

MATURE AGE ENTRY TO THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

There are various schemes by which mature age applicants, who do not already have acceptable educational qualifications, may gain admission to the University.

Applicants should seek advice from the Admissions Office early to ensure the scheme is suitable for entry to the desired program and all deadlines can be met.

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Other programs accepted by ANU

QLD TAFE Certificate in Adult Tertiary Preparation
University of NSW University Preparation Program
University of Newcastle Open Foundation Course
Wollongong University College University Access Program

On-time applications for university admission close at the end of September and must be lodged online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

The UAC Guide which will be available for purchase from August at most major newsagencies. Further information is available on UAC's web site at www.uac.edu.au.

What is Mature Age Entry?

Australian citizens or permanent residents who meet the appropriate age criteria and do not hold educational qualifications that meet the University's minimum entry requirements can seek admission through one of the entry schemes described in the following pages.

If you have:

- **Completed** an associate diploma, diploma, or advanced diploma or hold Year 12 qualifications or equivalent; or
- **Undertaken** at least four courses (subjects) at a university or college of advanced education at **degree** level, at any time

you may already satisfy the minimum admission requirements, and, if so, you may not need to undertake one of these special schemes. You should check contact the Admissions Office to determine your current eligibility.

International students who do not meet minimum entry requirements may undertake an approved Foundation Studies course. For information on the ANU Foundation Studies course or other approved programs you should contact the ANU Admissions Office on (02) 6125 5594.

Choosing a program to suit your needs

- **If you are reasonably confident about basic skills, but think you need to develop those skills further before attempting degree level study**, you should consider the University Preparation Scheme (**scheme 1**)
- **If your qualifications do not meet minimum entry but you already feel confident about your ability to succeed at degree level study**, you should consider the Special Adult Entry Scheme (**scheme 2**).
- **If you think you need a reasonable amount of assistance in basic skills associated with academic study**, you should consider undertaking pre-tertiary studies at the Canberra Institute of Technology or a TAFE Institute in New South Wales (**schemes 6 & 7**) or an Associate Degree (**schemes 8 & 9**).
- **If you are applying for a program, which has subject prerequisites at Year 12 level**, e.g. Information Technology, you should consider doing Abridged Secondary Qualifications (**schemes 3 & 4**) or an ACT Year 12 program for Mature Age Students (**scheme 5**) or UPS with Maths Bridging as your study course. In some cases, it may be necessary to complete a **full** Year 12 Certificate program or interstate equivalent, e.g. to apply for entry to Engineering.

Mature age applicants are required to apply to their desired degree program through the Universities Admissions Centre's website at <http://www.uac.edu.au>. The UAC Guide will be available for purchase from most major newsagencies and the Co-op Bookshop in August.

On time applications close **at the end of September for study beginning in February**.

Adult Entry Schemes offered by the Australian National University

1. University Preparation Scheme (UPS)

Eligibility

If you are an Australian citizen or permanent resident and will be aged 21 years or over by 1 March 2012, you will be eligible to attempt the University Preparation Scheme in 2011 in order to qualify for admission to the University in 2012.

Course description

Some Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) courses, some courses offered by the Faculties and the ANU College Mathematics Bridging modules, have been approved as University Preparation Scheme courses. Applicants are required to undertake a year-long or single semester course, to be assessed by course tutors, **and** sit for the multiple choice portion of the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). The STAT is held between October and early December (dates to be confirmed). The test is run by UAC and you must register with them separately to your UPS course. CCE and Faculty based courses commence in either February or July and cannot be started at any other time.

Students can undertake one of the following courses as a UPS unit:

- Centre for Continuing Education UPS courses in fields such as law, science, languages, history and social science (subject choice may vary from year to year);
- Approved sequence of two courses) offered by the Faculties of Arts, Science & Asian Studies
- Mathematics Bridging modules 1 and 2 **or** 2 and 3 offered by the ANU Maths Department and ANU College (page 8);

University Preparation Scheme courses are recognised by the ANU as suitable preparation for ANU Undergraduate degree studies. They are not special "matriculation" courses nor will they necessarily be recognised by other tertiary institutions for admission purposes. University Preparation Scheme courses cannot be included in, or credited toward, a degree program subsequently undertaken at the University. Successful applicants undertaking Faculty-based courses may, however, receive exemptions for first year undergraduate courses completed through UPS.

Application for UPS course enrolment

Application forms and brochures for UPS courses are available from the **Centre for Continuing Education** or **ANU College** (for Mathematics Bridging courses).

