

Faculty of Science

Selection Criteria for Undergraduate 2011 Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) Courses

Selection criteria applying to the following courses are outlined below.

Course title	UAC Code
B Science (Flexible)	607001
B Science (Mathematics/Statistics)	607003
B Science (Chemistry)	607005
B Science (Nanotechnology)	607007
B Science (Physics)	607009
B Science (Environmental Biology/Environmental Forensics/Marine Biology)	607011
B Science (Biotechnology/Medical/Biomedical)	607015
B Forensic Science in Applied Chemistry	607020
B Forensic Biology in Biomedical Science	607025
B Science in Environmental Forensics	607030
B Science in Marine Biology	607035
B Biomedical Science	607040
B Biotechnology	607045
B Medical Science	607050
B Health Science in Traditional Chinese Medicine	607055
B Mathematics and Finance	609040
B Mathematics and Computing	609045
B Science B Business	609170
B Medical Science B Business	609175
B Biotechnology B Business	609176
B Mathematics and Finance B Arts in International Studies	609220
B Mathematics and Computing B Arts in International Studies	609225
B Science B Arts in International Studies	609250
B Medical Science B Arts in International Studies	609255
B Biotechnology B Arts in International Studies	609257

Current School Leaver Selection

Applicants undertaking a 2010 Australian Year 12 Examination are selected on the basis of an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent

Year 12 Bonus Scheme for current school leaver applicants - up to a maximum of five bonus points may be awarded for performance in designated HSC subjects. For further information visit <http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/study/hscbonus.cfm>

Non Current School Leaver Selection

Applicants are selected on the basis of a combination of academic merit and assessment of an optional personal statement.

Generally the most recent, recognised qualification is considered for non current school leaver applicants unless the applicant was previously excluded or has a record of fails in a tertiary qualification used in selection.

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.

For Non Current School Leavers only, bonus points may be added to an applicant's selection rank up to a maximum of ten points as a result of the assessment of an optional personal statement.

See <http://www.uts.edu.au/study/undergrad.html> for the definitions of current and non-current school leaver.

Qualifications Used in Selection

The following qualifications are considered for admission into all Faculty of Science courses.

Australian and New Zealand 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.

- 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 Science 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 2011 **and** submit a personal statement along with your UAC application.

The International Baccalaureate

The completed International Baccalaureate (IB) is considered for the above undergraduate Science courses.

International Secondary Qualifications

UTS accepts many international secondary qualifications. If your qualification is not listed by UAC in Table 7 of "Commonly Accepted Overseas Qualifications" (<http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/overseas.shtml>) please contact the UTS Student Centre via email through the website www.sau.uts.edu.au/askuts.html for information regarding the specific overseas secondary qualifications.

Tertiary preparation courses

NSW TAFE Tertiary Preparation Certificate

The Faculty of Science will consider the completed NSW TAFE Tertiary Preparation Certificate.

Foundation Studies Programs

The Faculty of Science will consider completed UTS Foundation Studies, UNSW University Foundation Studies and University of Sydney Foundation Program.

Australian Tertiary 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 – 0.2 year and greater FTE
- Associate degree studies – 0.2 year and greater FTE
- Non-Award studies – 0.2 year and greater FTE

Postgraduate Degree Studies

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

Note: The Faculty of Science will not consider incomplete research Masters or Doctorate.

TAFE and Private Provider Studies

See the end of this document for the definitions of AQF

- Completed AQF Advanced Diploma; AQF Diploma; AQF Certificate IV
 - Incomplete AQF Advanced Diploma; AQF Diploma; AQF Certificate IV
 - Associate Diploma studies – 0.2 year and greater FTE
 - RATE Diploma studies – 0.2 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).

International Tertiary Qualifications

Many overseas tertiary qualifications can be considered for UTS selection. Please contact the UTS Student Centre via email through www.sau.uts.edu.au/askuts.html for information regarding specific overseas tertiary qualifications.

Special Tertiary Admissions Test

The Faculty of Science considers the STAT (Multiple Choice) administered by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), provided applicants have reached 20 years of age by 1 March 2011 **and** submit a personal statement along with your UAC application.

Professional Qualifications

The Faculty of Science will consider some professional qualifications. Contact the UTS Student Centre via email through the website www.sau.uts.edu.au/askuts.html for advice regarding which will be accepted. Professional qualifications may include:

- Health care practitioners and related qualifications.

Personal Statements

For Faculty of Science courses listed above, personal statements are optional (except for applicants submitting a Limited ATAR or STAT test), and are completed by non-current school leavers only. Selection for courses specifying submission of an optional personal statement will be made on the basis of an assessment of your academic qualifications. The information provided in the personal statement may be used to allocate bonus points for selection.

Qualifications Not Used in Selection

The following qualifications are not considered for admission into Faculty of Science Courses.

Tertiary preparation courses

The Faculty of Science **will not** consider foundation studies programs offered by Australian Tertiary Providers not listed in the Tertiary Preparation Courses Section above.

Australian Tertiary Qualifications

Qualifications not appearing in the above section will not be considered for selection in undergraduate Science courses.

Vocational experience

Vocational experience is not used directly as a selection criterion, but may be considered in the personal statement.

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 <http://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. With Faculty approval, successfully completed units can be counted as credit towards a degree undertaken at a later time.