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2020 Applying for Uni as a Year 12 Student with UAC

Video on YouTube to help students navigate and understand the UAC application process.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uznSlo_s_4U

UNSW Law Admission Test

UNSW The LAT 2020 will take place on Tuesday 29 September 2020.

Standard registrations close at 5:00pm Friday 14 August 2020.

The LAT is a written test that allows candidates to demonstrate their aptitude and skills for studying Law at UNSW. LAT results will be considered in addition to the ATAR (or equivalent academic result) in the UNSW selection process to differentiate amongst the many high achieving Law applicants. Completion of the LAT will enable UNSW to gain a more rounded view of a candidate's capability to study Law; it will also give applicants the opportunity to demonstrate further their suitability for the Law program at UNSW.

Register here:

https://lat.acer.edu.au/register?_cldee=Z2FyeS5ncmFudEBqb2JqdW1wLmNvbS5hdQ%3d%3d&recipientid=c

UTS Support your UAC application with the Engineering and IT Questionnaire

Closes 17 December 2020

If you fall short of the ATAR by 1–3 points, we'll still consider your application if you complete the questionnaire and demonstrate a strong motivation to study engineering or IT. It takes just 20 minutes to complete, so give yourself the best chance to get into your preferred course at UTS.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/futurestudents/engineering/essential-information/year-12-engineering-and-it-questionnaire>

ACU Passion for Law Early Entry

Passion for Law early entry program is now open for mid semester entry 2020 and for semester 1 in 2021

If you're in Year 12 and driven by ideas such as justice and fairness, our Passion for Law (P4L) program offers you early entry into ACU's Thomas More Law School and gives you the opportunity to take your first career steps while you study.

Applications for the P4L mid year intake at our Sydney and Melbourne campuses and for Semester 1 2021 intakes in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane and Blacktown are now open.

Use your passion and commitment to accelerate your journey into the legal profession. We've designed our Passion for Law (P4L) program to provide you with everything you need for an early, competitive edge in your future career.

Benefits include:

- early conditional offer for an ACU law degree of your choice
- access to our Academic Skills workshops, CareerHub and networking events
- study abroad opportunities
- participation in our pro bono program from our second year
- \$500 textbook voucher to the top three P4L students at the end of Semester 1

- invitation to our ACU P4L welcome event
- access to our Leading with Impact program
- <https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/choose-your-pathway-or-entry-program/recent-secondary-education/assisted-entry-into-law>

ACU Guarantee

Opens 3 August

Guarantee your place at ACU, even before your Year 12 exams. The ACU Guarantee program offers eligible Year 12 students a place at ACU based on your Year 11 results.

Offers may be made as early as September. While successful applicants must still complete their Year 12 exams, you can do so secure in the knowledge that your marks from Year 11 meet our entry requirements. You may also enhance your entry score by including a short personal statement that gives ACU an insight into your personal circumstances and motivation for university study.

https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/acu-guarantee?_cldee=Z2FyeS5ncmFudEBqb2JqdW1wLmNvbS5hdQ%3d%3d&recipientid=contact-5003b227bd3fe5118108c4346bac3e68-184cb8bcbc7543f5b1bf8ccc9247fd6a&esid=866491ee-b9c4-ea11-a812-000d3a085914

Early Entry to Macquarie University

Macquarie University has announced that they are removing caps on admissions through their early entry schemes, the Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme and the Schools Recommendation Scheme.

This means that anyone who applies and meets the criteria will be guaranteed a place to study in 2021. Macquarie has removed these caps to support students concerned about impacts to their study and ATAR results from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Please note that caps will still exist at course level when there are government, legal, or other logistical restraints (clinical placements, etc).

Find out more about early entry to Macquarie University here:

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/year-12-early-entry>

New UAC EAS Categories

If your family has been affected by COVID-19, you could be eligible for bonus points under UAC's Educational Access Schemes.

Starting in August, you can now be considered through EAS' financial disadvantage stream if your parents have received either the JobKeeper or JobSeeker payments for at least three months.

Find out more about how to apply for EAS on UAC's website here: <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/educational-access-schemes>

Early Entry Schemes | Apply now

Get an offer for university before you've taken a final exam

Year 12 can be stressful, but the 2020 cohort have probably experienced more than their fair share due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The good news is that everyone understands your pain. Schools, education departments, tertiary admission centres, universities and other tertiary education providers – they're all working hard to make sure that you won't be unfairly disadvantaged because of it.

There are lots of early entry schemes that you could be eligible to apply for; check out our [Early Entry Guide](#) and our [alternative pathways database](#) for more information.

