



MACQUARIE  
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# **PATHWAYS**

# **2010**

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## to MACQUARIE ...

**A**ttaining the required Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) in Year 12 is not the *only* pathway into a Macquarie bachelor degree. Forty per cent of students entering Macquarie University for the first time are aged from 20 up to 70-plus years. Some of these people have other post-secondary qualifications which are acceptable for admission; others need to explore alternative options which will lead to their desired goal. This booklet outlines the other options that exist for admission to Macquarie.

### Admission

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For the great majority of students, applications to undergraduate courses at Macquarie are made twice a year through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). For more information on this you should consult the current edition of the *UAC Guide* (available at your local newsagent) or visit the UAC website at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au).

'On-time' applications through UAC close at the end of **September** for commencement in first semester of the year *preceding and at the end of June* for commencement in second semester of the same year (this is a reduced intake for a limited number of undergraduate courses).

(*note*: applications for Distance Education (External) courses offered through UAC **MUST** be lodged by on-time as no late applications will be accepted. Selection through UAC for Macquarie courses is based on academic merit. Work experience is NOT normally considered for admission purposes via UAC.

Entry numbers to the University are regulated to ensure that the number of students accepted does not exceed the number for which adequate teaching facilities are available. This means that in order to gain admission as a candidate for a Bachelor degree it is necessary to have been selected for admission *in competition with other applicants in your category* (ie, those who are not recent school leavers).

## Competition for selection

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To compete for selection for admission to a degree course at Macquarie University you should have:

⇒ reached a satisfactory level of performance at the current NSW Higher School Certificate examination (**ATAR** - see box on page 4) or interstate equivalent examination,

OR

⇒ qualified for matriculation to Macquarie University at a previous Australian Year 12 examination, or (prior to 1967) have qualified for matriculation to another university in New South Wales,

OR

⇒ completed secondary school studies interstate or overseas which are deemed to satisfy Macquarie University admission requirements,

OR

⇒ attained other examination qualifications at a level considered by the Coursework Studies Committee of the University to be equivalent. These may include:

- completion of **12** credit points at Macquarie University on a Non-award basis. To be eligible for application into the Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BSc) or Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education) (BEEd(ECE)) applicants need to achieve an overall grade point average (GPA) of **2.0** or better. Applicants who attain a GPA of **2.5** are also eligible to apply for the BA – Psychology or BSc – Psychology. Students **cannot** enter *any* other Macquarie undergraduate degrees through the Non-award program, *however* it is possible to transfer to other degree programs after the attainment of specific progress requirements (providing that the degree sought is covered under the University's internal transfer policy). See page 5 for more information on Non-award studies.
- studies in a degree program at an Australian university or former college of advanced education (CAE)
- completion of a Diploma from the Sydney Institute of Business and Technology (SIBT) (most degrees require passes in 8 subjects with a minimum GPA of 1.5 but some have a higher requirement for entry)
- completion of a Tertiary Preparation Course at a NSW TAFE College at an academic level which attains the selection cut-off for the desired degree

Note: Completion of a TAFE Associate Diploma, or an AQF-accredited Diploma or Advanced Diploma would be assessed in conjunction with other acceptable qualifications or studies. A completed AQF Certificate Level IV course (at a TAFE or private college) would be similarly considered but it is unlikely that this qualification would generate a rank high enough for selection.

For further information about other qualifications suitable for selection purposes or any enquiries concerning the qualifications listed above, contact the Coursework Studies Section ☎ (02) 9850 6410.

## Limited HSC

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Applicants not qualified for consideration for selection in any of the above categories and who are at least 20 years of age on 1 March of the year of sitting the examination may qualify for selection by undertaking a limited program of study at the NSW Higher School Certificate under the terms set out below.

**Applicants with a reduced load HSC program seeking admission** should note that:

- a) you must be at least 20 years of age on 1 March of the year in which you sit the reduced load HSC examination.
- b) you must attempt between five (5) and nine (9) units of ATAR courses, including at least two (2) units that are English.
- c) you must attempt all the units in the same year (a Limited ATAR cannot be accumulated).

For more information on the Limited ATAR (LATAR)/Reduced HSC refer to the 2010 *UAC Guide*, page 42, or visit the website [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) for the online Guide.

