Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Selection Criteria for Undergraduate 2015 Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) Courses – Communication and Sound & Music

Selection criteria applying to the following courses are outlined below.

Course title	UAC Code
B Sound and Music Design	600006
B Arts in Communication (Digital and Social Media)	600007
B Arts in Communication (Information and Media)	600008
B Arts in Communication (Journalism)	600013
B Arts in Communication (Media Arts and Production)	600018
B Arts in Communication (Public Communication)	600023
B Arts in Communication (Social Inquiry)	600028
B Arts in Communication (Creative Writing)	600033
B Arts in Communication (Cultural Studies)	600036
B Sound and Music Design B Arts in International Studies	609296
B Arts in Communication (Digital and Social Media) B Arts in International Studies	609298
B Arts in Communication (Journalism) B Arts in International Studies	609300
B Arts in Communication (Media Arts and Production) B Arts in International Studies	609310
B Arts in Communication (Public Communication) B Arts in International Studies	609320
B Arts in Communication (Creative Writing) B Arts in International Studies	609330
B Arts in Communication (Cultural Studies) B Arts in International Studies	609335
B Arts in Communication (Information and Media) B Arts in International Studies	609340
B Arts in Communication (Social Inquiry) B Arts in International Studies	609345
B Arts in Communication (Information and Media) B Creative Intelligence and Innovation	609500
B Arts in Communication (Journalism) B Creative Intelligence and Innovation	609505
B Arts in Communication (Media Arts and Production) B Creative Intelligence and Innovation	609510
B Arts in Communication (Public Communication) B Creative Intelligence and Innovation	609515
B Arts in Communication (Social Inquiry) B Creative Intelligence and Innovation	609520
B Arts in Communication (Creative Writing) B Creative Intelligence and Innovation	609525

Matriculation

To be eligible to apply for a course (matriculate) at UTS you must satisfy at least one of the following minimum admission requirements:

(1) Must have attained a full NSW HSC or equivalent with an ATAR of 69 (excluding bonus points), or
(2) Completed TAFE TPC, Associate Diploma, AQF Diploma or Advanced Diploma, or
(3) Completion of one year of tertiary studies (must be full time), or
(4) Be at least 20 years of age of as at 1 March 2015.

Note that meeting the matriculation requirements does not mean that an applicant will receive an offer – applicants still have to compete for a place with other applicants for the same course.

Current School Leaver Selection

Current school leavers are selected on their Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) or equivalent, and are eligible for Guaranteed Entry to nominated courses.

Guaranteed Entry Scheme – For all courses listed above, current school leavers who achieve a set ATAR as published in the 2015 UAC Guide, have the course listed as a preference and who do not receive an offer to a higher preference will be guaranteed an offer.

Non Current School Leaver Selection
Applicants are selected on the basis of academic merit. Academic merit is determined on the basis of any qualifications listed in the "Qualifications Used in Selection" section of this document.

Generally the best qualification is considered for non current school leavers unless the applicant has previously been excluded from university or has a record of fails in a tertiary qualification used in selection, in which case the tertiary qualification with fails is considered.

Applicants with a previous record of exclusion or failed tertiary level subjects - must write to the Admissions Manager (SAU, PO Box 123, UTS Broadway NSW 2007) by the last working day of November explaining their academic history and how they believe they can succeed in future study.

See www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/essential-information/applying for a definition of current and non-current school leavers.

Qualifications Used in Selection

The following qualifications are considered for admission into Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Communication and Sound & Music) courses.

Secondary Qualifications

The following completed senior secondary qualifications are considered for admission.
If there is more than one attempt at a secondary qualification, the most recent attempt will be used.

Australian and New Zealand Secondary Qualifications

- New South Wales Higher School Certificate
- ACT Year 12 Certificate
- Queensland Senior Examination
- South Australian Certificate of Education
- Tasmanian Certificate of Education
- Victorian Certificate of Education
- Western Australian Year 12
- New Zealand National Certificate in Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3

Limited ATAR

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences will consider a Limited ATAR. If you are using the Limited ATAR as the basis of admission, you must be over 20 years of age on 1 March 2015.

The International Baccalaureate

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences will consider a completed International Baccalaureate (IB).

