Educational Access Schemes

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

As part of year-round admissions for 2013–14, UAC is also offering year-round EAS applications. Applicants can now also add disadvantages to their application after they’ve applied, using the Supplementary EAS Application Form. This can be found at www.uac.edu.au/eas/. These and other changes are outlined in detail in the EAS Schools package, which can be downloaded from UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/publications/equity.shtml

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For more information about IES and CS for Indigenous applicants, read the UAC 2014 Equity Scholarships booklet, which you can download from www.uac.edu.au/equity/

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.

School preferences lists

As part of our commitment to providing more information to schools, lists of students from each school who have applied through UAC and their preferences as at 9 September 2013 will be available on our website from 9am on Wednesday 11 September. To access, go to MySchool in the SchoolLink area of UAC’s website (www.uac.edu.au/schoollink/) and enter your school’s login. All schools should have already received their login details. If you haven’t received your login or have any questions, contact UAC Customer Service on (02) 9752 0200 or email schoolsfeedback@uac.edu.au.

All about the ATAR

Students will be able to access their ATAR from 9.00am on Thursday 19 December 2013 on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au. They will need their UAC application number or HSC student number and their UAC PIN. They’ll receive written advice of their ATAR from UAC from Friday 20 December 2013.

The ATAR Enquiry Centre will be open from Thursday 19 December when ATARS are released to Tuesday 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.
Acessing ATARs

Please remind students that they will need their UAC application number or HSC student number and their UAC PIN to access their ATAR on UAC’s website. If they don’t have their UAC PIN they should call UAC beforehand 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 who are applying through UAC change their UAC PIN using Check & Change after they apply.

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 cut-off 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 online 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 Thursday 26 September onwards. See UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/international/key-dates.shtml for a full list of offer round dates.

International students may receive one conditional offer from each institution in their application, and changing their preferences will not necessarily 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 point 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/ATAR/bonuses.shtml or in the UAC 2013–14 Guide.

Community engagement

UAC’s Community Liaison team met thousands of students, careers advisers and parents at careers events and information sessions throughout NSW and the ACT in 2013. This included visits to Forbes, Dubbo, Bathurst, Wollongong, Moree, Tamworth, Maitland, Newcastle, Wagga Wagga, Leeton and Albury-Wodonga, Lismore, Coffs Harbour, Camden Haven, Taree, Moruya, Canberra, Goulburn, Nyngan, Narrandera and metropolitan Sydney including the Northern Beaches and Sydney Olympic Park.

UAC offered a series of metropolitan and regional information days this year aimed at principals, deputys, head teachers, year advisers, careers advisers and other school staff in an advisory role with senior students intending to pursue tertiary study. This included a morning session based on ‘Using the Scaling Report’. The afternoon session was an interactive format that provided an update of UAC processes and publications with an emphasis on preferences, bonus points and Educational Access Schemes.

We look forward to meeting more of you again next year.

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. 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 2013–14 Guide and the July issue of UAC News.

Charles Sturt University

Supplementary application forms

Students applying for the Bachelor of Dental Science and the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Bachelor of Veterinary Science at CSU should submit their Supplementary Application Forms direct to CSU, not through UAC. Forms are available through the online course brochures at www.csu.edu.au/courses and should be submitted following the instructions on the form. These forms provide an opportunity for you to show your commitment and passion for the area you wish to study.

Open days

At CSU, it’s open day every day. If you’re thinking about studying at CSU, you can have a personalised campus tour any working day that suits you. Tours are led by current students and give you a chance to see the facilities and talk to CSU staff about what it’s like to be a CSU student. Tours can be booked online at www.csu.edu.au/campustour or by calling 1800 334 733, allowing at least three days’ notice.

Southern Cross University

New prerequisites for education courses in Queensland from 2016

To comply with new legislation in Queensland, Southern Cross University is introducing Year 12 prerequisites for education courses taught at its Gold Coast campus from 2016. There are no prerequisites for education courses taught at the University’s Lismore or Coffs Harbour campuses.

Year 12 prerequisites for the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) and Bachelor of Education (Primary) at the Gold Coast campus from 2016: Any two units of English (Band 2+); Any two units of maths (Band 2+); plus a science subject (Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, Physics or Senior Science) (Band 2+).
University of New South Wales

Minimum selection rank for 2014
UNSW has announced that for 2014 admissions the minimum selection rank for admission will be 80.00 (with the exception of courses for which there are additional selection criteria). For 2013 admissions only eight courses – spread between the College of Fine Arts and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences – had cut-offs below 80.00 so for most applicants for 2014 admissions the introduction of the minimum selection rank will have no effect.

New admission schemes
In recognition that using the ATAR as a single selection criterion has not always provided an opportunity for applicants to demonstrate their aptitude for creative study, UNSW has introduced two new admission schemes for domestic applicants for 2014 entry.

• The COFA Alternative Admissions Scheme (CAAS) will be available for admission to all COFA programs.
• Built Environment is offering the Bachelor of Interior Architecture Admissions Scheme (BIAAS).

Both schemes provide the opportunity for applicants to submit a portfolio of work and other supplementary material for consideration in the selection process. More detailed information is available in the relevant course descriptions on the UAC website.

New courses
429540 – B Science (Environmental Management)
This new three-year degree is designed to meet an increasing demand for graduates with a breadth of understanding of environmental management, and prepare them for the challenges faced by environmental consultants, governments, policymakers, and wide-ranging organisations concerned about environmental impact, sustainability and management. The degree offers a series of core subjects coupled with a choice of six majors including Biology, Geology, Ecology, Environmental Chemistry, Geography, and Marine Science. The Environmental Management degree is diverse and encourages participation in courses from several faculties covering topics such as environmental economics, policy and law, and population analysis.

