Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Selection Criteria for Undergraduate 2019 Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) Courses – Communication and Music and Sound Design

Selection criteria applying to the following courses are outlined below.

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**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 2019.

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 Year 12 Subject Scheme points.

**UTS Year 12 Subject Scheme** – a maximum of five (5) adjustment points may be awarded for performance in designated HSC subjects. For details visit [www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/high-school-students/year-12-bonus-scheme](http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/high-school-students/year-12-bonus-scheme).

**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 record of failure or exclusion during tertiary study – must declare that record of failure or exclusion when completing their UAC application, and submit a statement supporting your application directly to UTS. When preparing your statement you must use the provided form: [https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/non-current-school-leavers/applying-uts/record-exclusion-or-failure](https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/non-current-school-leavers/applying-uts/record-exclusion-or-failure)

**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 2019.

#### The International Baccalaureate

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

### International Secondary Qualifications


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/](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 – 0.5 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 will consider the following completed tertiary preparation courses:

- NSW TAFE Tertiary Preparation Certificate
### 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 UTS Business School 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/](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 [http://www.uac.edu.au/general/qas.shtml](http://www.uac.edu.au/general/qas.shtml)

### Special Tertiary Admissions Test

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences considers the STAT (Multiple Choice) administered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), provided applicants have reached 20 years of age by 1 March 2019 and their STAT results were obtained after 2015.

### 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/](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
- Apprenticeships and skilled vocational training

### 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/](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.