International Secondary Qualifications

UTS accept many international secondary qualifications. See "Commonly Accepted Overseas Qualifications" at www.uac.edu.au/documents/undergraduate/os-secondary-qualifications.pdf. The qualifications in the table are accepted by all universities participating through UAC.

If you have a query about a secondary qualification which is not listed on the "Commonly Accepted Overseas Qualifications" table you should contact UTS via email through the website http://www.ask.uts.edu.au/

Tertiary Qualifications

Australian University Qualifications

(See the end of this document for the definition of Non-Award Studies and Full Time Equivalence FTE).

Bachelor Degree Studies including Non-Award Studies

- Bachelor degree studies – 0.5 year and greater FTE
- Associate degree studies – 1 year and greater FTE
- Non-Award studies – 0.5 year and greater FTE

Postgraduate Degree Studies

- Completed: Graduate Certificate; Graduate Diploma; Masters (coursework or research); Doctorate (coursework or research)
- Incomplete Graduate Diploma 0.5 year and greater FTE
- Incomplete Coursework Masters 0.2 year and greater FTE
- Incomplete coursework Doctorate

Note: UTS will not consider incomplete Research Masters or Doctorates.

Tertiary Preparation and Foundation Studies Programs

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Communication, Sound & Music, Global Studies) will consider the following completed tertiary preparation courses

- NSW TAFE Tertiary Preparation Certificate
- UTS Foundation Studies
- UNSW - University Foundation Studies
- UNSW - University Preparation Program
- University of Sydney - Foundation Program and University Preparation Course
- University of Newcastle-Foundation Studies Certificate and Open Foundation Course
- University of Newcastle-Newstep and Yapug
- University of Wollongong- STEP, Gateway, University Access Program
- University of Wollongong - Foundation Studies and Senior Secondary Program
- UWS - Macstart and UniStart
- Australian National University – University Preparation Scheme
- University of Canberra - UC-Connect and UC-Prep
- Canberra Institute of Technology Pre-Tertiary Studies

TAFE and Private Provider Studies

(See the end of this document for a definition of AQF).

- Completed AQF Advanced Diploma or AQF Diploma
- Associate Diploma studies – 1 year and greater FTE
- RATE Diploma studies – 1 year and greater FTE
  RATE Diplomas refer to 3-year diplomas taught at Universities or Colleges of Advanced Education such as Diploma of Nursing or Diploma of Education. RATE does not refer to current Diplomas delivered under the auspices of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

Note: The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences will not consider **incomplete** AQF qualifications.

International Tertiary Qualifications

Many overseas tertiary qualifications can be considered for UTS selection. Please contact a UTS Student Centre via email through the website http://www.ask.uts.edu.au/ for information regarding specific overseas tertiary qualifications.

UAC also provide a Qualifications Assessment Service (QAS) to prospective applicants. For more information visit www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/qas

Special Tertiary Admissions Test

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences considers the STAT (Multiple Choice) administered by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), provided applicants have reached 20 years of age by 1 March 2015 and their STAT results were obtained after 2011.

Professional Qualifications

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Communication, Sound & Music Design and Global Studies) will consider some professional qualifications. Contact a UTS Student Centre via email through the website http://www.ask.uts.edu.au/ for advice regarding what types of professional qualifications will be considered.

Professional qualifications may include:

- Qualifying examinations of professional associations.
- Commissioned officers (police, fire, mercantile marine, civil aviation, defence forces) and related qualifications.
- Health care practitioners and related qualifications.

Definitions

AQF: *The Australian Qualifications Framework* (commonly known as the AQF) is a unified system of national qualifications in schools, vocational education and training (TAFE and private providers) and the higher education sector (mainly universities). For detailed information on AQF Accreditation see www.aqf.edu.au/

FTE: *Full time equivalence*. 1 year FTE is one year of full-time study or equivalent.
One year full time study is the credit value worth of subjects determined by your institution to satisfy the completion of your degree in the minimum time permitted.

Non-Award Study: Non-Award study is the enrolment in a subject (or subjects) which does not in itself lead to an award. It comprises a unit or units of study from a degree course.