

MATURE-AGE ENTRY SCHEME 2019



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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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 2019 if you:**

- will be 21 or older on 1 March of the year you intend to start study
- do not have an ATAR (or equivalent result) for admission to any course.
- do not have a record of tertiary study
- have completed an approved preparation course within the past two years. Recognised courses include:
 - Tertiary Preparation Certificate
 - University Preparation Program
 - Open Foundation 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 an ATAR score of 70 or greater in the NSW Higher School Certificate or equivalent

- completed a TAFE (or accredited private college) diploma or advanced diploma
- have a tertiary record of one or more full-time years.

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 page 3 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 you 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

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Preparation courses

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 get 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

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 (Limited 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 be considered with all other applicants, instead of under the Mature-Age Entry Scheme.

For more information about the Limited HSC, contact your local TAFE College. See www.tafensw.edu.au

University of New South Wales: university preparation program (UPP)

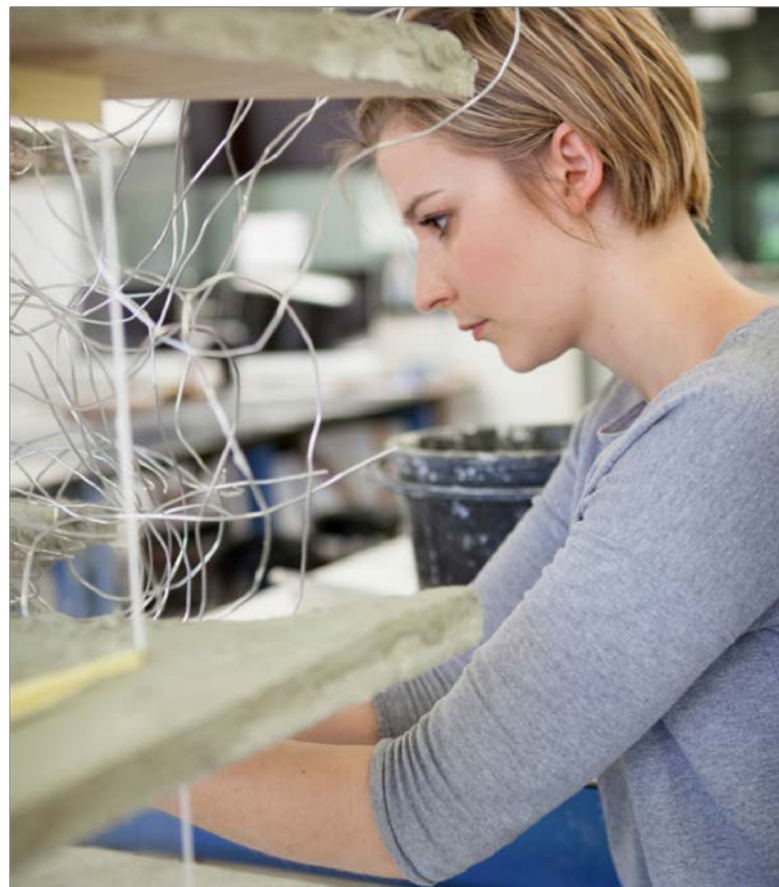
The UPP is a part-time course offered at the University of New South Wales. It requires study in two subject areas. For details, contact the University of New South Wales Admissions Office.

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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.

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Choosing a preparation course

The table BELOW describes 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.

Architecture and Interaction Design		
Degree	Qualification	2019 Mature Age Criteria
Bachelor of Design Computing	ALL	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2-3
Bachelor of Architecture and Environments B Design in Architecture B Design in Architecture (Honours)/M Architecture	Limited HSC (English, mathematics -not general), Full TPC (including English and Mathematics)	

Arts and Social Sciences		
Degree	Qualification	2019 Mature Age Criteria
Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Advanced Studies B Arts/B Advanced Studies (International and Global Studies) B Arts/B Advanced Studies (Media and Communications) B Arts/B Advanced Studies (Politics and International Relations) Bachelor of Economics Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Advanced Studies	TAFE TPC, or Humanities stream of UPP, or Open Foundation or NEWSTEP	
Bachelor of Visual Studies Bachelor of Visual Studies/Bachelor of Advanced Studies	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2-3. You must also present a portfolio. For more information about the portfolio presentation visit sydney.edu.au/sca/portfolioday	
B Arts/B Advanced Studies (Dalyell Scholars including Languages)	Not available under the Mature Age Entry Scheme	

Business		
Degree	Qualification	2019 Mature Age Criteria
Bachelor of Commerce Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Advanced Studies	Limited HSC (including mathematics -not general), Full TPC (including Mathematics)	
B Commerce/B Advanced Studies (Dalyell Scholars)	Not available under the Mature Age Entry Scheme	

Education and Social Work		
Degree	Qualification	2019 Mature Age Criteria
B Education (Early Childhood)	ALL	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2-3
B Education (Secondary: Humanities and Social Sciences)/B Arts	TAFE TPC, or Humanities stream of UPP, or Open Foundation, or NEWSTEP	
B Education (Secondary: Mathematics)/B Science B Education (Secondary: Science)/B Science	Limited HSC (including English, mathematics, chemistry plus either biology or physics), Full TPC (including English, mathematics, chemistry plus either biology or physics)	
B Social Work B Arts/B Social Work	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2-3	
Bachelor Education (Primary) Bachelor Education (Health and Physical Education)	Not available under the Mature Age Entry Scheme	

Engineering and IT		
Degree	Qualification	2019 Mature Age Criteria
Bachelor of Engineering (all branches and combined degrees) Bachelor of Project Management Bachelor of Advanced Computing	TAFE TPC (Mathematics). High level mathematics is recommended.	
Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Dalyell Scholars)	Not available under the Mature Age Entry Scheme	