Students wishing to undertake an HSC reduced program at a TAFE college should note that not all TAFE colleges offer the full range of subjects.

**Academic Advantage** – Academic Advantage is a scheme which recognises the achievements of HSC students in subjects that relate *specifically* to the Macquarie undergraduate degree programs. HSC and Australian IB students applying through UAC, provided that they have attained a minimum rank of 72.55, will receive up to five bonus points added to their selection score.

For more information on the Scheme go to [www.mq.edu.au/academicadvantage](http://www.mq.edu.au/academicadvantage)

## Other Pathways

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Applicants who do not meet the necessary academic criteria for admission need to consider other pathways for gaining entry into their desired course. The range of options for the upcoming academic year include:

### **Mature Age Jubilee Scheme**

For students aged 21 or over as at 1 March in their first year at Macquarie - students who have not attempted previous tertiary studies previously and don't possess the necessary academic qualifications for admission may be eligible for admission to a limited number of Jubilee entry places Please note that:

- enrolment is restricted to only five undergraduate courses, the BA, BA DipEd, BSc, BSc DipEd and BEd (Early Childhood Ed) degrees under this scheme<sup>1</sup>,
- not all units and courses are available
- the scheme is for student's who wish to study internally

#### **How to apply for entry through the Jubilee Scheme:**

Apply direct to Macquarie University (not through UAC). Applications for first semester open in August of the year *preceding* commencement (and must be lodged by the last working day of September). Second semester applications open in May and close at the end of June if applicable.

For applications contact Coursework Studies Section on ☎(02) 9850 6410 or email [coursework@mq.edu.au](mailto:coursework@mq.edu.au)

Further information is available at: [www.reg.mq.edu.au/undergrad](http://www.reg.mq.edu.au/undergrad)

### **Non-Award Studies**

The Non-award program is suitable for students looking for an alternative pathway into a Bachelor degree program. Students studying via the Non-award pathway have a large selection of units to choose from, with each of the four faculties offering units to pathway students. Non-award units successfully completed as part of the pathway will be credited towards the student's award course at Macquarie University.

To secure a *guaranteed* place in a Bachelor degree program, students need to:

- successfully complete 4 units (12 credit points); and
- have a minimum overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 (pass average)

Students who meet these criteria will be guaranteed a Commonwealth Supported place (HECS-HELP) in a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Education

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<sup>1</sup> For students who want to undertake undergraduate degrees at Macquarie other than the BA, BA DipEd, BSc, BSc DipEd or BEd (ECE), if they are first selected through the **Jubilee** Scheme, they may be able to internally transfer at a later time. This is dependent on a student achieving the academic requirements for the transfer sought. This detail on this is contained in the Macquarie University Course Transfer policy accessible online at

[www.reg.mq.edu.au/undergrad/current/currentstudents/coursetransfer.htm](http://www.reg.mq.edu.au/undergrad/current/currentstudents/coursetransfer.htm)

(Early Childhood Education) upon application to transfer. Students who receive a GPA of 2.5 or higher may also apply for entry to either the Bachelor of Arts – Psychology or Bachelor of Science – Psychology. Students cannot enter any other Macquarie undergraduate degree through the Non-award program. However, it is possible to transfer to other degree programs after the attainment of specific progress requirements.

For most units, a minimum ATAR of 50.00 is required for applicants who have completed their HSC in the past two years. Please contact the Centre for Open Education for further details about specific unit entry requirements.

Please be aware that students who receive two (2) fail grades during their Non-award studies will be excluded from the program and will not be able to continue their Non-award studies.

For more information about the Non-Award program, please contact the Centre for Open Education on (02) 9850 7470 or [coe@mq.edu.au](mailto:coe@mq.edu.au)

### **Direct application from TAFE**

Macquarie University offers **direct applications for TAFE NSW Graduates** to the **Bachelor of Business Administration** and the **Bachelor of Science**. Students may apply for the Bachelor of Business Administration if they have completed an Advanced Diploma of Hospitality Management, Business, Marketing or Management with a credit average or higher at Bradfield, Crows Nest, Hornsby, Meadowbank, North Sydney, Northern Beaches or Ryde colleges of TAFE. Students may apply for the Bachelor of Science if they have completed a TAFE diploma in a science related field. For further information please go to:

[www.reg.mq.edu.au/undergrad/admissions/prospectivestudents/alternatepathways/tafe.htm](http://www.reg.mq.edu.au/undergrad/admissions/prospectivestudents/alternatepathways/tafe.htm)

### **uniTEST**

uniTEST is an equity initiative which recognises that the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is not always the best indicator of aptitude or ability to undertake tertiary studies. This alternative entry process considers a number of factors in the selection including the ATAR, a tertiary study aptitude test – uniTEST, and an application.

