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Important dates

Academic advice and enrolment for new students	January - February 2017 (optional attendance)
Online enrolment of new students	December 2016 - February 2017 (specific courses only)
Session 1	Monday 27 February - Friday 30 June 2017
Session 2	Monday 31 July - Friday 1 December 2017

ABOUT

Established in Sydney in 1964, Macquarie University is a progressive voice among universities in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. Created during a time of extraordinary social transformation to be a different kind of university, it was and will always be a bold experiment in higher education.

True to its founders' vision, the University has challenged the conventional thinking of academia through innovations in its campus set-up, curricula, interdisciplinary research, and engagement with industry and the wider community.

Generations of audacious individuals and responsible leaders join forces in unique surroundings where faculties and research centres sit together in one magnificent parkland campus.

More than 40,000 students are enrolled annually across five faculties: Arts, Business and Economics, Medicine and Health Sciences, Human Sciences, and Science and Engineering.

Over the years, the campus has become a magnet for a constellation of companies - all local and global leaders in dynamic sectors including information technology and healthcare - which means greater access to career opportunities for its graduates.

The University is imbuing all of its undergraduate curricula with an emphasis on civic and professional participation. Its PACE (Professional and Community Engagement) program takes students into working and social environments that enrich their experiences and connections, and open their minds to engaging as active world citizens.

The Macquarie University campus in North Ryde is connected to the Sydney CBD by fast and efficient transport - 20 minutes by car and 30 minutes by train.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be admitted as a candidate for a Bachelor degree at Macquarie University, you need to satisfy the general requirements listed in one of the following categories and be selected for enrolment.

Australian secondary studies

Selection will be based on your ATAR or equivalent obtained from an Australian Year 12 or International Baccalaureate (IB) in 2016 or earlier (unless you have undertaken tertiary study, including TAFE). To compare interstate Year 12 results, refer to Table 4 in Part 1.

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

Macquarie University has a number of alternative pathways for admission, which may allow you to receive an offer to a degree even though you have an ATAR below the published cut-off.

These include:

- Academic Advantage for strong performance in relevant Year 12 subjects
- Big History Scheme
- Educational Access Scheme - Lighthouse Scheme for special circumstances
- Elite Athletes and Artistic Performers Scheme
- Rural Bonus Scheme for rural and remote students.

For most participating degrees you can receive a maximum of 10 bonus points by combining these schemes. Some degrees limit the maximum number of bonus points to six.

Academic Advantage

Academic Advantage recognises students' achievements in subjects that relate specifically to Macquarie's degrees. Depending on performance, students may receive up to three bonus points for each subject, for a total of up to six points. *[Note: MQ increased from five to six points as at 08/09/16]*

Who is eligible?

If students have completed an Australian Year 12 HSC or the International Baccalaureate (IB) in Australia the year prior to application, they are eligible for bonus points.

What degrees are excluded?

Academic Advantage applies to all Macquarie University degrees except for:

- B Actuarial studies (including double degrees)
- B Advanced Science
- B Laws (including double degrees).

How do I apply?

UAC will calculate eligibility automatically if a Macquarie University degree is listed in your preferences.

Visit www.mq.edu.au/academic-advantage for further information.

Rural Bonus Scheme

The Rural Bonus Scheme supports students from rural and regional Australia by offering bonus points. These are added to their selection rank that determines an offer for a degree. The scheme is intended to support students who do not have access to resources and support networks that are available within cities and larger towns.

Macquarie has developed a range of other initiatives and programs to support rural and remote students. These include:

- accommodation scholarships for rural and remote students
- accommodation for rural students
- special considerations for university admissions
- Distance education courses.

For further information, visit www.mq.edu.au/rural-bonus-scheme.

Big History Scheme

The Macquarie University Big History: Connecting Knowledge course is available on the COURSEERA® platform and features 20 academics from across all faculties of the university. Zooming in and framework lectures enable students to understand key concepts through the lens of different disciplines and the unprecedented challenges we face on a global scale.

The Big History: Connecting Knowledge MOOC is a powerful foundation for university study in any discipline. Students who verify their completion of the Big History: Connecting Knowledge MOOC will receive three bonus points on their UAC rank for admission to Macquarie University.

For further information, visit www.mq.edu.au/big-history-scheme

Big History Bonus Points applied to all Macquarie University degrees except:

- B Actuarial studies (including double degrees)
- B Psychology (Honours) (including double degrees).

