

Order Year 10 booklets by Tuesday 21 May

Orders from schools for the *University Entry Requirements Year 10 Booklet* are due at UAC by **Tuesday 21 May 2002**.

Prepared by UAC on behalf of the participating institutions, the booklet shows prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended studies for university courses commencing in 2005.

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 the UAI rules and provides an overview of the areas of study available at universities.

Each Year 12 school in NSW and the ACT will receive four complimentary copies. Additional booklets cost just \$3.30 each (incl. GST). The minimum order is 10 booklets.

How to order

Schools complete the order form that accompanies this issue of *UAC News* or, alternatively, download the order form from the UAC web site at www.uac.edu.au. Look under 'Publications – Order Form' on the side menu.

Mail your order to UAC by **Tuesday 21 May 2002**. UAC will then send you an invoice, allowing 7 days for payment. Once your payment has been received at UAC, your booklets will be sent to you.

Members of the public can also buy copies of the booklet for \$3.30 over the counter at UAC's premises at Homebush Bay.

Individual copies of the booklet ordered through the mail cost \$3.30 plus postage and handling.

► UAC's NEW home!

The move to our new premises at Homebush Bay went quite smoothly and we are now part of the growing community of businesses in the Olympic precinct.

UAC is located approximately 250 metres east of the Olympic Park railway station.

A map is available via our web site at www.uac.edu.au/uac/about.html/.

Our new contact details are:

Location: Quad 2
8 Parkview Drive
Australia Centre
HOMEBUSH BAY
NSW 2127

Postal address: Locked Bag 112
SILVERWATER
NSW 2128

Telephone no: (02) 9752 0200

Important dates for 2003 admissions

UAC 2003 Guide

The *UAC 2003 Guide* will be distributed to schools from the week beginning Monday 22 July 2002. The Guide will be available from newsagents from Thursday 1 August 2002.

Applications

Early August 2002
Friday 27 September 2002
Thursday 31 October 2002
Friday 29 November 2002
Monday 3 February 2003

applications open
on-time applications close
late applications close (+\$77 late fee)
late applications close (+\$88 late fee)
final close of applications (+\$99 late fee)

HSC and UAI

Thursday 19 December 2002
Friday 20 December 2002
Monday 23 December 2002

2002 NSW HSC results released
UAI's released by UAC (web site + Infoline)
written advice of HSC results and
UAI's received

Change of preferences

Mid-August 2002 – 4 January 2003
17 January 2003 – 22 January 2003
31 January 2003 – 3 February 2003

for consideration in Main Round
for consideration in Late Round
for consideration in Final Round

Offers

Friday 6 December 2002
Saturday 4 January 2003
Friday 17 January 2003
Friday 31 January 2003
Saturday 8 February 2003

Early Round offers released
Preliminary Round offers released
Main Round offers released
Late Round offers released
Final Round offers released

A copy for the:

- Principal
- Careers Adviser
- Year 12 Adviser
- Curriculum Adviser

Copies of the current and previous newsletters can be downloaded from the UAC web site at www.uac.edu.au Look under 'Publications' – Download'.

University news & updates

University of Newcastle

New programs

The University of Newcastle will offer the following new programs in 2003:

480632 B Information Technology
HECS, Callaghan, 3F/EqP

480635 B Information Technology
HECS, Ourimbah, 3F/EqP

This new program in Information Technology will equip graduates with skills for careers as web developers, analyst programmers, business analysts and project managers. There are no prerequisites and the program is designed to provide students with a technical foundation in Information Technology combined with an understanding of people, organisations and complex systems.

For 2003 admissions, selection will be based on UAI only.

For further information contact the School of Design, Communication and Information Technology on (02) 4921 6633.

480628 B Illustration (Natural History)
HECS Callaghan 3F/EqP

This program is designed as a bridge between art and science and will appeal to students who wish to visually interpret our unique Australian environment. As well as learning aspects of field observation, data collection and traditional and multi-media studio techniques, students are encouraged to select associated elective courses from the environmental and biological science and design disciplines.

Natural history illustrators are generally specialists who work in the publishing, display or exhibition fields.

Recommended HSC studies include Visual Arts, Textiles and Design, Design and Technology, Senior Science, Biology and Geography.

For 2003 admissions, selection will be assessed on the basis of UAI only. For admission beyond 2003 additional selection criteria may apply.

For further information contact the School of Design, Communication and Information Technology on (02) 4921 6633.

Programs with name changes

In 2003 some existing programs will be replaced by alternatives:

480175 B Communication
Callaghan, 3F/EqP

B Communication will replace B Arts (Communication Studies) (480050). The key study areas are video, audio, digital media, journalism, photography, public relations, communication and media studies and professional writing.

The program also provides students with the opportunity to study in a variety of professional contexts and settings.

For 2003 admissions, selection will be based on UAI only. For further information contact the School of Design, Communication and Information Technology on (02) 4921 6633.

480763 B Occupational Therapy
Callaghan 4F

B Occupational Therapy will replace B Health Science (Occupational Therapy) (480620). The program content remains the same with major studies in occupational therapy as well as over 1000 hours of fieldwork.