Reduce your year-end stress, apply for early entry to university

Receiving an early offer has a few benefits to consider:

- Get applications out of the way sooner
- Leave yourself more time later in the year to focus on your studies and revision
- Enjoy the peace of mind that could come with your early offer
- Helps you to plan your future in more detail e.g. finances and accommodation

You can read more about the benefits of early entry and conditional offers [here](#).

If you weren't already considering applying for an early offer before school shut-downs, maybe you could now.

Apply for early entry programs NOW

Our [Early Entry Guide 2021](#) has recently been updated with new programs, adjusted key dates and revised eligibility or application requirements.

Lots of the early entry schemes are already open for applications, if not they're opening soon. So, if you'd like to apply or you need to do a little research, now is the time.

There are more early offer programs than ever

Early entry schemes are becoming more widespread amongst the alternative pathways offered by universities.

Each uni designs its own scheme, which unfortunately means application systems and requirements will vary.

So it's important that you read all the eligibility requirements, understand the application process, and stick to the key dates listed for each individual program. We have listed all the important information and links to specific pages in our [Early Entry Guide](#) to get you started.

Who is eligible to apply for early entry schemes?

Some programs are for gifted students, but not all. If you're not amongst the top academic achievers in your cohort, don't be discouraged.

- Academic merit
- Elite athletes and performers
- Future leaders recognised by your school
- Students who've thrown themselves in to community engagement and volunteering
- Rural or remote applicants
- People who've experienced disadvantage

These are just some of the categories that could make you eligible to apply.

Got questions about Early Entry?

If you have questions about early entry, try reading about some of the [frequently asked questions](#) and the answers could help.

You could also reach out to the universities if you've got additional queries about specific programs.

Don't forget that if you're not eligible to apply for any of the schemes right now because:

- You don't meet the eligibility criteria
- The university you'd like to apply for doesn't offer early entry

Or perhaps you apply and aren't offered a conditional or guaranteed place....

It's not the end of the world and certainly not the end of your university dreams.

You can still apply for your preferred university and courses later in the year; there are a few main offer rounds you could be successful in.

There are also alternative pathways to explore that could get you into the course you'd like. Just don't give up.

Learn a little bit about 10 top fashion courses you could do online or in person, here in Australia. Plus you could discover the careers in fashion that might be open to you once you've completed them. If you love fashion and you'd love a career working in the industry, it's worth exploring all the qualifications and top fashion

AIE | Open Day – Sydney

16 August 2020, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE), Ultimo

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on Sun 16th August, 2020. The Sydney campus will be opening its doors to visitors eager to find out about upcoming full-time and part-time courses.

The day will include presentations on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. Student work will be on display and our teachers will be available to speak with you one on one about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career.

Find out more: https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/open-day/

ACU | Year 12 Revision Webinars – NSW/ACT

31 August 2020, 7:00 pm - 17 September 2020, 7:00 pm

Online

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone. We know this can be a stressful time, which is why we've teamed up with InspirED to help you do your very best and get you ready for what's to come.

Join us for a series of free online webinars run by experienced Year 12 exam markers and assessors.

They'll guide you through how to respond to possible exam questions, help you get your head around the class content to deepen your understanding, and offer plenty of tips and strategies along the way.

You'll also have an opportunity to get your questions answered during a live 30-minute Q&A.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/year-12-revision-webinars/nsw>

HSC Preparation Courses for Yr10s to Yr12s with the Centre for Continuing Education – University of Sydney

- [HSC biology](#)
- [HSC business studies](#)
- [HSC chemistry](#)
- [HSC economics](#)
- [HSC English](#)
- [HSC legal studies](#)
- [HSC mathematics](#)
- [HSC physics](#)
- [Years 10-12 study and essay skills](#)
- [Year 11 \(new syllabus\)](#)

Join our program of HSC prep courses. All course content is tailored to the new syllabus. A shorter, more accessible format – all workshops are one and two days. We have new, highly qualified tutors – each member of our newly expanded team is a knowledgeable former HSC marker.

<https://cce.sydney.edu.au/courses/hsc-preparation>

HSC and Beyond Careers Expo

28 September 2020, 4:00 pm - 30 September 2020, 8:00 pm

Online

Connect with secondary education providers, major universities, TAFE, UAC, VTAC, QTAC, NESAs, TIS and more!

- Get one-on-one advice
- Watch expert-led explainers
- Access subject-specific help
- Learn from past students
- Be in-the-know with unlimited downloads

Find out more: <https://inspired.edu.au/thecareerexpo/>

Sydney Trains Apprenticeships –

Join the team that keeps Sydney moving! We advertise apprenticeship positions in July on: <https://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au> and our apprentices commence in January of the following year.

