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Open days	
North Sydney	Saturday 3 September 2016
Strathfield	Saturday 10 September 2016
Canberra	Saturday 27 August 2016
Important dates	
Semester 1	
Enrolment	Monday 10 October 2016 – Sunday 26 February 2017
Classes start	Monday 27 February 2017
End of exam period	Sunday 25 June 2017
Semester 2	
Classes start	Monday 31 July 2017
End of exam period	Sunday 26 November 2017

ABOUT

Australian Catholic University (ACU) students do more than read about and study those who are change-makers. They become change-makers.

Grounded in our Catholic intellectual tradition and heritage, ACU's commitment is to empower students with the knowledge, skills and professional experience needed to make a difference in our world.

ACU's variety of courses gives students a chance to make a difference in fields such as arts, teaching and education, allied health, science, exercise

science, health, nursing and midwifery, psychology and counselling, social work, business, information technology, law, theology and philosophy.

As part of this commitment to students, ACU brings together leading academics, strong industry connections, world-class research, international study opportunities, and excellent facilities and services to provide a life-changing university experience.

All ACU students have the chance to undertake professional placements and volunteer work throughout their studies, ensuring they are work-ready upon graduation.

Community engagement is also a core part of the experience at ACU, giving students opportunities to contribute to communities in need in Australia and overseas.

Students have the option to travel the world and study with one of more than 130 partner institutions across the globe or at ACU's very own Rome Centre.

The University is open to people of all beliefs and backgrounds. ACU has campuses in Brisbane, Sydney (North Sydney and Strathfield), Canberra, Melbourne, Ballarat and Adelaide and a centre in Rome, Italy.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for entry to ACU's undergraduate courses you must meet the general requirements listed in one or more of the following categories, satisfy English language requirements and be selected in competition with other eligible applicants.

Australian secondary studies

2016 Australian Year 12 students

If you are a 2016 Australian Year 12 student you are usually assessed on the basis of your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent. Refer to Table 4 in Part 1 for Queensland OP equivalents.

If you are a 2016 Australian Year 12 student who has previously undertaken Year 12, you will be considered on the basis of your latest ATAR or equivalent.

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

ACU has a number of alternative pathways for admission which may allow 2016 NSW and ACT Year 12 applicants to receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR below the published cut-off. They include:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scheme
- ACU Edge
- Canberra Special Admissions Program
- Bonus points schemes
- Educational Access Scheme
- Early Achievers' Program
- Elite Athletes and Performers Program
- Passion 4 Business
- Principals' Recommendation Scheme
- Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS).

For details of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scheme and Educational Access Scheme, read the relevant sections on the following pages.

To apply to the following access schemes you must be a 2016 Year 12 student and be eligible for an ATAR. You must also meet relevant course prerequisites – read individual course entries for ACU.

An offer to a course under these schemes can only be made if you have completed the application procedures (if required) and included the course as a preference on your UAC application.

ACU Edge

ACU Edge is an early entry scheme which enables current Year 12 school leavers to receive an early offer to courses on the Strathfield, North Sydney and Canberra campuses. Year 12 students whose ATAR is equal to or higher than the previous year's cut-off will be considered for an early round offer. No separate application is required to be considered under this early entry scheme.

Bonus points schemes

Open to current Year 12 students, these schemes award bonus points to eligible applicants under a variety of schemes. For further information, visit www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/accessacu.

Early Achievers' Program (EAP)

Students who demonstrate a commitment to their communities as well as their studies can gain early acceptance into the University through the Early Achievers' Program. This hugely successful program recognises the achievements and contributions made by prospective students to their communities through sustained voluntary activities undertaken through their school, church, sporting or cultural organisations. For further information and details about applying, visit www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/pathways_And_entry_schemes/year_12_student_entry/early_entry.

Elite Athlete and Performer Program (EAPP)

ACU supports elite athletes and performers in their study and aims to help them achieve their academic and personal potential. Elite Athlete and Performer program co-ordinators offer course and enrolment advice and help students find flexible study options. Under this program, bonus points are awarded to applicants depending on their level of sporting and/or performance representation. Applicants requesting consideration under this program should complete the Elite Athlete and Performers Program Application (E) form. For further information and details about applying, visit www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/pathways_And_entry_schemes/year_12_student_entry/elite_athlete_and_performer_program.

The closing date for submitting forms is **Friday 25 November 2016**.

Passion for Business (P4B)

ACU's new Passion for Business (P4B) program provides a unique opportunity for students with a passion for business. Current Australian Year 12 students who have completed, or are completing, a business-related subject in Year 11 and/or Year 12 are eligible to apply for entry to ACU through the P4B Program.

In addition to applying through UAC, you must complete the P4B online application, including:

- the business subject/s you have completed or are currently studying
- a 200–300 word response to 'Why you are passionate about Business'.

For further information and to complete the online application, visit www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_institutes_and_centres/law_and_business/school_of_business/passion_for_business. Applications close **14 September 2016**.

Previous Australian secondary studies

If you completed Year 12 before 2016 and have not attempted any tertiary studies since that time you will be assessed on the basis of your secondary qualification; that is, your ATAR or equivalent.

Australian tertiary studies

If you have undertaken tertiary studies you can also be assessed on your tertiary record, provided you have completed at least 0.2 year's full-time equivalence. If you haven't completed this amount of tertiary study then you will be assessed on your Year 12 results only.