For 2003 admissions, selection will be based on UAI only for Year 12 applicants. Non-year 12 applicants must submit a UAC application as well as complete a Faculty of Health application form (available after 1 August 2002) and attend an interview at the University in November-December.

For further information call (02) 4921 7036.

Successful first intake of B Physiotherapy students

The new B Physiotherapy program at Newcastle has been very popular. The University is very pleased with the success of the first intake with most of the offers made to students in the Main Round. The University expects that entry into this program will continue to be extremely competitive.

The program is pending accreditation with the NSW Physiotherapists Registration Board and the Australian Council of Physiotherapy Regulating Authorities.

Application procedures for health programs at the University of Newcastle

B Medical Radiation Science

In 2003 the following strands of the Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science degree will be offered:

Diagnostic Radiography (480690)
Nuclear Medicine (480700)
Radiation Therapy (480710)

A prerequisite of either NSW Year 12 Mathematics or Physics (or equivalent) applies. General Mathematics or bridging courses are not accepted.

All applicants are required to:

- * apply through UAC by the November closing date;
- * complete a Faculty of Health application form – available from the Faculty of Health after 1 August 2002 by calling (02) 4921 6621 – and return it to the Faculty by 31 October 2002;
- * attend a Personal Qualities interview held at the University during November/December. Only those applicants who meet the prerequisite will be invited to attend the interview.

Applicants are assessed on both academic criteria and performance in the interview.

B Occupational Therapy

All current Year 12 students apply for admission through UAC and will be assessed on UAI alone.

All other applicants are required to:

- * apply through UAC by the November closing date;
- * complete a Faculty of Health application form available from the Faculty of Health after 1 August 2002 by telephoning (02) 4921 6621 and return it to the Faculty by 31 October 2002;
- * attend a Personal Qualities interview held at the University during December.

Applicants are assessed on both academic criteria and performance in the interview.

Contacting UAC

Telephone:	[02] 9752 0200
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B Medicine

The closing date for the submission of the Faculty of Health application form for the Bachelor of Medicine program at the University of Newcastle in 2003 is **Friday 27 September 2002**.

Students wishing to apply for entry to the Bachelor of Medicine program should:

1 Register to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

On-time applications for UMAT close on **14 June 2002** (an application fee applies). Late applications close on 28 June 2002 (an additional late fee applies).

In 2002 UMAT will be held on 31 July 2002 at various locations across Australia. Registration forms may be obtained from:

UMAT Office
ACER Assessment Services
Private Bag 55
Camberwell VIC 3124
Telephone: (03) 9277 5673

All enquiries concerning UMAT should be directed to the UMAT Office.

2 Apply directly to the University of Newcastle

Faculty of Health application forms will be available in June 2002 and may be obtained by contacting the Program Officer (BMed). Applications close on **Friday 27 September 2002** – late applications WILL NOT be considered under any circumstances. Further information may be obtained by contacting:

The Program Officer (BMed)
Faculty of Health
Medical Sciences Building
University of Newcastle
Callaghan NSW 2308
Telephone: (02) 4921 5680
Email: bmed-admissions@newcastle.edu.au

3 Apply to the Universities Admissions Centre (NSW & ACT) Pty Ltd (UAC)

On-time applications must be lodged with UAC by **Friday 27 September 2002**. Students who wish to be considered for B Medicine must have lodged a UAC application and included B Medicine as a preference by the late closing date of *Friday 29 November 2002* (late fee applies).

*Candidates must lodge all **THREE** of the above applications to be eligible to be considered for entry to the B Medicine program at the University of Newcastle.*

University of New South Wales

Entry into medicine at the University of New South Wales

The Faculty of Medicine at UNSW has developed a new admissions process that is being implemented for entry in 2003.

The selection criteria for students currently in Year 12 are:

* **academic merit** – a minimum UAI of 95.00 in the HSC is required;

* **UMAT** (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Services Admissions Test) – a test designed to assess general attributes and skills gained through prior experience and learning. Apply by 14 June 2002 at www.acer.edu.au/unitest;

* **interview** – main round to be held 30 September-11 October 2002, final round to be held 6-10 January 2003. It is anticipated that about 450 applicants will be interviewed.

In the selection of students for entry, these three criteria will be equally weighted.

Applicants are required to register their interest at www.med.unsw.edu.au and also submit a structured Curriculum Vitae (CV), which can be downloaded from that web site.

Both must be submitted by **Friday 28 June 2002**. The CV should include why you want to study medicine at UNSW, details of your relevant personal qualities and skills, your non-academic interests and activities and a brief description of your life experience. Schools will be asked to comment on school-related activities and achievements. This CV may be used as one of the criteria for selection for interview and a source of information to set the context of the applicant's interview.

For further information read the Faculty's web site: www.med.unsw.edu.au

University of Sydney

More programs available in Orange

The University of Sydney has broadened career options for school-leavers from rural and regional Australia by offering three new degree programs at the Orange campus from 2003.

