University Information

NSW/ACT Universities info links (CLICK HERE) and some Interstate Universities info links (CLICK HERE) are now on mhsCareers.com. These links should make finding university information much easier. To see other universities' websites. CLICK HERE

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UAC Guide

Applications open at the beginning of August each year, and this is when the UAC Guides arrive in schools.

In the UAC Guide you will find chapters on how to apply, the Universities Admission Index (UAI), and study costs and financial assistance. Table 1 tells you which courses are available, and Part 2 contains the university entries with the course descriptions.

Get your application in to UAC by Tue 30 September 2008, even if you haven’t decided on the courses that you want to apply for! Late applications cost money, and you can change your preferences for nothing!

Make sure that your preference order relates to the order in which you most want to do the courses, not to which might have the highest UAI! But, make sure that you put a lower UAI course as your last preference in case your UAI is lower than expected.

When choosing your courses make sure that you are putting in the code for the Commonwealth supported place courses (CSP) in preference to the domestic fee paying courses (DFEE). Every year some students pay full price for courses when they didn’t need to!

Read the course descriptions carefully, and check to see if there are any additional selection criteria.

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UAC

The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) is the central office that receives and processes applications for admission to most undergraduate degree, advanced diploma, diploma and associate diploma courses at the participating institutions in NSW. Their website is www.uac.edu.au.

To see last years UAI cut-offs go to http://www.uac.edu.au/eya/admin/uai.html and click on the “Download”.

To see the latest edition of UAC News, which includes information on new courses or courses which have been cancelled since the UAC Guide was published, go to www.uac.edu.au/eya/pubs/uacnews.html.

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STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN DISADVANTAGED IN THEIR STUDIES.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES (EAS).

If you consider that you have been disadvantaged and that your UAI will be lower than it should have been because of this disadvantage you may be able to get some special consideration from the universities. Types
of disadvantage considered are: disrupted schooling; financial hardship; adverse home environment (particularly involving abuse) and excessive family responsibilities; English language difficulty; personal illness/disability; adverse school environment. To apply, the 2009 booklet and application forms should be available from the UAC web site in early August, or ask your careers adviser. Evidence for the application may take some time to collect, so start the process as soon as possible. The closing date for on-time EAS applications is 30th September 2008.
For more information visit: [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au).

### Equity Scholarships for University Study

Many university students experience difficulty with the costs of living and studying. These financial difficulties arise from having limited income (e.g., Centrelink benefits) and having lots of expenses (e.g., accommodation costs). Equity Scholarships are awarded to help these students with costs associated with higher education. Equity Scholarships include the Commonwealth Learning Scholarships Programme (CLS) established and funded by the Australian Government, and Institution Equity Scholarships (IES) funded by individual institutions. Some IES are funded by donations or sponsorship.

The Commonwealth Learning Scholarships (CLS) Programme was introduced by the Australian Government in 2004 to assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds (particularly those from rural and regional areas and Indigenous students), who are Australian citizens or holders of Australian permanent humanitarian visas, with costs associated with higher education.

Institution Equity Scholarships - Participating NSW and ACT institutions provide and fund their own scholarship schemes to assist students who are from low socio-economic backgrounds and who may also be experiencing other forms of educational disadvantage.

For more information go to [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au).

### Plan B (What to do if you don't get into uni, or into your first choice degree)

Talk to the university and explain your situation. They will tell you your options. These may include taking subjects from the degree that you want to do without being enrolled in the degree; starting a different degree and transferring, or re-applying, later; doing some other course, such as a uni preparation course, a TAFE course, or a course at a private college to then get in later; taking Year 12 again; or rethinking your career options.

There is always a Plan B! Your UAI is not the end of the world, and many very successful people in today's society have had poor HSC results.

### Bridging Courses

Many university courses in the UAC guide show either Assumed Knowledge or Recommended Studies in their information. These are courses that you might have taken in Years 11 & 12. If you have not taken them it will not affect your entry into the course, but it might affect how well you do on the course! See the first
pages of each universities' entry in the UAC Guide to see if they offer Bridging Courses. These will improve your level of knowledge before you start your degree.

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**Going To Uni Web Site**


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**Good Universities Guide**


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**Important Dates**

**Applications for admission in 2009**

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<td>On-time applications close</td>
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**Year 12 results and UAI**

**2008 NSW HSC students**

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<td>UAIs released by UAC on UAC's website from 9am</td>
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<td>2008 NSW HSC students receive <strong>two</strong> letters: HSC results from the NSW Board of Studies and their UAI from UAC</td>
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**2008 ACT Year 12 students**

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Change of preferences must be made through UAC's website by midnight (Sydney time) on the relevant closing date.

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University Open Days 2008

**Australian Catholic University**

Canberra campus 30 August  
North Sydney campus Information Night 10 September  
Strathfield campus 13 September

**Australian Maritime College**

Launceston campus 17 August  
Campus tours can be arranged by appointment. For information call 1300 361 928.

**Australian National University**

30 August

**Charles Sturt University**

Every day  
For campus tours/appointments and course information call 1800 334 733

**Griffith University**

Gold Coast 10 August

**La Trobe University**

Albury–Wodonga campus 24 August
Mildura campus 10 August

**Macquarie University**

13 September

**Southern Cross University**

For personalised campus tours and special events call 1800 111 890

**University of Canberra**

30 August

**University of New England**

5 September

**University of New South Wales**

Courses and Careers Day 6 September
Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra 30 August

**University of Newcastle**

Newcastle campus (Callaghan) 30 August
Central Coast campus (Ourimbah) 23 August
Port Macquarie campus – Information Night 4 September

**University of Sydney**

30 August
For campus tours call 1300 362 006

**University of Technology**

UTS Information Day, Broadway campus 30 August
UTS Information Evening, Kuring-gai campus 10 September

**University of Western Sydney**

Parramatta campus 17 August

**University of Wollongong**

For personalised campus tours and special events, call 1300 367 869.

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**UMAT**

Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test

UMAT is developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the UMAT Consortium universities.

The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health
science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on the website.

Prospective applicants to graduate-entry programs in medicine or dentistry must take the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT).

**UMAT is held once a year only. UMAT2008 will be held on Wednesday 30 July 2008.**

**Registrations will open in April 2008** and will close at 5pm AEST on Friday 6 June. Late registrations will close at 5pm AEST on Friday 20 June. **No further registrations will be accepted after that.**

http://umatweb.acer.edu.au/