

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (2021)

**Information updated as of 8th May 2020*

STAT (SPECIAL TERTIARY ADMISSIONS TEST)

Students cannot sit the STAT until after the WACE examinations have concluded.

For Curtin, ECU and Murdoch Universities, students need only sit the **STAT Written English** section.

For admission to UWA, students need to complete both sections, namely the **STAT Multiple Choice** and **STAT Written English**.

University of Notre Dame (UNDA)

Admission is open to all Year 12 students who have demonstrated academic excellence and/or are making a significant contribution to their school or community. The 2021 assessment will be based on Year 11 results and any available Year 12 Reports, as well as a recommendation from the school. There will be no admission interviews in 2020.

The **Early Offer Program** is open to students who have demonstrated consistent academic excellence and are motivated to make a special contribution to society, and/or who can show exceptional personal or leadership qualities. Students can demonstrate this through the following:

1. Year 11 and/or any Year 12 school reports and exam results
2. Active contribution at school or in the community
3. Work achievements
AND
4. A written statement to inform UNDA about their personal or leadership qualities.

For the Early Offer to undergraduate degrees, ATAR students will need to demonstrate the following **indicative ATAR benchmarks based on their Year 11 school reports**:

Degree (including any associated double degrees)	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	96
Bachelor of Biomedical Science Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood & Care) Bachelor of Education (Primary) Bachelor of Education (Secondary) Bachelor of Health & Physical Education (Secondary) Bachelor of Laws Bachelor of Nursing	90
Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts (Architecture) Bachelor of Behavioural Science Bachelor of Communications & Media Bachelor of Counselling Bachelor of Exercise & Sport Science Bachelor of Health Promotion Bachelor of Health & Physical Education (Primary) Bachelor of Outdoor Recreation Bachelor of Science	80

Bachelor of Commerce Bachelor of Human Resource Management Bachelor of Marketing & Public Relations Bachelor of Philosophy Bachelor of Sport & Recreation Management Bachelor of Theology	70
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Alternative pathways:

The university also has the **Early Offer to the Tertiary Pathway Program**. All Non-ATAR students will need to **demonstrate academic results above 70% in four courses**, including **English (General)**, based on Year 11 results. Non-ATAR pathway students enrolled in ATAR English in Year 11 2019 must be able to demonstrate a Year 11 final examination result above 50%.

For academic capability, all offers are made based on Year 11 reports to date, and applications are due by 30 June 2020.

Tertiary Pathway Program (TPP)

Notre Dame's *Tertiary Pathway Program (TPP)* is an enabling program designed for students who have not met the requirements for entry into the University's undergraduate degree programs. Following successful completion of the TPP, students may gain entry to undergraduate studies in the School of Arts & Sciences, School of Business, School of Education, School of Health Sciences, School of Nursing & Midwifery and School of Philosophy & Theology.

The TPP is offered at all three UNDA campuses (Sydney, Fremantle and Broome). Admission into the TPP is assessed on an individual basis, and applicants will need to demonstrate potential for success within the TPP by outlining background experiences in a **Personal Statement**, as well as **ONE** of the following:

1. Applicants with recent Secondary Education.
2. Year 12 school results that do not meet the minimum academic entry requirement for undergraduate program entry.
3. Applicants with Vocational Education and Training (VET)
4. Completion of an AQF equivalent of Certificate III qualification or higher from a TAFE or other recognised Registered Training Organisation (RTO)
OR
5. Completion of TAFE or RTO qualification which does not meet minimum academic entry requirements for undergraduate studies.
6. Applicants with work and life experience.
7. STAT scores below 135 in the **Multiple-Choice** section, or below 140 in the **Written English** section
OR
8. Other experience deemed relevant by the Manager, Admissions Office

Home-educated applicants and students from Montessori or Steiner schools may be considered for this program. An interview and literacy test may be requested, and students must be of school leaving age.

University of Western Australia (UWA)

UWA are offering THREE pathways for current Year 12 school leavers to apply for the main undergraduate degrees including:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Biomedical Science
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Science

The pathways are as follows:

1. ATAR based entry
2. Predicted ATAR entry: This entry pathway is **NOT APPLICABLE** for Direct Pathways to Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Podiatry.
3. STAT: This pathway is **NOT AVAILABLE** for any Direct Pathways or the Bachelor of Philosophy.

Please note that if a student's final ATAR in 2020 is higher than the predicated ATAR, then the TISC offer will override the predicted offer. At this stage students **must complete the external ATAR examinations** to be eligible to receive a TISC result. UWA will accept students for an **unconditional offer** with a predicted ATAR based on either Year 11 or Year 12 results from the school. UWA has developed their own calculation of the predicted school score.

