

University Entrance Options

ATARS DO NOT DEFINE YOU THEY MERLY PROVIDE A MORE DIRECT PATHWAY INTO UNIVERSITY, BUT ATARS ARE NOT THE ONLY OPTION!!

There are many ways that you may be able to gain entrance into University. The most obvious is achieving the ATAR entrance score, but all is NOT LOST if you do not achieve your desired score!!

✓ Always apply to EACH University that provides the chosen field of study that interests you.

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“Clearly-in ATAR need not deter applicants - bonuses speak loudly with scores”

ATAR scores required for entry to university courses are dropping and more institutions look at other factors in selecting students, so young people should not be put off applying for courses for which they don't quite reach the enter score.

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“ATARs are irrelevant”

✓ Consider completing a Diploma, Bridging or Pathways programme

✓ Commonly a Certificate IV or a Diploma is sufficient to gain entry into universities

✓ Consider returning in a year or two as a Mature Aged Student

We advise Students to Plan your Study pathway from a Bachelors degree through to Post Graduate ensuring that you have checked all costs and entry requirements!

You may achieve a funded place in a Bachelors degree BUT how much will it cost to continue?

Always check with Study Assist to confirm what funding is available to YOU!

ATAR Course Entry Requirements

Each university sets its own ATAR scores and other course-entry requirements. But most have a similar approach.

- Getting into your preferred university course as a high-school leaver depends on your ATAR score and subject grades.
- For post-graduate courses, it depends on university qualifications plus grades.
- Alternative pathways allow you to get in based on factors such as work experience and completed qualifying courses.

Australian HSC Graduates

Australian students are given an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) shortly after completing a 2-year Higher School Certificate. It is a [score](#) out of 100. Grades and subjects are combined to determine each person's score.

- Although some states don't use the ATAR system, an ATAR-equivalent can be worked out using conversion tables/calculators.
- A high ATAR is like a golden ticket for getting into university courses. Pre-admission interviews/tests are not normally used for Australian courses. And most courses have few or loose requirements about which subjects applicants should have taken at high school. In short, ATARs rule.
- Early in the admissions process, universities publish ATAR course scores. These can generally be interpreted as the scores required for guaranteed admission. The final ATAR score may be lowered if there are spare places, particularly if the initial ATAR cut-off was on the high side (above 70).

ATAR cut-off scores are shown in the table, demonstrating how hard it is to gain entry to different universities. The list covers popular degrees. The [top ranked universities](#), where there is excess demand for places, set the highest ATARs. Less in-demand universities may use ATARs just to establish basic academic requirements.

Indicative ATAR Cut Offs (2016)

Universitys				Type
	Arts	Business	Science	
University of New South Wales	81	96	84	Variable
University of Melbourne	90	95	86	Variable
University of Sydney	83	95	83	Variable
Monash University	81	82	85	Variable
Australian National University	80	82	80	Variable
University of Queensland	73	81	78	Variable
University of Western Australia	80	80	80	Fixed
Macquarie University	75	80	75	Variable
University of Adelaide	65	80	65	Variable
University of New England	73	73	73	Fixed
RMIT University	83	70	70	Variable
University of Wollongong	70	70	75	Fixed
Curtin University	70	70	70	Fixed
Murdoch University	70	70	70	Fixed
Torrens University Australia		70		Fixed
University of Notre Dame Australia	70	70	70	Fixed
University of Technology Sydney	69	69	69	Fixed
University of Canberra	68	68	68	Fixed
Charles Sturt University	65	65	70	Fixed
Western Sydney University	65	65	70	Fixed

Universitys				Type
	Arts	Business	Science	
University of South Australia	60	65	61	Variable
Queensland University of Technology	66	62	69	Variable
Southern Cross University	65	61	65	Variable
University of Newcastle	60	61	65	Variable
Swinburne University of Technology	60	60	65	Fixed
Charles Darwin University	60	60	60	Fixed
Flinders University	60	60	60	Fixed
University of Southern Queensland	59	59	64	Fixed
Griffith University	59	59	59	Fixed
Australian Catholic University	59	59	59	Variable
Edith Cowan University	55	55	55	Fixed
Deakin University	55	53	55	Variable
CQ University	49	52	57	Variable
University of the Sunshine Coast	52	52	52	Fixed
La Trobe University	50	50	60	Fixed
James Cook University	49	49	59	Fixed
Bond University				Hidden
University of Tasmania				Hidden
Federation University Australia				No ATAR
University of Divinity				No ATAR
Victoria University				No ATAR

Source: UniversityReviews.com.au

Other ATAR NEWS

Check the ATAR CUTOFF FOR YOUR COURSE:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/check-the-atar-cutoff-for-your-course-universities-make-their-offers-to-students-20150121-12uysk.html>

NSW university taking students with ATARs as low as 30

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