



**MATURE-AGE  
ENTRY SCHEME  
2013**



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**SYDNEY**

Each year the University of Sydney provides undergraduate places for mature-age entrants through its Mature-Age Entry Scheme.

The scheme is designed to provide university access to people over the age of 21 who did not start tertiary study straight from school.

In 2011, more than 200 applicants were offered mature-age places at the University of Sydney.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

The Mature-Age Entry Scheme is a formal University admission process. Being of 'mature age' alone does not qualify you for entry. You can apply for university admission under the Mature-Age Entry Scheme for 2013 if you:

- will be at least 21 years old on 1 March 2013
- have completed an approved preparation course.

Bear in mind that the Mature-Age Entry Scheme is designed to help people enter university for the first time. It is not an avenue for those who have already demonstrated that ability.

### **You are not eligible for consideration under the Mature-Age Entry Scheme if you have:**

- achieved results from high school that would enable you to gain university admission
- attempted one full-time year (or part-time equivalent) of tertiary study.

Contact the Special Admissions Office for more information about eligibility.

## PREPARATION COURSE REQUIRED

You can apply for university admission under the Mature-Age Entry Scheme if you successfully complete the approved preparation course/s for your proposed university degree course listed on the following pages. Preparation courses are open to everyone; you don't need any previous qualifications to enrol.

Check the tables on pages 4 to 7 before deciding which preparation course is most suitable for you. Some degree courses require a specific preparation course for mature-age entry, others accept any course.

Applications for mature-age entry can only be made on the basis of preparation courses completed within the past two years.

## COMPETING FOR ADMISSION

Admission to the University of Sydney is competitive. Places are allocated on merit, based on your results in the preparation course. Simply completing the course does not guarantee your entry to university, as you will be competing against others for a limited number of places. Also, additional criteria apply for entry to some degrees, for example an audition for music programs.

Contact the Special Admissions Office for more information on selection standards.

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## PREPARATION COURSES: PROVIDERS AND PROGRAMS

### UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY: UNIVERSITY PREPARATION COURSE (UPC)

The University of Sydney provides University Preparation Courses through the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE). These courses are especially designed to prepare people for tertiary study.

You can choose from subjects including ancient history, English literature, art history and film studies, mathematics, philosophy, psychology and science. These courses are offered flexibly, during the day time, evening or weekends. Students are required to attend class for approximately 2 to 4 hours each week, depending on their enrolment.

Most courses are taught throughout the year. A small number of courses begin in the middle of the year.

*Study for success: strategies for improving learning* is the foundation study skills course designed to complement UPC subject classes. This course provides an introduction to those critical skills required to learn more effectively and enhance academic performance. All students doing a UPC subject are required to also enrol in the *Study for success* course.

Please refer to CCE's website for subject outlines, fees and timetables ([sydney.edu.au/cce](http://sydney.edu.au/cce)).

If you would like to know more about CCE's UPC program, please contact CCE's student advisers on:

T +61 2 9036 4789

E [cce.info@sydney.edu.au](mailto:cce.info@sydney.edu.au)

### NSW TAFE: CERTIFICATE IV IN TERTIARY PREPARATION (TPC)

This certificate, offered by NSW TAFE, allows you to take general studies and science courses. You will gain the certificate by successfully completing the requirements of the course to gain a Tertiary Entrance Score.

The certificate requires one year of full-time study or between 18 months and two years of part-time study.

For more information, contact your local TAFE college (see [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au) for details).

## NSW TAFE: LIMITED HSC

You will be eligible to apply for mature-age entry if you complete, in one attempt, between five and nine units of Category A Board-Developed Courses of the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC). You must study one of the English courses.

A Limited Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will be calculated based on the five units in which you perform best, including at least one unit of English.

The University of Sydney does not automatically select using the Limited ATAR. However, you should aim for a result similar to that required for normal entry. If you present more than nine units of the HSC, you will receive a full ATAR instead and will not be considered under the Mature-Age Entry Scheme.

For more information about the Limited HSC, contact your local TAFE college (see [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au) for details).

## UNIVERSITY OF NSW: UNIVERSITY PREPARATION PROGRAM (UPP)

The UPP is a part-time course offered at the University of New South Wales. It requires study in two subject areas. For details, contact the University of New South Wales Admissions Office.

T +61 2 9385 3228

E [ugadmis@unsw.edu.au](mailto:ugadmis@unsw.edu.au)

[www.unsw.edu.au/upp](http://www.unsw.edu.au/upp)

## UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE: OPEN FOUNDATION AND NEWSTEP

These two courses are offered by the University of Newcastle. For details, contact the University of Newcastle's English Language and Foundation Studies Centre.

T +61 2 4921 5558

E [enabling@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:enabling@newcastle.edu.au)

[www.newcastle.edu.au/centre/elfsc](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/centre/elfsc)

## CHOOSING A PREPARATION COURSE

The tables on pages 4 to 7 describe the range of acceptable preparation course options for University of Sydney degrees.

Once you have decided on the university degree program you wish to enter, check the tables to find out your preparation course options. You can then choose the preparation course and provider that suits you best.