Macquarie's entry programs for current Year 12 students

■ Global Leadership Entry Program

The Global Leadership Entry Program is open to current Year 12 students who are not only doing academically well but also are leaders in their community. The opportunity is available for a selected number of Macquarie's leading programs. Offers will be made in the December Round. For more information, visit www.mq.edu.au/glep.

■ Gifted and Talented Program

The Macquarie Gifted and Talented Program allows a select number of high achieving students the opportunity to tackle Macquarie's first-year units in Year 11 and Year 12. Those with a distinction or higher in two units will be eligible to enrol in a select number of Macquarie degrees upon completion of their Year 12 studies. Visit www.mq.edu.au/gifted for more information.

■ Schools Recommendation Schemes

Macquarie participates in the Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS). Visit www.mq.edu.au/srs and read section 2.12 in Part 1 for more information.

■ Academic Entry Program

The Academic Entry Program considers a student's performance in individual subjects and matches their strengths to a degree that suits them. We review results for the NSW Board Developed Courses that correspond to select Macquarie degrees and make an early offer dependent on performance in these subjects. This program is available for all degrees except B Business Leadership and Commerce. Visit www.mq.edu.au/academic-entry for more information.

■ Next Step Pathway

The Next Step Pathway is an alternative entry pathway for students who could not enter into a degree through traditional methods, or mature age student who never had the opportunity to pursue tertiary education. Visit www.mq.edu.au/next-step for more information.

Australian tertiary studies

If a student has ever undertaken tertiary studies, they will be considered for selection on their overall record of academic merit - that is, both secondary and tertiary study. Applicants who have tertiary award studies but who have not completed a Year 12 certificate will be considered for selection on the basis of their tertiary rank.

Previous students at Macquarie University

If a student is a former Macquarie University student applying to return to the same undergraduate degree and has not studied at another tertiary institution (including TAFE), or completed further secondary studies during their absence, they can apply directly to the University. Visit www.students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/manage_your_study_program/returning_to_studies_after_an_absence for more information.

If a student has completed further secondary studies or attempted tertiary studies (including TAFE) since they were last enrolled at Macquarie, they must apply through UAC.

Overseas qualifications

Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia with overseas qualifications should seek information about eligibility for admission from the University before submitting an application through UAC. Refer to tables 7 and 8 in Part 1 for information on overseas secondary qualifications.

If a student applies on the basis of overseas qualifications, they may be required to sit an English language proficiency test - read section 2.9 in Part 1 and visit www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/elp.shtml for more information.

Alternative entry and pathways

Macquarie also has entry schemes that support applicants who may not receive a competitive offer based on their academic ranking.

For further information on methods of selection for the qualifications listed below, and other qualifications that may lead to eligibility, visit www.mq.edu.au/pathways.

Macquarie University International College Diploma

Macquarie University International College offers Diploma programs to help students transition into university study. Developed specifically to meet Macquarie's entry requirements, the College offers four Diplomas which are designed so that upon successful completion students can go straight from their pathway studies into their chosen Macquarie University Bachelor degree.

Diplomas are all 28 weeks (6 teaching weeks for each term, plus orientation, exams and term breaks). Upon successful completion students will gain guaranteed entry into the second year of a relevant degree provided they meet the entry criteria. Visit www.mq.edu.au/pathway-college for entry requirements and degrees offered.

TAFE qualifications

On completion of specified Diplomas or Advanced Diplomas, candidates could be eligible for articulation into a limited range of Macquarie degrees. Visit www.mq.edu.au/study/non-school-applicants/getting-into-university/entry-pathways/tafe-graduates for more information.

Open Universities Australia (OUA)

Open Universities Australia allows students to study Macquarie units at their own pace, building towards a full Macquarie degree. Study is completely online and is open to students with low ATAR or even no ATAR at all. Visit www.open.edu.au/courses/maq for more information.

Walanga Muru Alternative Entry Scheme

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants who have not completed the HSC or gained the sufficient rank for entry into their preferred Macquarie degree may receive entry via the Walanga Muru Alternative Entry Scheme. Offers are made according to merit, based on demonstrated capacity at an on-campus assessment day. Visit www.mq.edu.au/walanga-muru-pathway for more information.

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

For applicants who are not 2016 Australian Year 12 students.

STAT Multiple Choice is a test of two hours, designed to assess a range of competencies considered important for success in tertiary studies. For more information, read section 2.8 in Part 1.