Students are strongly advised to keep all options available and complete the external ATAR examination in November this year. Students require a minimum, 'C' grade in ATAR English, ATAR Literature or ATAR EAL/D, otherwise they must complete the STAT and attend a diagnostic interview via Skype or Zoom. Students may also be required to complete the Communications module in Semester One at UWA.

Students that achieve an ATAR of 80+ will not be required to attend a diagnostic interview. Any student with an ATAR below 80 will attend the diagnostic interview, to determine if a student is sufficiently prepared for university study and if enrolment in bridging units is required.

Students that have not attained an ATAR or been studying ATAR subjects, are permitted to sit the STAT and attend a diagnostic interview if they have completed a General course and either VET Certificate III or Certificate IV.

A student can also seek admission with a VET Certificate III or IV and sit the STAT even if they have not completed the ATAR English, Literature or EAL/D and received a 'C' grade. UWA also offer scholarships to students, and the application must include:

1. School reports (ATAR or General pathway)
2. Predicted ATAR based on school report or from the UWA calculator.

UWA Admissions will offer the pathways to the student so the student does not need to worry.

Alternative entry

UWAY is an alternative entry pathway and a support program for students, that provides academic, financial and personal support and is responsive to individual student needs, throughout their final year of secondary schooling and during their university studies. Students can apply for an alternative entry to an undergraduate degree course through **UWAY** if the student's academic achievements have been adversely affected by certain disadvantage.

Murdoch University

Murdoch University is introducing the **Year 12 Uni Entry Safety Net** for Year 12 students who have been impacted by COVID-19 and are applying to study in 2021. Students will not be disadvantaged, and if they are applying to undergraduate courses, they will be able to use their Year 11 ATAR results. If a student didn't achieve the results needed in Year 11, they will still have equal opportunity to apply for course using their Year 12 ATAR results. Students are advised to sit their Year 12 ATAR exams in preparation for university study.

Murdoch University plans to introduce academic diagnostic testing for undergraduate students commencing in 2021, as part of the plan to continue supporting students affected by COVID-19. Applicants that meet the course entry requirements will be granted early and unconditional offers issued by the University on a rolling basis from the date of application. The University acknowledges the adjustment that SCSA and TISC are undertaking to provide accurate ATAR results for students in 2020.

The **Year 12 Uni Entry Safety Net** is NOT a replacement for the standard pathway, and students applying to Murdoch under the **Year 12 Uni Entry Safety Net** or using their final ATAR results, will be equally considered and admitted as long as they meet the course entry requirements.

Enabling programs for alternative entry

On Track is a 14-week course that prepares students for entry to a course with a minimum ATAR requirement of 70. **FlexiTrack** can be completed online over one semester, accelerated in ten weeks or over two semesters part time. **On Track Sprint** is a four-week course over the Christmas holidays that may prepare students for entry to a course with a minimum ATAR requirement of 70.

TLC10 prepares students to apply for Murdoch through a one day per week course that runs all year at the Mandurah and Rockingham campuses. **Portfolio Entry** for courses that requiring creative talent in media, games, art & design, creative writing, photography and web communication is via a portfolio of work plus achievement of the WACE and English competence. For enquiries regarding portfolio entry please contact the Admissions team on 9360 7458. **KTrack** is offered through the Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre and is open to students who identify with the ATSI community.

Central Queensland University (CQU)

The **CQU Principal's Recommendation Scheme** is an alternative pathway in place for student entry in 2021. The **Principal's Recommendation Scheme** allows Year Twelve students to apply to a CQU course based on the recommendation of the Principal rather than an ATAR. This scheme is designed to assist capable students to access entry to CQU, yet in no way reduces the quality and academic standards that students must meet to successfully complete their degree.

The **Principal's Recommendation Scheme** provides for students to receive an unconditional offer for a CQU within 48 hours of submitting their application, and students don't need to wait for Year 12 results to be released to submit their application, allowing for entry to CQU courses without an ATAR. There is no limit to the Principal's Recommendations that can be submitted by a school.

To apply to CQU through the scheme a student must meet the following criteria:

1. Be studying Year 12 in an Australian school in 2020
2. Have the Principal's recommendation completed in writing.
3. Demonstrate motivation, talent and passion.

Alternative pathways

Students studying a VET qualification which is completed in school will also be considered for entry pathways. A student can also complete the **STEPS (Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies) Program** which is the enabling program and free for Australian Citizens and residents.

This program is tailored to help students meet the entry requirements of boost confidence, and usually takes between one and two terms to complete (4 – 8 months) either online or face to face on campus.