Applicants need to register online at:

[www.reg.mq.edu.au/undergrad/admissions/prospectivestudents/alternatepathways/uniTest.htm](http://www.reg.mq.edu.au/undergrad/admissions/prospectivestudents/alternatepathways/uniTest.htm) to sit the test. The registration form is normally available from early September in the year *preceding* commencement of study. For 2010 admissions registration for the test closed on 13 November 2009 and testing was held on site at the Macquarie campus (North Ryde) on **Monday 7 December 2009** (this was the only date for uniTEST testing for the February 2009 intake). uniTEST demonstrates a participant's aptitude for university study. The results of this are then included in a selection process which also considers a written application, information on the circumstances that impacted on previous school results, and a student's ATAR if that is available.

For further questions that you may have about uniTEST, go to the Macquarie website [www.mq.edu.au](http://www.mq.edu.au) or email the Coursework Studies Section at [coursework@mq.edu.au](mailto:coursework@mq.edu.au)

### **Access Engineering Macquarie**

The Access Engineering Program provides a possible pathway for students who do not meet the minimum entry requirement for Macquarie's Bachelor of Engineering degrees (engineering single degrees only). The program will use the mechanism of uniTEST to assess the aptitude of applicants for the study of engineering. Go to [www.engineering.mq.edu.au/accessengineering.htm](http://www.engineering.mq.edu.au/accessengineering.htm) for more information and an **online application**.

Access Engineering applicants also must register for uniTEST (refer to uniTEST information on page 6).

### **Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)**

The STAT is a method of admission for students whose UAI/ ATAR rank may not be sufficient to gain an offer to Macquarie University. The Special Tertiary Admissions Test assesses your ability to understand the material given and to think critically about issues, rather than to test knowledge of curriculum or a specific academic subject. The STAT results will provide additional information to Macquarie to enable us to assess your aptitude for university level studies and your potential for success.

STAT is specifically for students who are Non-current School Leavers who may not have completed or are not satisfied with their HSC or IB qualifications. STAT is not available for International Students.

To register for STAT you must first apply to Macquarie University through the Universities Admissions Centre. Further information regarding registration for STAT as well as venue details and dates can be found at [www.uac.edu.au/stat](http://www.uac.edu.au/stat).

### **External study options**

▶ **Distance Education Programs:** Macquarie offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs by distance providing students with the flexibility and convenience of studying from home and balancing other commitments.

The Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education) (BEd(ECE) and Bachelor of Law applications are undertaken through UAC and have now closed for Semester 1 2010. Mid-year applications for the BEd(ECE) will open in April. Applications for 2011 close on the last week day in September.

The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science are via direct entry to Macquarie based on your experience, capabilities and previous academic studies. Transfer into other degrees is possible after completion of the requisite units of study within these degrees. Mid-year applications open in April.

For further information please visit: [www.coe.mq.edu.au](http://www.coe.mq.edu.au)

▶ **Open Universities Australia (OUA):** Another option for off-campus study at Macquarie is to study subjects **online** through **OUA**. Undergraduate students are able to undertake Non-award study or complete a Bachelor of Arts. The Non-award study option enables students who successfully complete four units to go on to complete the Bachelor of Arts (OUA) or with a GPA of 3.0 students can apply through UAC to transfer into an on-campus place at Macquarie.

Prospective students must apply and **register through OUA (not through Macquarie)**. There are no entry requirements for Non-award study.

For further information on OUA study including fees and charges please visit the OUA website: [www.open.edu.au](http://www.open.edu.au) or contact the Centre for Open Education [www.coe.mq.edu.au](http://www.coe.mq.edu.au)

## **Restrictions on enrolment**

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Enrolments in some degree courses and some units of study have been limited by quota because of limitations on accommodation and teaching facilities.