Health, Medicine and Dentistry		
Degree	Qualification	2019 Mature Age Criteria
Bachelor Applied Science (Diagnostic Radiography)	Limited HSC (Mathematics plus one of chemistry, physics, biology), or TAFE TPC (Mathematics plus one of chemistry, physics, biology)	
Bachelor Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science) Bachelor Applied Science (Exercise Physiology)	Limited HSC (Mathematics, chemistry), or TAFE TPC (Mathematics, chemistry)	
Bachelor Applied Science (Occupational Therapy) Bachelor Applied Science (Speech Pathology)	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2-3	
Bachelor Applied Science (Physiotherapy)	Limited HSC (Chemistry, physics), or TAFE TPC (Chemistry, physics)	
B Oral Health	TAFE TPC (Mathematics and chemistry), or Open Foundation (Mathematics and chemistry/life sciences) or UPP (Science Stream). Additional selection criteria include an interview.	
B Nursing (Advanced Studies)	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2-3	
B Arts/M Nursing	See requirements for Bachelor of Arts	
B Science/M Nursing	See requirements for Bachelor of Science	
B Science (Health)/M Nursing	See requirements for Bachelor of Science (Health)	
B Arts/D Medicine	Not available under the Mature Age Entry Scheme	
B Pharmacy		
B Pharmacy and Management		
B Science/D Dental Medicine		
B Science/D Medicine		

Law		
Degree	Qualification	2019 Mature Age Criteria
Combined Law	Not available under the Mature Age Entry Scheme	

Sydney Conservatorium of Music		
Degree	Qualification	2019 Mature Age Criteria
B Music B Music (Composition) B Music (Music Education) B Music (Performance)	Any of the preparation courses listed on pages 2-3. You will also undertake an audition and/or interview and take a music skills test.	

Science, Agriculture, Environment and Vet		
Degree	Qualification	2019 Mature Age Criteria
Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Advanced Studies (All streams except Advanced and Dalyell)	Limited HSC	English, mathematics (not general), chemistry and either biology or physics
	TAFE TPC	Level 4 units in mathematics (NSWTMTH402 or NSWTMTH403), chemistry and either biology or physics
	UNSW UPP	Science or Engineering stream
	UON Open Foundation	Extension mathematics, chemistry and either biology or physics
	UON Newstart	Not accepted
	AQF Diploma	Accept all
Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science	Limited HSC	English, one humanities (creative arts, HSIE, languages) and one science (mathematics, science, technology)
	TAFE TPC	Level 4 units in one humanities and one science
	USYD DTP (Direct)	Minimum average mark of 65.00
	UNSW UPP	Any stream
	UON Open Foundation	One humanities and one science
	UON Newstart	Not accepted
	AQF Diploma	Accept all
Bachelor of Science / Master of Mathematical Sciences	Limited HSC	English and mathematics extension 1 with at least Band E3
	TAFE TPC	Level 4 units in mathematics (NSWTMTH403), chemistry and either biology or physics
	USYD DTP (Direct)	Not accepted
	UNSW UPP	Engineering stream only
	UON Open Foundation	Not accepted
	UON Newstart	Not accepted
	AQF Diploma	Must be relevant
Bachelor of Science/ B Advanced Studies (Dalyell)	Not available under the Mature Age Entry Scheme	
Bachelor of Science/ B Advanced Studies (Advanced)		
Bachelor of Psychology		
Bachelor of Science / Master of Nutrition and Dietetics		
Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Dental Medicine		
Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Medicine		
Bachelor of Veterinary Biology / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine		

Key acronyms

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

LIMITED HSC: Limited NSW Higher School Certificate, offered by NSW TAFE

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

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:

- See table above

* If you are interested in studying psychology, read the information on the School of Psychology's website:

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 Double Degree 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 Special 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.

The UAC 2018-19 Guide will be available from early August 2018. Then submit your application, before 28 September 2018, via UAC's website: www.uac.edu.au

Late applications will be accepted if accompanied by a late fee. See the UAC 2018 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 reapply 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.

Applying with a Diploma

AQF Diploma

The University may consider the results of a completed diploma or advanced diploma for admission if it was AQF accredited at the time you were enrolled, and it fulfills certain faculty-specific requirements.

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is the national standard for accrediting post-secondary and tertiary qualifications in Australia. If you are uncertain whether your course had AQF accreditation when you were enrolled, you should be able to obtain this information from the provider. An AQF accreditation symbol may also appear on your transcript of results or award certificate. For further information please visit the AQF website.

If you will be under 21 at the first HECS Census date of your prospective admission, you will also need to have a completed HSC or an equivalent acceptable secondary qualification before your diploma will be considered.

If you have completed the HSC at TAFE, this is considered to be a secondary qualification. For further information, please check year 12 qualifications.

The faculty-specific requirements for applying with an AQF diploma are outlined in the table below. Please note that some faculties do not accept diplomas as a qualification for entry into courses they offer.



Generally results from enrolment in RATE certificates, advanced certificates and AQF certificate I-IV courses offered by universities, TAFE and private providers are not acceptable for admission to undergraduate courses.

Faculty	Diploma subjects
Agriculture and Environment	Accept all
Architecture	Must be relevant
Arts	Must be relevant
Business	Accept all
Dentistry	Accept all
Education and Social Work	Must be relevant
Engineering	Must be relevant
Health Science	Must be relevant
Law	None accepted
Medicine	None accepted
Nursing	Must be relevant
Pharmacy	None accepted
Science	Accept all
Sydney Conservatorium of Music	Accept all*
Veterinary Science	Must be relevant
Visual Arts	Accept all

* Other additional selection criteria applies, e.g. auditions, portfolio etc.



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