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## **Apply now for university courses in 2007**

UNIVERSITY applications for 2007 are now open through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). On-time applications for undergraduate courses at universities in NSW and the ACT will close on Friday 29 September 2006 so act now – applications received after this date will incur a late fee.

UAC receives and processes applications for entry to undergraduate degree, diploma, advanced diploma and associate diploma courses offered by NSW and ACT universities. This centralised application process makes applying to university easy – potential students just submit one application with UAC, which can include up to nine different courses.

Information about how to apply can be found on UAC's website [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) or in the *UAC 2007 Guide*.

Students completing Year 12 in NSW and the ACT this year have received a free copy of the Guide from their school. Non-Year 12 applicants can purchase a copy of the *UAC 2007 Guide* through newsagents, Co-op bookshops or the UAC office in Homebush Bay for \$19.

Both the website and Guide provide comprehensive information on university courses and facilities, including descriptions of more than 1 200 undergraduate courses offered by universities in NSW and the ACT. Each course description contains information about the length and type of course, major studies, possible career opportunities and course prerequisites.

UAC Managing Director Andrew Stanton encourages potential applicants to collect as much information as they can about courses and universities when considering their study options.

“Make sure you utilise all of the sources of information available to you,” Mr Stanton said. “Read the *UAC 2007 Guide*, visit UAC's website, study university websites, collect course brochures, talk to current university students, attend open days, and read newspaper articles about career options.

“Applicants need to research their choice of courses carefully and ask themselves whether the courses they are contemplating really suit their needs and goals. They also need to have a realistic expectation of the demand for the course and whether they have a chance of gaining entry into their chosen course.”

For those people thinking about university study, UAC suggests the following list of things to do and think about before applying:

### **READ:**

- information in the *UAC 2007 Guide* and on UAC's website at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) thoroughly and carefully
- university handbooks and course brochures (available from the universities)
- university websites
- careers and tertiary features in newspapers and magazines
- information produced by associations and professional organisations relating to your field of interest.

**VISIT:**

- university open days – these are held in August and September each year
- your local library – for books on careers.

**TALK TO:**

- prospective student advisers and representatives from the universities
- family and friends
- past or current students enrolled in the course/s which you are interested in
- your careers adviser or Year 12 co-ordinator – if you are in Year 12.

**ASK YOURSELF QUESTIONS:**

- Are you prepared to commit yourself to study for several years?
- Are you aware of any additional selection criteria such as interviews, questionnaires or auditions required for selection to the course/s?
- Do you meet the prerequisites needed for entry to the course/s?
- What are the up-front costs and fees involved?
- Will you have to travel long distances to get to the course? How will you get there?
- Where will you live when you are studying and how much will it cost?

For further information about university applications, call UAC on (02) 9752 0200 (8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday) or visit [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au).

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