Application for university admission in 2012

All UPS students seeking University admission for 2012 **must** submit an application through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) **AND** register with UAC to sit the STAT Multiple Choice test. To apply through UAC, visit their website at www.uac.edu.au. STAT registration is also handled by UAC, not ANU.

Students undertaking the intensive one-semester UPS with the intention of being admitted to ANU mid-year **must** submit an application through UAC **AND** register for the STAT mid-year. Mid-year STAT registrations close in early May. Occasionally ANU chooses not to use UAC for mid-year

admissions processing, so a direct application for admission will need to be lodged with ANU, but the registration for the STAT test will still be via UAC.

Important: not all programs are available for a commencement in semester 2.

On-time applications for university admission in 2012 through UAC close at the end of September 2011.

Applications after the on time date will be accepted by UAC until early February with an increasing late fee. However, depending on course vacancies, ANU may not participate in later offer rounds. It is therefore advisable to apply as early as possible. Please see www.uac.edu.au for deadlines and fee information.

STAT registration

It is essential that all students who are using the UPS as their basis of admission register for the STAT Multiple Choice test. The STAT is administered by UAC in a number of sittings usually from October through to December each year (see the UAC Guide or UAC website for details of venues, test dates and closing dates). The Mid-year STAT is usually held in May.

2. Special Adult Entry Scheme (SAES)

Eligibility

If you are an Australian citizen or permanent resident and do **not** meet minimum admission requirements for entry to the University and you will be aged 21 years or over by 1 March 2012, you are eligible to apply **unless**:

- you have undertaken tertiary studies within the past two years (2010-2011) or;
- you have unsuccessfully attempted the Special Adult Entry Scheme within the preceding three years (2009-2011).

You are strongly advised to check with the Admissions Office about your eligibility before submitting an application.

Criteria for Admission

Applicants will be selected for entry on the basis of performance in two Special Tertiary Admission Tests (STAT):

- multiple choice test of Verbal and Quantitative skills
- test of Written English.

The tests will be held on several occasions between October and early December 2011. The tests are administered by UAC. See www.uac.edu.au for more information. You must register with UAC, not ANU.

Application for University Admission

All SAES students seeking university admission for 2012 **must** submit an application through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) **AND** register with UAC to sit the STAT Multiple Choice **and** test of Written English. To apply through UAC, visit their website at www.uac.edu.au.

STAT tests are conducted by other tertiary admissions centres as well (e.g. QTAC, SATAC, TISC, VTAC). UAC can provide advice on how to register for the STAT test with those centres.

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STAT registration

You register for the tests online via UAC. There will be a registration fee to sit both tests which is payable to UAC at the time of registration.

Please check the UAC Guide or website (www.uac.edu.au) for details of venues and dates and to register for the tests..

Abridged Secondary Qualifications

Those undertaking studies while on an overseas student visa are **not** eligible to qualify for admission on the basis of Abridged Secondary Qualifications.

3. NSW Higher School Certificate

To be eligible for a Limited ATAR to be calculated on your 2011 NSW HSC and seek admission to the University in 2012 you must meet the following criteria:

- you must be at least 20 years of age on 1 March 2011;
- you must be taking between five and nine units of Board Developed courses in 2011 that include at least one unit of English; and
- you must attempt the units at one sitting (you cannot accumulate a Limited UAI)

The Limited ATAR is calculated using scaled marks from Board Developed courses comprising at least one unit of English and the best four other units of Category A courses.

The limited ATAR is calculated only in the year for which you sit the HSC courses.

NSW Higher School Certificate courses are available at TAFE Colleges and Institutes of Technology in NSW. Enquiries about studying externally should be directed to:

Open Training and Education Network - Distance Education (OTEN-DE)

51 Wentworth Road

STRATHFIELD NSW 2135

Tel: 1300 362 346

<http://www.tafensw.edu.au/oten>

4. ACT Year 12 Certificate

You are eligible to enrol in the Mature Age ACT Year 12 Certificate in 2011 and seek admission to the university in 2012 if:

- you were aged 20 years or over by 1 March 2011; or
- you completed the requirements for the award of a Year 10 Certificate by 31 December 2008 but have not completed Year 12.

Students must complete a tertiary package of subjects as approved by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies **and** sit for the AST (Australian Scaling Test). On this basis, you will receive a Year 12 Certificate and an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).

ACT Year 12 Certificate courses are offered by Canberra Institute of Technology. It may also be possible for mature students to undertake a full-time day program at some ACT Colleges.