New dual degrees
In line with UNSW’s aim to provide flexibility and a wide range of choice in undergraduate study, the following dual degrees are now available for admission in 2014:

- 422210 – B International Studies/B Media (Communication and Journalism)
- 422220 – B International Studies/B Media (PR and Advertising)
- 422505 – B Music/B Commerce
- 422525 – B Music/B Engineering
- 424350 – B Actuarial Studies/B Commerce
- 424350 – B Actuarial Studies/B Science
- 424100 – B Commerce/B Science (Computer Science)
- 424100 – B Commerce/B Aviation (Management)

- 426000 – B Science and Business/B Laws
- 429330 – B Science (Advanced Mathematics)/B Engineering
- 429360 – B Science (Advanced Science)/B Engineering
- 429560 – B Science (Environmental Management)/B Arts

It is expected that a number of other dual degrees will be approved in time for 2014 admissions. Applicants are advised to check ‘New Courses’ under Course updates in the Course Search on UAC’s website.

Change to course name
422400 – B Social Work (Honours)
This degree draws on the extensive expertise and experience of qualified social work practitioners to deliver a unique combination of scholarly and practice-based courses.

Every student completes either a piece of independent research by way of thesis or an advanced practice portfolio as part of the new Honours component. It is anticipated that the change of award name to include Honours will be approved for each of the dual social work programs in time for 2014 admissions.

Changes to area of study
424000 – B Commerce
The UNSW Bachelor of Commerce is offering a new major in Real Estate Studies in 2014. The Real Estate studies major would be suitable for students who would like to work in real estate investment management or research, in public policy, or more generally in the financial or corporate sectors. They will develop specialist economic/finance knowledge in the area of real estate and the new major would complement a second major in accounting, finance, financial economics or economics.

University of Newcastle

New High ATAR Guarantee
As part of the University of Newcastle’s ongoing commitment to encourage and reward high achieving high school students, the University has introduced a High ATAR Guarantee for 2014. If students receive an ATAR of 90 or above they will be guaranteed a place in most undergraduate degrees at the University of Newcastle. Students do not need to apply separately to guarantee a place, all they have to do is manage their preferences carefully. For more information and a full list of degrees included in the University of Newcastle High ATAR Guarantee, visit www.newcastle.edu.au/highatar.

New courses
480902 – B Social Work (Honours)
This degree replaces the previous B Social Work (UAC Code 480900). Changes are due to a recent review of the program.

480915 – B Speech Pathology (Honours)
This degree replaces the previous B Speech Pathology (UAC Code 480910). Changes are due to a recent review of the program.

480766 – B Pharmacy (Honours)
This degree is a new four-year full-time undergraduate program. Students will complete substantial supervised practice in community and hospital pharmacies as well as undertaking a research project. As a pharmacy graduate, students will have the opportunity to access employment opportunities in the community, hospital, industry and government sectors.

University of Wollongong

New courses
754604 – B Creative Arts (Photography)*
For further information, email fca-enquiries@uow.edu.au or call (02) 4221 3996.
* subject to University approval

New majors
753101 – B Arts
The following majors have been added to the B Arts degree:
• Photography*
• Creative Writing*
• Writing & English Literatures*
For further information, email fac-arts@uow.edu.au or call (02) 4221 5328.
* subject to University approval

Year 12 prerequisites for the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (Secondary) and Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Education (Secondary) at the Gold Coast campus from 2016: Any two units of English (Band 2+); Any two units of maths (Band 2+).
Some courses have early closing dates set by the institutions that are earlier than UAC closing dates. Check the individual course description on UAC’s website for details.

Applications
- **Friday 27 September 2013**: on-time applications close
- **Thursday 31 October 2013**: late applications close with $122 late fee
- **Friday 29 November 2013**: late applications close with $140 late fee
- **Friday 21 February 2014**: final close of applications for semester 1 with $150 late fee

HSC and ATARs
- **Wednesday 18 December 2013**: HSC results released by NSW Board of Studies
- **Thursday 19 December 2013**: ATARs released by UAC

Change of preferences
- **Saturday 4 January 2014**: For consideration in Main Round
- **16 January – 23 January 2014**: For consideration in January Round 3
- **30 January – 31 January 2014**: For consideration for Semester 1 study

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

Offers
- **Thursday 24 October 2013**: October Round
- **Thursday 14 November 2013**: November Round
- **Thursday 5 December 2013**: December Round
- **Friday 3 January 2014**: January Round 1
- **Thursday 16 January 2014**: Main Round (January Round 2)
- **Thursday 30 January 2014**: January Round 3
- **Thursday 6 February 2014**: February Round 1
- **Wednesday 12 February 2014**: February Round 2
- **Wednesday 19 February 2014**: February Round 3
- **Wednesday 26 February 2014**: February Round 4

All offer rounds are released at 7.30am except * which are released at 9pm – Sydney local time.

Processing charges
- 2013 domestic Year 12 applicants: $28
- Non-Year 12 applicants: $60
- International applicants: $68

Applications for 2013–14
In the move to year-round admissions for applicants, students should be aware that not all institutions have included courses available in the second half of 2014 in the UAC Guide or on UAC’s website, and courses are subject to change. Advise your students to check the course search on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/course-search for the most up-to-date listing of courses available at UAC’s participating institutions.

On-time applications for 2013–14 admission for domestic undergraduate students close on Friday 27 September 2013. Students can apply after this date but late fees will be charged, and certain courses have early closing dates – check UAC’s website or the UAC 2013–14 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, complete and incomplete studies and qualifications, even if undertaken in conjunction with Year 12 studies. 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 25 October 2013 for courses starting in semester 1, 2014.