Current students of ACU

Current ACU students, including students on interrupted study, who wish to transfer from one course to another, or one campus to another, must apply online at www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/applying/transfer_applications. For further information, call the AskACU on 1300 275 228.

Overseas qualifications

Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia with overseas qualifications from countries where English is not the standard language of instruction must provide evidence of English language proficiency. For more information, visit www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/elp.shtml.

Refer to tables 7 and 8 in Part 1 for information on overseas secondary qualifications.

Alternative entry and pathway courses

If you do not have formal educational qualifications you may seek admission to the University on the basis of your performance in one of the following:

Tertiary Preparation Certificate/TAFE qualifications

Applicants with TAFE or equivalent qualifications will be considered for admission in competition with all other applicants. Applicants with a completed Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse) wanting to gain entry to Year 2 of the

Nursing degree should apply for the specific course B Nursing (for Enrolled Nurses – Dip Nursing Entry).

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

STAT is recommended to anyone who is 21 years or older and who does not hold formal educational qualifications. Read section 2.8 in Part 1 for details.

Pathway programs

After completing a pathway program you may be eligible for admission to a Bachelor degree course, depending on your grades and the course cut-off in the relevant admission cycle. For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/pathways_And_entry_schemes/year_12_student_entry/pathway_programs, email askacu@acu.edu.au or call 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228).

SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEMES

ACU participates in the Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS), which are processed centrally through UAC. SRS allows current Year 12 students to receive early offers of admission. SRS aim to assist access to higher education using a wide range of selection criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR. These include school recommendations, senior secondary studies, and personal awards and achievements.

For information, read 'Entry schemes and bonus points' in section 2.12.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES

ACU has an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) to assist applicants whose education has been disadvantaged by circumstances beyond their control for a substantial period of time.

ACU EAS applications are processed centrally through UAC. Read section 2.12 in Part 1 for further information on EAS.

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

ACU Equity Bursaries and Commonwealth Indigenous Scholarships are open to all eligible students applying to or enrolled at ACU. Applications are processed centrally through UAC. Apply online at www.uac.edu.au/equity.

Read section 6.6 in Part 1 for further information on Equity Scholarships.

ACU also offers a number of scholarships and bursaries that are available to students applying to or enrolled at ACU. Apply online at www.acu.edu.au/scholarships.

Note: The Commonwealth Government has announced changes to the administration of Commonwealth Scholarships to take effect from 1 January 2017, details of which are not available at the time of publication. Further information will be available on UAC's website and from institutions when details are released by the Commonwealth.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants may be offered admission upon establishing their potential for success by attending an interview with staff of the relevant faculty and a member of the Indigenous Higher Education Unit. Support is available from the Indigenous Higher Education Unit before and after the interview. No separate application is required provided Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent has been indicated on the UAC application form. Applicants will be contacted automatically.

Applications for ACU's specific Indigenous programs must be made directly through the University's online application system.

Yalbalinga (NSW) and Dhara Daramoolen (ACT) Indigenous Higher Education Units

Staff at Yalbalinga and Dhara Daramoolen provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with social, cultural, personal and academic support as well as a place to meet and work on assignments. For those needing tutorial support, they can also arrange for the employment of tutors.

For further information, call the Strathfield campus on 1800 733 405 or (02) 9701 4258 or the Canberra campus on (02) 6209 1222.

INTERNATIONAL FEE-PAYING APPLICANTS

International students currently undertaking Australian Year 12 studies and seeking entry to undergraduate degrees need to apply through UAC. Read sections 1.4 and 1.5 in Part 1 for further information on how to apply.

COURSES AVAILABLE BY DIRECT APPLICATION

A small number of undergraduate courses and non-award programs are offered by direct entry. For further information, visit www.acu.edu.au/courses/other_courses/pathway, email askacu@acu.edu.au or call 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228).

Associate degrees

- Associate Degree in Business Administration (Indigenous Studies)
- Associate Degree in Inclusive Education and Disability Studies

Non-award studies

- Certificate in Educational Studies
- Certificate in Liberal Studies
- Certificate in Theology
- Certificate in Business Information Systems
- Certificate in Commerce.

ENROLMENT

Advanced standing/Academic credit

Applications for advanced standing/academic credit must be made at the time of enrolment.

Deferment of offer

Refer to Table 6 in Part 1 for further information on deferment policies.

Fees and charges

For 2017 fee information visit www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/fees_And_scholarships/fees/undergraduate_costs.

All students must pay student contributions for a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP). Read section 6.2 in Part 1.

Students are also required to pay a Student Services and Amenities Fee.

The fees for 2016 were:

- full-time students – \$145 per half year (\$290 annually)
- part-time students – \$108 per half year (\$216 annually).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Youth and student allowances

For details on Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY, read section 6.5 in Part 1.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

ACU has a range of student support services. These include counselling, chaplaincy, academic assistance and learning support, and employment and career advice. Campus facilities include a medical centre, computing centre, sporting and recreation facilities, and a childcare centre.

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

For more information on ACU's student and campus services, visit www.acu.edu.au/student_experience/support_services.

For students with disabilities and special needs ACU has dedicated support services, visit www.acu.edu.au/student_experience/support_services/disability_services for details.