Information on the courses which are offered by each college can be obtained from the relevant college or from the Canberra Institute of Technology.

ACT Year 12 Qualification for 'Older Students'

"Older Students" who wish to undertake ACT Year 12 studies in 2011 are classified by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies as those who are 18 years or over by 31 December 2010.

"Older Students" may qualify for admission in 2012 by completing an approved study program and sitting for the AST to receive an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).

The course requires one year of full-time study or part-time equivalent and is available at Canberra Institute of Technology and some ACT secondary colleges. Intending applicants should seek advice from the Canberra Institute of Technology or from a secondary college of their choice.

Pre-Tertiary Studies

6. Canberra Institute of Technology Pre-Tertiary Studies Certificate

Eligibility

If you will be 21 years or over by 1 March 2012, you are eligible to enrol in the Pre-Tertiary Studies Certificate course in 2011, in order to qualify for admission to the University in 2012.

Course Description and Admission requirements

The course may be completed only by part-time study, in either one semester, or two consecutive semesters. Day and evening classes are available.

You can qualify for admission to the University, by completion of the ACT Pre-Tertiary Studies Certificate with a credit average for the required three subjects. The Certificate will be acceptable for admission purposes for two years after completion. Admission to particular programs may require a higher level of pass.

7. NSW Tertiary Preparation Certificate

Course Description and Admission requirements

If you are 18 years or over by 1 March 2012, you are eligible to be considered for admission to the ANU in 2012 on the basis of the NSW Tertiary Preparation Course (TPC).

The TPC course requires one year of full-time study or two years of part-time study and is available at many TAFE Institutes in NSW. You can qualify for admission to the University by completing 10

approved semester units and achieving a tertiary entrance score which is calculated on marks from Language and Learning Skills plus the best two other Group B general education units. For further details of the TPC course, consult your nearest NSW TAFE campus.

Associate Degree Programs

There are currently many people who don't meet the ANU standard entry requirements. An Associate Degree allows them to:

- obtain a higher education qualification that is recognised throughout Australia;
- gain entry to many ANU Bachelor Degree programs with credit.

The ANU offers two Associate Degree programs – one on the ANU Campus taught in conjunction with ANU College (ANUC), the other taught in conjunction with the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT). The Associate Degree is a two-year full-time or four-year part-time qualification accredited against higher education requirements undertaken following Year 12 or equivalent, with mature age entry possible.

The Associate Degree emphasises the foundational, research-based knowledge of an academic discipline and is broad-based in conceptual and theoretical content. The Associate Degree offers an exit point at the sub-degree level, or an articulated pathway into the Bachelor Degree for further in-depth study and professional preparation.

On ANU campus, in conjunction with ANU College there are three streams available:

- Social Studies
- Business
- Science & Technology

For further information on this program see

<http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/admission/associate/index.php> and
<http://www.anucollege.edu.au/index.php/courses/anu-associate-degree>

Application to the above three programs is via the Universities Admissions Centre see
www.uac.edu.au

In conjunction with the Canberra Institute of Technology there are two programs available:

- Science
- Engineering

For further information on the Science program see

http://www.cit.act.edu.au/future/courses/science_anu_associate_degree

For further information on the Engineering program see

http://www.cit.act.edu.au/future/courses/engineering_anu_associate_degree

Application for the above CIT programs is by direct application to the CIT see

<http://www.cit.act.edu.au/current/administration/apply>

ANU degree program prerequisites

Prerequisites outline knowledge that you are required to have before you can commence study in the degree program. Not having this knowledge means you will not be able to cope with the subject material presented in your classes.

You should check <http://studyat.anu.edu.au> to confirm prerequisites and other important information for the degree program you are interested in. Prerequisites are also listed in the degree program information in the UAC guide.

If you have qualifications besides those listed that you think meet the prerequisite, or your qualification is more than 10 years old, please contact the ANU College responsible for the degree.

Prerequisites also apply to combined degree programs.

While there are no formal prerequisites for Science courses, applicants considering the study of any biological sciences should first contact the ANU Colleges of Science on (02) 6125 2809 for advice.

Owing to the highly competitive nature of admission to the ANU College of Law, only a limited number of places are available for mature age applicants who present results achieved at a high level in an approved university special entry or preparation scheme. Applicants who achieve at least a credit average in the first year of another program (e.g. BA) may apply to Law after one year. There are no subject prerequisites for Law. Further information is available from the ANU College of Law on (02) 6125 3483.

