

Higher School Certificate (HSC)

Adjustment points (previously bonus points)	Adjustment points are numerical adjustments to your ATAR that can increase your selection rank and your chance of receiving an offer to study at university. You may be eligible for these points through initiatives like the Year 12 Subject Scheme, or if you're an elite athlete/performer, live in a regional or remote area, or have experienced socioeconomic disadvantage.
Admission pathway	If you don't meet the requirements for direct entry into UTS, an admission pathway can be an alternative route into your chosen course. For example, you could complete your first year of study in another UTS course; complete a diploma at a VET provider; pursue a pathways program with UTS College, Jumbunna or Unistart; or complete work experience that's relevant to your preferred degree.
Admission scheme	A process that can increase your chances of receiving an offer to UTS. Admission schemes consider a range of life circumstances that might shape your application, such as academic performance in specific HSC subjects, interest in certain study areas, identification as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, or experiences of educational disadvantage.
Assumed knowledge	In some degrees, you'll be expected to have an understanding of certain topics, theories or concepts before you start your studies. Introductory units and bridging courses are available if you don't have the assumed knowledge you need for your chosen course.
ATAR	The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) is a number between 0.00 and 99.95 that indicates your rank compared to all the students in your age group across New South Wales. Your selection rank combines your ATAR with any other adjustment points to give you an overall university entrance score. UTS, along with most other universities, will consider your application based on your selection rank rather than on your ATAR alone. Your selection rank may differ from university to university depending on the adjustment points you receive at each institution.
Current school leaver	Someone applying to university who completed Year 12 in the year prior to intake is considered a current school leaver. For the 2022 intake, this is someone who completed Year 12 in 2021.
Non-recent school leaver	Someone applying to university who is not considered a recent school leaver. This is usually an applicant who has completed some study after finishing Year 12 or who completed Year 12 three or more years prior to starting university.
Recent school leaver	Someone applying to university who completed Year 12 in the two years prior to starting UTS and who has done no other study since high school (this includes all students applying to UTS straight from Year 12, as well as students who take a gap year prior to applying for admission).
University Admissions Centre (UAC)	Receives and processes most university applications in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.