2015–16 admissions

**Applications**
- Wednesday 5 August 2015
  - Applications open
  - Year 12 processing charge $32
- Wednesday 30 September 2015
  - On-time applications close
- Friday 30 October 2015
  - Applications close with higher charge
- Monday 3 November 2015
  - Applications close with higher charge
- Monday 19 February 2016
  - Applications close for Semester 1 courses with higher charge

**HSC and ATARs**
- **Tuesday 15 December 2015**
  - ACT Year 12 results released by ACT BSSS
- **Wednesday 16 December 2015**
  - NSW HSC results released by BOSTES
- **Thursday 17 December 2015**
  - ATARs released by UAC at www.uac.edu.au

**Change of preferences**
- **Wednesday 6 January 2016**
  - For consideration in Main Round
- **20–27 January 2016**
  - For consideration in February Round 1
- **2–6 February 2016**
  - For consideration in February Round 2

**Offers**
- **Tuesday 5 January 2016**
  - January Round 1 offers released at 7.30am
- **Wednesday 20 January 2016**
  - Main Round offers released at 6pm
- **Tuesday 2 February 2016**
  - February Round 1 offers released at 6pm
- **Tuesday 9 February 2016**
  - February Round 2 offers released at 7.30am

University news

**Australian National University**

**New courses**
- 131001 – Dip Liberal Studies
  - This is a pathway program designed for students who are interested in studying a Bachelor of Arts at ANU. The diploma will provide students with a strong foundation to progress into the second year of a Bachelor of Arts. Visit www.anucollege.edu.au/courses/pathway-to-university/diploma-of-liberal-studies for more information.
- 136060 – Dip Computing
  - This is a pathway into a Bachelor of Information Technology at ANU. The diploma will provide students with a sound grounding in all the basic requirements for success in a degree in information technology including mathematics, information systems and computer science. Visit www.anucollege.edu.au/courses/pathway-to-university/diploma-of-computing for more information.
- 131162 – B Political Science
  - This is the only degree of its type in Australia offering unparalleled access and connections to the political heartbeat of the nation. Students will develop an understanding of different systems of government using comparative methodology. In this highly structured degree, students will examine political science theory, public opinion, political economy, government behaviour, systems, principles, and different methods and techniques of political science. Visit http://cass.anu.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-political-science for more information.

**University of Western Sydney**

**New courses**
- From 2016 the University of Western Sydney will be introducing new courses in the areas of Social Sciences and Arts.
  - The 727607 Bachelor of Anthropology and 727608 Bachelor of Humanitarian and Development Studies will be offered to complement 727610, 727615, 727620 Bachelor of Social Science.
  - Students will also be able to undertake a 720527 Bachelor of Language and Linguistics from 2016.
  - A new pathway to secondary teaching will be offered through completion of 723504 Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Physical Education).
  - New combined degrees for 2016 include Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Business and Commerce and 728044 Bachelor of Science (Zoology)/Bachelor of Natural Science (Animal Science).