Assumed Knowledge

For some courses, it is necessary to have a basic understanding of some subject matter prior to beginning the program. If you do not have the assumed level of knowledge but have met the admission requirements, you may still be selected for the program, but may find some difficulty coping with your studies.

Assumed Knowledge is listed on <http://studyat.anu.edu.au> and in degree program information in the UAC Guide

Bridging courses

Mathematics

Three bridging modules in mathematics are offered. They are designed to assist students who lack necessary prerequisites, need to strengthen their mathematical background, or need a refresher course.

Further details are available from ANU College at <http://www.anucollege.edu.au/index.php/courses/maths-bridging> or telephone (02) 6125 6688.

Chemistry

The ANU Research School of Chemistry offers a bridging course that runs in early February. The course targets students who have weak or little background in high school chemistry but who wish to pursue first-year university chemistry. Registrations open in October for the following year. For more information see <http://chemistry.anu.edu.au/doc/1st-year/chemistry-bridging-course/>

The Challenge of university study

The ANU has a long tradition of enrolling mature students. Mature age people have a very good track record within the ANU and are valued as students.

University study requires, for many students, a shift in their styles of thinking and arguing to a more critical and analytical approach. At first this may seem difficult or unattractive but in most cases it expands and enriches the students' views of the world. Abridged Secondary Qualifications, TAFE pre-tertiary or University preparation studies can help students to handle this kind of approach.

Undertaking university study (whether part-time or full-time) is time and energy consuming. It is not a matter of 'filling in spare hours'. For example, a student taking a full first-year load in the Arts Faculty is looking at a minimum of a 40 hour week - that is, three class hours for each of four subjects, plus a minimum of seven hours private study per subject outside classes. When essays or tests are due, the workload increases. Also most students find they have to be able, at least occasionally, to work in the evenings and at weekends in the University libraries. (The Public Library system cannot cover the specialised readings required).

Students should therefore expect to adapt and reorganise their present way of life - and probably that of their family, friends and work colleagues as well - in order to handle this new component of academic study.

Again, those who have successfully completed Abridged Secondary Qualifications, TAFE pre-tertiary or UPS studies have, of necessity, met and overcome many of these challenges and should have some advantage at the commencement of their university program.

ANU Degree programs

For a list of available programs please consult the ANU Undergraduate Handbook at <http://studyat.anu.edu.au>. It is also available for consultation at the Student Enquiry counter (Pauline Griffin Building), in Faculty Offices and in local libraries

Please note:

As there may be only a limited number of places available in programs for new applicants, eligibility for admission to the University does not guarantee the offer of a place in a particular program. Published cut-offs are indicative only.

Contact Numbers for further information

For further information please use the contact list below:

ANU ADMISSIONS OFFICE	02 6125 5594 Admiss.app@anu.edu.au
University Admissions Centre (UAC) (Applying to University degree programs and STAT test) www.uac.edu.au	02 9752 0200
CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION (UPS CCE & Faculty based units)	(02) 6125 2892
ANU COLLEGE (Mathematics Bridging Course & Associate Degree Program)	(02) 6125 5000
ANU Research School of Chemistry (Chemistry Bridging Course)	(02) 6125 2391
ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences (Faculty based UPS courses , degree advice and information)	(02) 6125 2898 Students.cass@anu.edu.au
ANU College of Asia & The Pacific (Faculty based UPS courses , degree advice and information)	(02) 6125 0515 Studentadmin.cap@anu.edu.au
ANU College of Business & Economics (degree advice and information)	(02) 6125 3807 info.cbe@anu.edu.au
ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science (degree advice and information)	(02) 6125 0677 Student.services@cecs.anu.edu.au
ANU College of Law (degree advice and information)	(02) 6125 3483 enquiries.law@anu.edu.au
ANU College of Medicine, Biology and Environment AND ANU College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences (degree advice and information)	(02) 6125 2809 science.enquiries@anu.edu.au
Canberra Institute of Technology, Reid Campus	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Information • Careers Advisors • Pre-Tertiary Studies Coordinator • ACT Year 12 (Reid Campus) 	(02) 6207 3188 (02) 6207 3290 (02) 6207 3415 (02) 6207 3426
HECS Information Line (Higher Education Contribution Scheme)	132 861
Open Learning Australia (OLA) Student Advisor	1300 525 236

ACT Secondary Colleges

See telephone directory under 'Schools' for a list of government secondary colleges

NSW TAFE Campuses

See telephone directory under Technical & Further Education Commission (TAFE)