If you're looking for a rewarding career in a boom industry, there's never been a better time to join the rail industry. Sydney Trains is the biggest passenger rail operator and maintainer in Australia and is the training ground for the NSW rail industry. Sydney Trains offers a range of apprenticeships (PDF, 1.05 MB) in the electrical, telecommunications and mechanical engineering trades.

As a Sydney Trains apprentice, you'll have access to a wealth of experience, a workforce that takes pride in its work, and a culture of collaboration and innovation. You'll gain nationally recognised trade qualifications with opportunities to further develop your career post trade.

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sydneytrains/careers/sydney-trains-apprentices>

For further information please contact Rhonda Moore on 0428166359 or email sydneytrainsapprenticeships@transport.nsw.gov.au
https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sydneytrains/careers/sydney-trains-apprentices#When_are_apprenticeships_advertised?

Job Spotlight

How to become a UX Designer

What do UX Designers do?

It's a UX ("User Experience") Designers job to create easy, efficient, relevant, pleasant experiences for the end-user. UX Design can be applied to any product or service from websites to vegetable peelers, or even a visit to the local supermarket.

If you're practical but creative, have great all-round communication skills and are looking for a job which is fast paced, full of variety and requires lots of human interaction, then a career in UX Design could be really rewarding.

About you:

- Empathetic, curious and an excellent communicator
- A critical thinker with a flair for visual design and great analytical skills
- Collaborates well and has good writing skills with at least a basic understanding of coding

The job:

- Meet with clients to gain an understanding of their product or service
- Conduct market and user research
- Design and develop prototypes/drafts/mock-ups based on user needs
- Collaborate with Designers and Developers to polish the product ensuring the best experience for end-users
- Present the final solution to the client and help with its delivery

UX Designer salary (average) \$90,000 per year

(Source: careerfoundry.com)

UX Designers are in demand in these locations:

New South Wales, Victoria and the ACT with a projected job growth nationally of 13.6% by 2024. (source: seek.com.au)

How to become a UX Designer in Australia

There are no formal qualification requirements to become a UX Designer in Australia and there are many pathways into this career. However obtaining a degree in a related field could jumpstart your career and make you eligible to apply for more senior positions, faster.

Step 1 – Study English and Maths and computer science at high school. Psychology and creative subjects could also be beneficial

Step 2 – Do some reading about UX Design and work out which of the many career options in UX Design would best suit you

Step 3 – Develop your eye for design (not just the visual but *how* processes work and connect) and gain more understanding of human psychology. A good way to make this happen and boost your CV is to get some related work experience.

Step 4 – Check out short courses and degrees in UX or visual design.

[User Design Experience at RMIT](#)

[UX/IU Bootcamp at the University of Adelaide](#)

[User Interface and Experience Design with Open Universities](#)

[Certificate III in Design Fundamentals at North Metro TAFE](#)

[Bachelor of Design \(Interactive and UX Design\) at USC](#)

Step 5 – Create your portfolio (include any mock design projects, blogs, websites etc., that showcase your work and skills), keep it updated. Stay up to date with new trends, user expectations, software, and don't forget to network.

Step 6 – Consider further qualifications to upskill and keep you competitive. E.g. [Graduate Certificate of UX and Web Design](#)

Find out more here –

<https://www.design.org.au/>

Similar Careers to UX Designer

UI (User Interface) Designer

[Web Designer](#)

[Graphic Designer](#)

[App Developer](#)

Digital Project Manager

[Architect](#)

Instructional Designer

Product Designer

Find out more about [alternative careers](#).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What is the difference between UX and UI?

They are both elements of the consumer experience. User Interface (UI) Design is all about creating an appealing look or layout, you'll need to understand coding and visual design concepts like colour schemes, fonts etc. Whereas User Experience (UX) focuses on functionality, how the end users will interact with the product or service, how to streamline them to make them easy to use but get a specific job done. The goal being to provide a good or pleasant experience for the end-user.

Do I need to learn programming to become a UX Designer?

No you don't, but knowledge of HTML, CSS, and coding will help you do better in your job and could be advantageous when applying for jobs.

Where do UX Designers work?

UX Designers can work anywhere; in offices, Design firms, with companies who design and produce products and or services of **any** description, financial organisations including banks, large accounting firms etc., Government departments, Museums, or for themselves even working remotely from home.

Do I need to go to university to become a UX Designer?

Not necessarily. Portfolios and work experience probably count more when you're applying for jobs, but relevant qualifications could also work in your favour and help you to get interviews more easily.