## Admission Requirements

To be offered a place you need to meet the academic requirements in one of the categories listed below and be selected in competition with other eligible applicants. You will also need to meet English language proficiency requirements and any specified additional criteria, such as an audition, interview, test or presentation of a portfolio.

### Australian secondary studies

Admission is normally on the basis of the ATAR or equivalent. If you have completed more than one recognised secondary qualification, we will generally consider your most recent results. If your only qualification is an Australian Year 12 qualification, you can apply on the basis of that qualification. If you have undertaken any tertiary studies at university level, read the Australian tertiary studies section on the following page. Also, read section 5 in Part 1 of this Guide for more information about admission requirements and selection.

### Offers made to applicants who have an ATAR below the published cut-off

We encourage you to consider all the options for entry to the University of Sydney. While most students are admitted on the basis of an ATAR on or above the published cut-off, Access Sydney offers a number of alternative entry pathways if you do not obtain the ATAR for your preferred course. These pathways include:

- Broadway Scheme (the University of Sydney’s Educational Access Scheme)
- Cadigal Alternative Entry Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants
- Early Offer Year 12 (E12) scheme
- University of Sydney Future Leaders Scheme.

You may be eligible to apply for more than one scheme. We recommend that you apply for as many as possible and we will give you the highest concession for which you are eligible. Note that not all courses are available for all schemes. For details, read the relevant sections on this and following pages.

### Early Offer Year 12 (E12) scheme

If you are a NSW Year 12 student who shows the potential to succeed at university and you have experienced financial disadvantage, you may apply to be considered for an early conditional offer. The early conditional offer includes an ATAR concession and lets you know in advance the ATAR you will need to get into your selected course. Under the E12 scheme, the ATAR will be fixed in advance and will be less than the published cut-off for the course. To be eligible to apply you need to:

- be currently undertaking the HSC or International Baccalaureate (IB) at a NSW high school
- be studying the required HSC subjects (if any) for the E12 course you wish to enter
- have the support of your school principal to apply for the E12 scheme.

In addition, you need to either:

- be studying at a high school that has been identified by the government as low socioeconomic (see the UAC S01E list for eligible schools), or
- demonstrate that you are experiencing financial hardship at the time you apply for E12 by successfully applying to the UAC Educational Access Scheme under the financial hardship provisions.

Under the E12 scheme you will also be provided with a first-year scholarship, a device to access lecture and tutorial material on, and support through your transition from school to university.

It is important to note that the E12 scheme cannot be combined with any other alternative pathway scheme.
Applications for the E12 scheme open Wednesday 19 July 2017 and your application must be received by Friday 1 September 2017 (5pm).

For more information, including the available courses and required subjects, visit sydney.edu.au/e12.

University of Sydney Future Leaders Scheme
If you are a Year 12 high school student and your school nominates you as dux of your year or school captain, you can receive a guaranteed place at the University of Sydney provided your ATAR is 70 or above, which is the minimum entry score for the University. Nominees will be offered ATAR concessions which may facilitate entry with an ATAR/IB which is below the published cut-off. Note that not all courses are available under the Future Leaders Scheme and some courses have a limited number of places reserved below the normal cut-off. For more information, visit sydney.edu.au/alternative-pathways.

Austalian tertiary studies
If you have completed at least one full-time year of study at Bachelor degree level or higher at a recognised educational institution, we will generally consider your results from those studies. Full-time study is considered to be the achievement of 48 credit points or more at the University of Sydney or the equivalent at another tertiary institution. If you have completed a Diploma or Associate Diploma, the results of these studies may be considered if the University considers them relevant to the course for which you are applying. Assessment for some courses may include additional components such as an interview, test results or portfolio presentation.

For information regarding admission on the basis of other tertiary study and assessment of tertiary qualifications, visit sydney.edu.au/alternative-pathways.

Current University of Sydney students
If you are currently enrolled in a University of Sydney Bachelor degree program and you intend to apply for another University of Sydney degree program, you will need to apply directly to the University for an internal transfer. For more information, visit sydney.edu.au/alternative-pathways.

Failure and exclusion
A record of failure at tertiary study means you will be less competitive for a place than those with a successful academic history. If you have been excluded from study at any university, you will not be considered for admission at the University of Sydney unless:
- you have successfully completed at least one semester of study at degree level after the exclusion, or
- your application for special consideration has been approved (see below).

If you have been excluded from a University of Sydney course, there is a two-year waiting period before you can apply for special consideration for entry to that course.

Special consideration for admission for applicants with tertiary study
You may apply for the Special Consideration for Admission Scheme if you:
- have a record of failure at tertiary study
- have been excluded from tertiary study, or
- believe that your tertiary studies have been affected by circumstances beyond your control.

You will only be considered for the January UAC offer rounds. For more information, call the Future Student Contact Centre on 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864) or enquire at sydney.edu.au/ask-domestic.