# PREPARATION COURSES

DEGREE	PREPARATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS (subject requirements are shown in brackets)
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## FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Agricultural Economics	UPC (mathematics plus at least one other subject), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (including mathematics), <b>or</b> TPC (including mathematics).
Environmental Systems	UPC (mathematics and science), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (English, mathematics and chemistry), <b>or</b> TPC (English, mathematics and chemistry).
Resource Economics	
Science in Agriculture	

## FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND PLANNING

Design Computing	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2–3 (mathematics).
Design in Architecture	UPC (English literature and mathematics), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (English and mathematics), <b>or</b> TPC (English and mathematics).

## FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Arts	UPC (one of ancient history, art history and film studies, English literature, philosophy), <b>or</b> Limited HSC, <b>or</b> TPC, <b>or</b> Humanities stream of UPP, <b>or</b> Open Foundation <b>or</b> NEWSTEP.
Arts (Media and Communications)	
Economics	
Political, Economic and Social Sciences	
International and Global Studies	
Arts/Social Work	Same as for Arts but you may also choose UPC psychology.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY BUSINESS SCHOOL

Commerce	UPC (mathematics plus at least one other subject), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (including mathematics), <b>or</b> TPC (including mathematics).
Commerce (Liberal Studies)	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2–3. If UPC, a minimum of two subjects.
Commerce/Arts	UPC (mathematics plus one of ancient history, art history and film studies, English literature, philosophy), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (including mathematics), <b>or</b> TPC (including mathematics).
Commerce/Science	UPC (mathematics and science), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (English, mathematics, chemistry plus either biology or physics), <b>or</b> TPC (English, mathematics, chemistry plus either biology or physics).

Note: except where specified, all of the degrees listed in these tables are bachelor's degrees.

See pages 2 and 3 for more information about the various university preparation courses.

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### FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

Oral Health	UPC (mathematics and science), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (mathematics and chemistry), <b>or</b> TPC (mathematics and chemistry), <b>or</b> Open Foundation (mathematics and chemistry/life sciences). Additional selection criteria includes an interview and 'personal qualities assessment' (PGA). For more details, visit <a href="http://sydney.edu.au/dentistry/student/boh.php">sydney.edu.au/dentistry/student/boh.php</a>
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### FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK

Education (Early Childhood)	UPC (two of English literature, mathematics, philosophy, psychology, science), <b>or</b> Limited HSC, <b>or</b> TPC, <b>or</b> UPP, <b>or</b> Open Foundation, <b>or</b> NEWSTEP.
Education (Primary Education)	
Education (Secondary: Human Movement and Health Education)	UPC (two of English literature, mathematics, philosophy, psychology, science), <b>or</b> Limited HSC, <b>or</b> TPC, <b>or</b> UPP, <b>or</b> Open Foundation, <b>or</b> NEWSTEP. You also need to submit a statement outlining relevant experience (eg coaching) to the Special Admissions Office.
Education (Secondary: Humanities and Social Sciences)/Arts	UPC (two of English literature, ancient history, philosophy, psychology, art history and film studies), <b>or</b> Limited HSC, <b>or</b> TPC, <b>or</b> Humanities stream of UPP, <b>or</b> Open Foundation, <b>or</b> NEWSTEP.
Education (Secondary: Mathematics)/Science	UPC (mathematics and science), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (English, mathematics, chemistry plus either biology or physics), <b>or</b> TPC (English, mathematics, chemistry plus either biology or physics).
Education (Secondary: Science)/Science	
Social Work	UPC (one of English literature, ancient history, philosophy, psychology, art history and film studies), <b>or</b> Limited HSC, <b>or</b> TPC, UPP, <b>or</b> Open Foundation, <b>or</b> NEWSTEP.

### FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

Engineering (all branches and combined degrees)	UPC (mathematics and science), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (English, mathematics, chemistry, physics), <b>or</b> TPC (English, mathematics, chemistry, physics). High-level mathematics is recommended. For more information contact the Special Admissions Office.
Project Management	
Computer Science and Technology	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2–3 (mathematics).

#### KEY ACRONYMS

**UPC** University Preparation Course, offered by the University of Sydney

**TPC** Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation, offered by NSW TAFE

**LIMITED HSC** A limited NSW Higher School Certificate, offered by NSW TAFE

**UPP** University Preparation Program, offered by the University of New South Wales

# PREPARATION COURSES

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## FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Applied Science (Exercise Physiology)	UPC (mathematics and science), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (chemistry, mathematics), <b>or</b> TPC (chemistry, mathematics).
Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science)	
Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science)/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics	UPC (mathematics and science), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (chemistry, mathematics, biology), <b>or</b> TPC (chemistry, mathematics, biology).
Applied Science (Medical Radiation Science)	UPC (mathematics and science), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (mathematics plus one of chemistry, physics, biology), <b>or</b> TPC (mathematics plus one of chemistry, physics, biology).
Applied Science (Occupational Therapy)	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2–3.
Applied Science (Speech Pathology)	
Applied Science (Physiotherapy)	Limited HSC (chemistry, physics), <b>or</b> TPC (chemistry, physics).
Health Sciences	UPC <b>or</b> TPC, <b>or</b> Limited HSC.

## SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

All music courses (except Music/Medicine/Surgery)	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2–3. You also need to undertake an audition and/or interview and take a music skills test (phone +61 2 9351 1242 for more information).
Music Studies/Arts	Same as for Arts, plus audition/interview/test (see above).

## SYDNEY NURSING SCHOOL

Bachelor of Arts/Master of Nursing	See requirements for Arts.
Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Nursing	See requirements for Health Sciences.
Nursing (Advanced Studies)	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2–3. If UPC, a minimum of any one subject.
Bachelor of Science/Master of Nursing	See requirements for Science.

## FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Science (most streams and combined degrees – but note exclusions on page 8)	UPC (mathematics and science), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (English, mathematics, chemistry plus either biology or physics), <b>or</b> TPC should include Level 4 units in mathematics (MTH402A or MTH403A), chemistry and either physics or biology.
Medical Science	

See pages 2 and 3 for more information about the various university preparation courses.

DEGREE	PREPARATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS (subject requirements are shown in brackets)
Science/Arts	UPC (three needed – mathematics and science, plus one of ancient history, art history and film studies, English literature, philosophy), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (English, mathematics, chemistry, plus either biology or physics), <b>or</b> TPC (including Level 4 units in English, mathematics (MTH402A or MTH403A), chemistry and either physics or biology).
Liberal Arts and Science	UPC (two needed: one from English literature, art history and film studies, ancient history, or philosophy, and one from maths, science, or psychology), <b>or</b> Limited HSC, <b>or</b> UPP, <b>or</b> TPC (including Level 4 units in English and one from chemistry, physics, biology or geology).

#### FACULTY OF VETERINARY SCIENCE

Animal and Veterinary Bioscience	UPC (mathematics and science), <b>or</b> Limited HSC (English, mathematics, chemistry, biology), <b>or</b> TPC (English, mathematics, chemistry, biology).
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#### SYDNEY COLLEGE OF THE ARTS (SCA)

Visual Arts	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2–3. You must also complete a questionnaire, interview and portfolio presentation. Call the faculty on +61 2 9351 1104 or visit the website <a href="http://sydney.edu.au/sca">sydney.edu.au/sca</a> for more information.
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#### KEY ACRONYMS

**UPC** University Preparation Course, offered by the University of Sydney

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Can I apply for all degrees through the Mature-Age Entry Scheme?

Direct mature-age entry is **not** available for these degrees:

- Arts (Advanced) (Honours)
- Arts (Languages)
- Combined Law
- Combined Medicine
- Computer Science and Technology (Advanced)
- Information Technology
- Pharmacy
- Psychology\*
- Science (Advanced)
- Science (Advanced Mathematics)
- Veterinary Science.

\* If you are interested in studying psychology, read the information on the School of Psychology's website: [sydney.edu.au/science/psychology](http://sydney.edu.au/science/psychology)

But this doesn't mean you can't study these courses. There are other ways to get in. In general, you can apply for admission to any of the above courses (except Combined Medicine) once you have completed at least one full-time year (48 credit points) of a bachelor's degree program. You then compete with other 'tertiary-record' applicants on the basis of your degree results. Many of the above courses require a high level of achievement from both school-leaver and tertiary-record applicants. Contact the Admissions Office for more information.

### I've just completed my preparation course. How do I apply for mature-age entry to university?

To be eligible to apply, you must be a citizen of Australia or New Zealand or a permanent resident of Australia.

First, buy a copy of the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) guide from a newsagency (the *UAC 2013 Guide* will be available from early August 2012). Then submit your application, before 30 September 2012, via UAC's website: [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

Late applications will be accepted if accompanied by a late fee (see the *UAC 2013 Guide* for more information).

Mature-age entry into certain courses (such as physiotherapy, commerce, or media and communications) is highly competitive. If you wish to enrol for one of these degrees you should consider also applying for a related degree with lower entry requirements. Then if you don't succeed in gaining entry to your first preference, you can re-apply after one full-time (or equivalent part-time) year of study of the related degree. You will then compete for a place based on your university results – not on your preparation course results.

## What help can I receive as a student?

The University of Sydney supports its students in many different ways. You may be eligible for:

- financial assistance
- help finding accommodation
- a support unit for students with disabilities
- help with English, mathematics and study skills
- a counselling unit
- a careers and employment service.

## MORE INFORMATION

### SPECIAL ADMISSIONS

#### Admissions Office

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[sydney.edu.au/ug-special](http://sydney.edu.au/ug-special)

### ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS

#### Koori Centre (Camperdown Campus)

Old Teachers' College (A22)

The University of Sydney NSW 2006

T 1800 622 742 (toll-free within Australia)

[sydney.edu.au/koori](http://sydney.edu.au/koori)

#### Yooroang Garang (Cumberland Campus)

T +61 2 9351 9066

[sydney.edu.au/health\\_sciences/yooroang\\_garang](http://sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/yooroang_garang)

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