Applicable for all degrees except B Actuarial Studies and its double degrees, B Business Leadership and Commerce, B Clinical Science and B Education (ECE)(Birth to 12) and its distance degree.

Limited ATAR

Read section 7.6 in Part 1.

Internal transfer

Students are able to enrol in a degree with a lower ATAR (preferably in a related area of study) and transfer into their desired degree upon meeting the internal transfer criteria. Visit www.mq.edu.au/internal-transfer for more information.

New students (commencing a Macquarie degree in 2017) who have been admitted to a non-law degree at Macquarie University can apply for admission to the Pre-Law Pathway prior to their first session of studies. For entry criteria, visit www.mq.edu.au/pre-law-pathway.

SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEMES

Macquarie University participates in the Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS), which are processed centrally through UAC. SRS allow Year 12 students who are UAC applicants to receive early offers of undergraduate admission by considering not only their subject performance, but also their school's recommendation.

Visit www.mq.edu.au/srs and read section 2.12 in Part 1 for further information.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES

Macquarie University has an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) called the Lighthouse Scheme to assist applicants who have educational or social disadvantages. Visit www.mq.edu.au/educational-access-scheme for more information.

Read section 2.12 in Part 1 for further information on EAS.

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Macquarie University offers the following scholarships: Macquarie University Education Costs Scholarship, Macquarie University Accommodation Scholarship, Macquarie University Mature Age Non-Current School Leaver Scholarship, and Macquarie University Refugee Scholarship. It also offers Commonwealth Indigenous Scholarships, which are open to all eligible students applying to, or enrolled at, Macquarie University.

All Macquarie Equity Scholarships applications are processed centrally through UAC.

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

Macquarie University also offers a number of other scholarships - read 'Financial assistance' on page 256.

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.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Elite athletes and performers

An elite athlete or artistic performer's training, performing and competitive commitments may have affected their HSC. If this is the case, they may be eligible to receive bonus points under the Special Admission Scheme - Elite Athlete and Performers. Macquarie's Committee will consider individual circumstances and determine if a student is eligible for bonus points.

For session 1, on-time applications close on **Monday 31 October 2016**. Late applications will be accepted with a late fee until Wednesday 30 November 2016. The Elite Athletes and Artistic Performers Scheme is also available for session 2 entry in 2017.

Visit www.mq.edu.au/elite-athletes-and-performers-scheme.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS

The Walanga Muru Alternative Entry Scheme is an equity initiative aimed at increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation within Bachelor degrees.

It provides opportunities to Indigenous Australians who may not have completed their HSC or acquired a necessary score for entry into their degree of choice.

As part of the selection process some applicants may be required to attend an assessment workshop. Particular courses may require additional supporting information; offers will be made according to merit, based on demonstrated capacity to undertake university study.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Indigenous Student Support Officer prior to application. Call (02) 9850 4498 or visit www.mq.edu.au/walanga-muru-pathway for more information.

INTERNATIONAL FEE-PAYING APPLICANTS

Some international fee-paying students apply through UAC, while others apply directly to Macquarie University. Read sections 1.4 and 1.5 in Part 1 for more information on how to apply.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Macquarie University has exchange agreements with universities across the world. We partner with more than 150 universities in more than 40 countries, so students can undertake some of their degree in the Americas, Asia, Africa, Europe or the UK. Students can study for just a couple of weeks, a whole session or even a year. Visit www.students.mq.edu.au/exchange or call Macquarie Abroad on (02) 9850 6325 for more information.

BRIDGING COURSES

Numeracy Centre - free academic support

The Numeracy Centre offers free help with the maths or stats component of any first-year degree, including statistics, psychology, economics, physics, accounting, actuarial studies, electronics, biology, chemistry and maths. The centre works on a drop-in basis during the week, and runs a variety of bridging courses at the beginning of every session.

Bridging and preparatory courses

The Numeracy Centre also offers a number of courses at the start of each year on a fee-paying basis.

Mathematics bridging course

The Preparatory Course in Mathematics is an intensive course for students from various mathematical backgrounds who need to enrol in first-year mathematics courses or need a solid review of introductory mathematical concepts. There are two different streams available. There are also a number of review sessions run to refresh prerequisite knowledge early in the session.

Visit www.maths.mq.edu.au/numeracy, call (02) 9850 8924 or email the Numeracy Centre at sci.numeracy@mq.edu.au for more information.