You will need to submit an application form along with all supporting documentation, to Admissions by Friday 22 December 2017. For more information, visit sydney.edu.au/alternative-pathways.

Do not send information about your record of failure and/or exclusion to UAC.

Overseas qualifications
Australian or New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of Australia with overseas secondary qualifications should apply through UAC. For information on overseas secondary qualifications, visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/overseas.shtml.

You may also contact the Future Student Contact Centre on 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864) or enquire at sydney.edu.au/ask-domestic.

Alternative entry and pathways
The University offers pathways for non-recent school leavers.

Applicants over 21 years of age
If you are older than 21 and did not start university straight from school you may be eligible for the University’s Mature-Age Entry Scheme.

To apply under this scheme, you need to:
- be at least 21 years old on 1 March of the year of entry to university, and
- have completed one of the following approved courses within the past two years:
  - Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation offered at a NSW TAFE Institute
  - Limited ATAR (NSW HSC) – read section 2.4 in Part 1 for more information. The University of Sydney does not use the Limited ATAR for automatic selection.
  - Open Foundation Course offered by the University of Newcastle
  - University Preparation Program (UPP) offered by UNSW Australia.

You will not be eligible for the Mature-Age Entry Scheme if you:
- have an ATAR or equivalent that will enable you to compete for entry into any course at the University, or
- have completed at least one year of full-time (or part-time equivalent) study at Bachelor level or higher.

Instead, you will be assessed on these results, even if you are 21 or older. Not all University of Sydney undergraduate degrees are available under the Mature-Age Entry Scheme. We recommend that before enrolling in any preparation course, you call the Future Student Contact Centre on 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864) to confirm your eligibility for entry and for information on the appropriate preparation courses.

For more information on mature-age entry, visit sydney.edu.au/alternative-pathways.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES
The University of Sydney Broadway Scheme is an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage. The scheme is only open for entry to undergraduate courses offered through UAC. You can apply for this scheme if you are a domestic applicant and:
- you completed Year 12 in 2016 or are completing in 2017, and
- you have not attempted any tertiary studies since finishing Year 12.

Approval under the scheme does not guarantee admission but it does allow you to compete for a place in most courses, with an ATAR up to five points below the course cut-off. In 2017, over 600 EAS approved applicants received an offer to the University through the Broadway Scheme.

The University of Sydney EAS applications are processed centrally through UAC. For more information, read section 5.5 in Part 1 and visit uac.edu.au/eas.

You may also call the Future Student Contact Centre on 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864) or visit sydney.edu.au/alternative-pathways.

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS
The University of Sydney offers a number of Equity Scholarships to prospective or currently enrolled students. These scholarships include the University of Sydney Scholars Equity Awards (valued at up to $30,000) and Commonwealth Indigenous Scholarships. Most applications for University of Sydney Equity Scholarships are centrally processed through UAC. For additional information on eligibility, visit sydney.edu.au/scholarships/equity. Read section 7.6 in Part 1 for more information.

The University offers a variety of scholarships for undergraduates. For more information, refer to ‘Financial assistance’ on the following page.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
Elite Athletes and Performers
If you are an elite athlete or performer (eg you have competed at state level or higher) and your training or competitive commitments have affected your studies, you can apply for special consideration under the Elite Athletes and Performers Scheme. Approval under this scheme does not guarantee an offer but allows you to compete for a place with an ATAR up to five points below the course cut-off.

Assessment criteria and application forms are available at sydney.edu.au/alternative-pathways. Applications close Tuesday 31 October 2017.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS
The University is committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to succeed in higher education. The Cadigal Alternative Entry Program is an access and support program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who want to study at the University of Sydney.
Any course offered by the University (excluding block-mode and away-from-base courses) can be studied through the Cadigal Program. You may be required to complete an additional assessment as part of your application. If you are younger than 21, you need to have completed the HSC or equivalent but are not required to have an ATAR.

To be considered for entry through the Cadigal Program, you need to submit your UAC application along with a separate Cadigal Alternative Entry Program application, directly to the University. To apply online, visit cadigal.sydney.edu.au/study/admissions.

For more information and assistance with your application, call the Mana Yura Student Support Team on (02) 8627 8619 or visit sydney.edu.au/ug-defer.

Students who intend to study Health Sciences courses at the Cumberland Campus can call Yooroong Garang (Cumberland) on (02) 9351 9066 or visit sydney.edu.au/ug-defer/yooroong-garang.

**Academic and other support**

The University provides services and facilities to encourage and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in all aspects of student life. Scholarships are available, including the University of Sydney Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Scholarship. For more information, visit sydney.edu.au/scholarships/indigenous.

Ongoing academic, social and cultural support is offered through the Mana Yura Student Support Team, the Cadigal Alternative Entry Program and the Commonwealth Government’s Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme.