Tertiary Entry Program (TEP)

An enabling program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to gain the skills to undertake university study.

SUN (Start Uni Now)

In Term Three, students from Year 10 – Year 12 can study units whilst at school. Students apply direct to CQU via their online application portal, instead of going through TISC. This program is free for the first unit and \$375 for the remainder.

Curtin University

School Leaver 2020

Curtin has worked closely with WA's Tertiary Institution Service Centre (TISC) to open up 2021 university applications for all Year 12's students, on 18th May 2020. Year 12 students can now apply to Curtin and receive an offer for a range of courses based on their predicted ATAR, calculated from Year 11 results.

The new pathway for Year 12 students adds to Curtin's existing and wide-ranging options which include **Portfolio Entry, UniReady, Enabling Pathways and the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)**. Curtin has stated

"If you're applying for a course with unlimited student places, we may even offer you a place at Curtin before you sit your WACE exams. This offer will be based on the ATAR predicted you'll achieve, calculated from your year 11 results. This offer is conditional on you achieving your predicted ATAR at the end of the year. If the school has not provided a predicted ATAR students can use their Year 11 Report."

If applying for a course with **limited places**, an offer cannot be forwarded until after the External ATAR Examinations have concluded, and if applying for a course with **unlimited places**, an offer may be received prior to the ATAR Examinations. This offer will be based on the predicted ATAR generated by Curtin, and will be calculated from Year 11 results. If the final ATAR is higher, then the student has an opportunity to change their preferences through TISC and then Curtin will offer a place based on the course that was applied for and the final result achieved.

If the final ATAR is lower than the predicted ATAR score, Curtin offers a number of pathways and courses that may be suitable. Students will have an opportunity to change preferences through TISC and, depending on their score, may be offered a place based on the course they have applied for and their final result.

Special Consideration

Curtin has developed a process by which applicants whose educational achievements have been compromised or disadvantaged by external factors can have their admission considered in light of those factors. Special consideration may be granted if their ability to study or sit exams has been affected by circumstances beyond their control. These exceptional circumstances must be of a grave nature and must have had a significant impact on a student's studies in the year prior to their university application.

Special consideration is available to any eligible applicant for admission to Curtin University during any admission period. If approved, a student will be granted between one and five (maximum) additional points to their ATAR. This process does not alter any existing Tertiary Entrance Rank gained through either the STAT or Year 12 WACE, except for the purposes of entry to Curtin. This does not guarantee entry to a Curtin University course.

Alternative Pathway

Curtin's **UniReady** enabling program utilises a pathways finder where students can find the statement that best describes their situation. This is a 12-week program conducted off campus, online or as a combination of both. Students can enrol in the **UniReady** enabling program and the **Curtin College Diploma** (one or two years) and prepares students for direct admission into the second year of a number of Curtin courses. Students may also apply to sit the STAT for admission.

Portfolio Entry

Is open to school leavers and non-school leavers, and is ideal if you are:

1. School leaver who is not eligible for an ATAR
2. School leaver who did not receive an offer based on their ATAR
3. Non-school leaver electing portfolio entry or who did not qualify through another pathway.

TAFE or AQF Qualifications

With qualifications from TAFE or another Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) recognised institution, students may meet Curtin's minimum academic admission criteria, enabling them to get into university. They may also be eligible for advanced standing/CRL which enables them to be exempt from completing some units, and they may be able to finish their degree in a shorter amount of time.

Advanced standing is also known as **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Credit for Recognised Learning (CRL) and Credit Transfer**. A student is eligible to receive credit if they have:

1. Already studied units (subjects) listed in their desired course
2. Work experience that matches the degree requirements.

If this applies, a student's previous learning may be recognised and matched against a similar unit in their intended course. This means they may be exempt from doing part of the course and could finish their degree in a shorter amount of time.

Edith Cowan University (ECU)

Information has not finalised regarding changes to school student admissions for 2021. An upcoming meeting and information will be communicated in approximately two weeks. Applications are due in August.

Alternative Entry / Enabling Courses

UniPrep courses include information/communication technology skills, academic research and writing, mathematical concepts and techniques, and a wide range of interpersonal communication skills. **Summer UniPrep** is not available for current Year 12 students.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Curtin:

<https://study.curtin.edu.au/applying/pathways/atar-entry/>

Notre Dame:

<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/early-offer/early-offer-fremantle>

Murdoch:

<https://www.murdoch.edu.au/news/articles/new-admissions-pathway-for-year-12-students-applying-to-murdoch>

UWA:

<https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/new-admissions-pathway-for-year-12>