Physics bridging course

The physics bridging course provides background knowledge for students who plan to enrol in physics or engineering units, but who have not completed physics to HSC level. This 4.5-day course will be offered in the week before session 1 commences. Visit www.physics.mq.edu.au, or call the Department of Physics and Astronomy administrator on (02) 9850 8911 for more information.

Chemistry bridging course

The chemistry bridging course is recommended for students who plan to study science but did not study chemistry at HSC level; for those needing to gain confidence in chemistry; and for those who want a refresher course in chemistry. This 4.5-day course will be offered in the week before session 1 commences. Contact the Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Sciences administrator on call (02) 9850 8275 for information.

ENROLMENT

Most new undergraduate students will have the opportunity to enrol online in their first year at Macquarie. Information and enrolment instructions for new students will be available on Macquarie's enrolment website at www.mq.edu.au/secure from the end of October 2016.

Acceptance of offer

Internal students

Students who intend to study at Macquarie should secure their place online promptly. Visit www.mq.edu.au/secure for more information on how to secure an offer, and for enrolment instructions.

Distance education students

Students who are given an offer to an external course do not need to attend an on-campus enrolment session. Visit www.mq.edu.au/secure for more information. Note that most external units do have an on-campus attendance requirement for field trips, workshops and/or examinations.

Orientation

Orientation takes place the week before classes begin and is the best way to find out what university life has to offer. The day is run entirely by Macquarie's student volunteers, Mentors@Macquarie, who take new students through the basics of university and help ease the transition into university life. Visit www.mq.edu.au/orientation for more information on orientation and assistance with the transition into university life.

Recognition of prior learning

Students seeking recognition for prior learning must complete an application and provide the relevant supporting evidence. Visit www.mq.edu.au/study/non-school-students/getting-into-university/applying/recognition-of-prior-learning for more information.

Enrolment dates

From 2017, both online and on-campus enrolment will be available as options for new students. For session 1, 2017 online enrolment will commence around December 2016 (for select degrees only) and on-campus enrolment will be available during January and February. Session 2 online enrolment will be available in May 2017 and on-campus enrolment will be held in July 2017.

Deferral of offer

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

Fees and charges

Visit www.mq.edu.au/unifees for fees information.

All students must pay a student contribution for a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP). For further information, read section 6.2 in Part 1.

Payment of a student services and amenities fee is compulsory for most students. Visit www.mq.edu.au/ug-fees-and-costs for more information.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Youth and student allowances

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

Loans

The Student Loan Scheme provides assistance to students who are unable to finance basic needs to help them to continue their studies. For more information, visit www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/student_loans/policy.html.

Scholarships

The University offers several prizes and scholarships for studies in certain undergraduate degrees. Refer to the *Undergraduate Scholarships 2016* brochure on the Macquarie Undergraduate Scholarships website at www.mq.edu.au/scholarships for more information.

Also read 'Equity Scholarships' on page 255.

ACCOMMODATION

While some students enjoy living in a community structure, others prefer to be more independent. Macquarie University has a number of accommodation options to suit every type of student.

Macquarie University Accommodation options are focused on supporting the needs and security of residents. Socially, each area offers a unique experience for residents to meet new people, and provide opportunities to attend social events plus more.

Visit www.accommodation.mq.edu.au or call (02) 9850 7965 for more information.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

Macquarie University 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.

Visit www.campuslife.mq.edu.au/get-involved for more information.

Macquarie has dedicated support services for students with disabilities and special needs. Visit www.campuslife.mq.edu.au/campus-wellbeing for more information.

Disability Service

Macquarie's Disability Service works with students and their academic supervisors to make sure that their learning and assessment needs are met. Auslan interpreters and note takers are available in lectures and tutorials, and course and exam materials are available in alternative formats. Macquarie's library has rooms equipped with adaptive technology, and a range of assistive equipment is available for loan. Macquarie is constantly improving the wheelchair accessibility of its campus.

Visit www.students.mq.edu.au/support/health_and_wellbeing/disability_service/how_to_register for information on how to register with the Disability Service. Students wishing to request support services from the Disability Service (including those prospective students who have completed a questionnaire for UAC applicants with disabilities), should make an appointment with a Disability Adviser immediately after enrolling at Macquarie University:

on campus: Level 2, Lincoln Building (C8A), Macquarie University

tel: (02) 9850 7497

email: campuswellbeing@mq.edu.au

website: www.students.mq.edu.au/support/health_and_wellbeing/disability_service