**BRIDGING COURSES**

Most University of Sydney courses include some assumed knowledge. This means that before starting your course, you are expected to have completed certain subjects in your NSW HSC or equivalent, or to have reached a certain level of knowledge. They are not compulsory prerequisites but you may experience difficulties in your university studies if you have not completed them. Some courses also require the study of certain units (eg mathematics, chemistry or physics) during your first year. Bridging courses are offered at the Camperdown campus and the Cumberland campus:

- Mathematics (Camperdown campus only)
- HSC Mathematics Extension 1 (Camperdown campus only)
- Chemistry
- Physics (Camperdown campus only)
- Biology
- Grammaratical Analysis – recommended for Speech Pathology (Cumberland campus only).

Assumed knowledge subjects in this Guide refer to NSW HSC subjects. When you read Mathematics, this refers to the HSC course titled Mathematics, not Mathematics General 2. For subject equivalencies and information about enrolling in bridging courses, visit sydney.edu.au/ug-bridging.

**The Sydney Summer School**

Recent high school graduates can enrol in first-year subjects run by the Sydney Summer School. The Summer School is a full-fee-paying award program of intense study running over three sessions from December to February each year. Later in your course, you can accelerate your program, catch up on a failed subject or balance your timetable. Undergraduate fee scholarships are available for financially disadvantaged students. In addition, some merit scholarships are offered for undergraduates. For more information, visit sydney.edu.au/summer.

**ENROLMENT**

**Acceptance of offer**

Detailed information on how to accept your offer and enrolment procedures will be available from December 2017. For more information, visit sydney.edu.au/ enroll.

Your offer will include full details of the enrolment procedures. Read this information carefully as failure to follow the correct procedures may result in your offer lapsing. Before enrolment you should familiarise yourself with the first-year subjects on offer by consulting the relevant handbook at sydney.edu.au/handbooks.

**Advanced standing/ academic credit**

If you have already completed some tertiary study you may be eligible for limited credit for relevant subjects or for entry to the second or later year/s of your degree program. Second year entry is not available for some courses. For more information, visit sydney.edu.au/students/credit-for-previous-study.

The University will generally determine advanced standing for UAC applicants after enrolment.

**Deferment of offer**

Deferring an offer to the University of Sydney is:

- available for most courses
- assessed on a case-by-case basis – you will receive a link to apply for deferment after you receive your offer
- for one year only (with the possibility of two years in special circumstances)
- generally not available for mid-year entry.

For details visit sydney.edu.au/ug-defer.

**Fees and charges**

For 2018 fee information visit sydney.edu.au/ug-fees.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**Youth and student allowances**

For details on Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY, visit humanservices.gov.au.

**Loans**

If you experience financial difficulty and your academic work suffers as a result, there are loans and bursaries to assist with essential living and education-related expenses. Tuition fees and compulsory subscriptions are not covered. For more information, call the Scholarships and Financial Support Service on (02) 8627 4809, email student.financialsupport@sydney.edu.au or visit sydney.edu.au/financial-support.

**Scholarships**

The University of Sydney has an extensive scholarship program available for students who are completing Year 12 or equivalent in 2017. Scholarships range in value from $5,000 to $70,000. Specific scholarships are also available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

For more information on scholarships, visit sydney.edu.au/scholarships or call the Future Student Contact Centre on 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864) (local students) or +61 2 8627 1444 (international students). Undergraduate scholarship applications for students commencing in 2018 must be submitted by Friday 29 September 2017.

**STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES**

The University of Sydney has a wide range of support services and facilities available to all students. These include counselling, chaplaincy, academic assistance and learning support, and employment and career advice. Campus facilities include a medical centre, computing centres, study spaces, sporting and recreation facilities, and childcare centres.

The University also supports a variety of student organisations, clubs and societies for students to become involved in campus life.

For more information on our student and campus services, visit sydney.edu.au/campus-life.

There are dedicated support services for students with disabilities and special needs. We advise that you register for support as soon as you have accepted your course offer to ensure that it is in place at the beginning of semester.

For information on the available services, visit disability.sydney.edu.au or call Disability Services on (02) 8627 4822, email disability.services@sydney.edu.au or visit sydney.edu.au/disability.

**Accommodation**

Student Accommodation Services provides information about University-owned on-campus and off-campus accommodation and operates a database of private accommodation providers. You can attend information sessions on finding a place to live during Orientation Week.

For information, call (02) 9351 3322, email accommodation.info@sydney.edu.au or visit sydney.edu.au/accommodation.

**Colleges**

Individually run residential colleges provide furnished rooms and meals. A direct application to each college is required. If you intend to stay at one of the colleges, you are strongly advised to apply for college accommodation at the same time you apply to UAC.

For more information on colleges and for application forms, visit sydney.edu.au/accommodation.