In addition to the places already offered by the University's Faculty of Rural Management, the following will be available at the Orange campus in 2003:

* 30 places for students undertaking a new four-year B Pharmacy (Rural);

* 30 places for students to study the first year of a B Liberal Studies;

* 20 places for students to complete the first year of a B Computer Science and Technology.

The programs will be of interest to students from a rural or regional area who wish to make the transition to university easier, or who just want to study closer to home. Students from Sydney who would like to spend some time in the country could also be interested in studying at Orange.

For more information about studying at Orange, contact the University Helpline 1300 36 2006 or visit the web site at www.usyd.edu.au/study

▶ Late applications accepted until 3 February 2003

The introduction of an extended February closing date at UAC for 2002 admissions was very successful, with a large number of applications received in January and February 2002, particularly from non-Year 12 applicants.

Given the success of the February closing date, UAC will accept applications for 2003 admissions until **Monday 3 February 2003**.

As before, late fees and conditions apply to applications lodged after the on-time closing date in September. Some courses have early closing dates and people wishing to apply to high demand courses and courses with additional selection criteria (such as interviews, portfolios and tests) must still ensure that they apply early.

To cater for the late applications, there will again be an extra offer round – the Final Round – released on Saturday 8 February 2003.

For your information

Report on the Scaling of the 2001 NSW HSC

Distribution of scaled marks 2001 – a preliminary report is available to download as a pdf from the UAC web site at www.uac.edu.au/admin/2001uai.html/

The preliminary report is produced by the Technical Committee on Scaling and includes the percentile table (appendix) from the Scaling Report, providing information about the distribution of scaled marks used in the calculation of the 2001 Universities Admission Index (UAI).

Two printed copies of the complete *Report on the Scaling of the 2001 NSW HSC* will be sent to schools in June 2002.

UAC 2003 Guides

Copies of the *UAC 2003 Guide* will be delivered to NSW and ACT schools/colleges from Monday 22 July 2002.

Schools/colleges will receive one Guide for every Year 12 student, plus several reference copies for staff and the library.

Careers advisers email group

UAC maintains a list of careers advisers who want to receive updates from UAC via email. These updates are sent out only when necessary to advise of important changes to UAC admissions procedures.

If you are on our email group, by now you will have received a test email. The purpose of the test email is to identify careers advisers who are on the list and wish to be removed, or who are not yet on our list and wish to be included.

If you have not received a test email, and would like to be included, please email us by completing the email enquiry form on our web site at www.uac.edu.au. In the box provided state that you wish to be included on the careers advisers email group and don't forget to provide your email address.

Educational Access Schemes (EAS)

UAC will send an updated version of the EAS Schools package to schools with the EAS booklets in the week beginning Monday 22 July 2002. Designed to help EAS advisers assist students with their EAS application, it will include:

* hints and suggestions about completing the Confidential Statement of Support (Csos) –

that is, what it should include and who should fill it out - some students are still asking inappropriate people to complete their Csos, while others are submitting their EAS application without a Csos;

* proforma letters that show a suggested format and form of words for supporting statements provided on school letterhead.

UAC schools liaison

A reminder to careers advisers that, where possible, UAC is happy to attend group meetings of careers advisers to present information about UAC and our admissions procedures. Attendance at such meetings also gives us the chance to answer questions and obtain feedback from those working with students.

Please note also that UAC will attend individual schools only in exceptional circumstances. We find that it is more useful if we present information to and discuss issues with careers advisers, rather than directly to students.

2002 mid-year admissions

Applications for 2002 mid-year admissions are now open. *The 2002 Mid-year Admissions Supplement*, containing details of all the courses being offered and an application form, is available from UAC. Applications close on **Friday 7 June 2002.**

University Open Days in 2002

► Listed below are the dates for Open Days being held during 2002.

Australian Catholic University

Canberra Campus 31 August
North Sydney Campus 24 August
Strathfield Campus 24 August

Australian Maritime College

Newnham Campus 18 August
Campus tours can be arranged by appointment; for further information Freecall 1800 030 277.

The Australian National University

31 August

Charles Sturt University

Albury-Wodonga Campus Open Day —Every Day

La Trobe University

Albury/Wodonga Campus 18 August

Macquarie University

14 September

Southern Cross University

Coffs Harbour Education Campus 3 August
Lismore Campus 10 August
Port Macquarie Campus 24 August
Tweed Gold Coast Campus 17 August

University of Canberra

31 August

University of New England

13 September

University of New South Wales

Courses and Careers Day 7 September
Australian Defence Force Academy 31 August

University of Newcastle

Callaghan Campus –
Courses and Careers Information Day 7 September
Ourimbah Campus 15 September

University of Sydney

Camperdown and Darlington Campus and Mallett Street Campus 31 August
Faculty of Health Sciences, Cumberland Sydney College of the Arts 31 August
Sydney Conservatorium of Music 31 August

University of Technology, Sydney

UTS Information Day, Broadway Campus 31 August
UTS Information Day, Kuring-gai Campus 7 September

University of Western Sydney

Hawkesbury Campus 11 August
Bankstown Campus 18 August
Parramatta Campus 25 August

University of Wollongong

For campus tours and special events contact UoW on 1300 367 869

For information on special school visit days, contact the individual institution.