Applicants need to apply for the appropriate course through the Universities Admissions Centre and gain a place in the quota for the restricted area of study or course. Students in other courses who gain the equivalent cut-off or higher for restricted courses or areas of study may be permitted to enrol in the following areas of study:

### **Accounting**

In general, places in first-year accounting units are available only to students whose entry qualification are at least equivalent to those being offered a place in the B Commerce – Professional Accounting. Students in other courses such as B Commerce or B Arts will be admitted to first-year accounting units on completion of a least 12 credit points (equivalent of one semester of full-time study) with an overall grade point average of 2.0 (a clear pass average).

### **Actuarial Studies**

Only those students who have been admitted to the B Actuarial Studies, a combined Actuarial Studies degree or B Actuarial Studies/LLB will be guaranteed a place in the first-year actuarial units.

### **Economics**

Places in the main first-year economics units of study will be guaranteed to students who have been admitted to the B Economics or B Commerce or related courses and to students who have the equivalent of the ATAR required for entry to the quota for BEc or BCom. Students in other courses may be admitted to first-year economics units if they complete at least 12 credit points and receive a grade point average of at least 2.0. Such students may need to enrol for four years to complete an economics major.

### **Law**

Only students who have been admitted to a law course are permitted to undertake units in law in their first year of enrolment. A small quota of places in first-year law is available to later-year students who are not enrolled in a law program.

### **Psychology**

Places in first-year psychology units will be guaranteed to students in B Psych (Hons), BA - Psych or BSc - Psych and to students with a rank at least equivalent to that required for entry to the BA - Psych and BSc - Psych. Students in other courses may be admitted to first-year psychology units when they have completed at least 12 credit points and achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5. Such students may need to enrol for four years to complete a major in psychology.

## **How to find out more about Macquarie University courses**

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If you would like further information you are advised to consult the latest editions of the following publications:

▶ **Study at Macquarie** (published by Macquarie University). An easy to read general prospectus, which should be used in conjunction with the *UAC Guide* and the **Handbook of Undergraduate Studies**. It is available free of charge from the Coursework Studies Section ☎ (02) 9850 6410

▶ **Macquarie Your University** (published by Macquarie University). An easy to read, fold out sheet, stating the career options available to students for the various areas of study. It is available free of charge from the Coursework Studies Section.

▶ **UAC Guide** (published each year by the Universities Admissions Centre). Distributed to secondary schools by the beginning of August each year. The Guide can be purchased from most newsagents in NSW and the ACT (and from some interstate newsagents). The cost of the UAC Guide for 2009 admissions was \$19.50 including GST (additional charges apply for postage within Australia and overseas)

Course information booklets are also available on request from the Coursework Studies Section.

### **Further enquiries may be made through:**

- The Coursework Studies Section ,Macquarie University, Ph: (02) 9850 6410 or email: [coursework@mq.edu.au](mailto:coursework@mq.edu.au)
- The Student Enquiry Service, Lincoln Building (C8A), Level 1, Macquarie University, Balaclava Road, North Ryde, NSW.
- The Centre for Open Education (COE) for distance education, Non-Award study and Open Universities Australia Ph: (02) 9850 7470 or email: [coe@mq.edu.au](mailto:coe@mq.edu.au)

The University's postal address for undergraduate matters is:

Coursework Studies Section  
Macquarie University  
NSW 2109

### **Info Day**

Macquarie University holds an **Information Day** for prospective undergraduate students in the first week of January each year. Prospective students will receive advice from Macquarie staff on entry pathways, application procedures and other aspects relating to their study at Macquarie. A full program will be available on the University website in December, [www.mq.edu.au](http://www.mq.edu.au)

# Useful websites for undergraduate students at Macquarie University

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Macquarie University home page	<a href="http://www.mq.edu.au/">www.mq.edu.au/</a>
Admissions information for prospective Macquarie undergraduate students	<a href="http://www.reg.mq.edu.au/Undergrad/">www.reg.mq.edu.au/Undergrad/</a>
Centre for Open Education (Non-award and external study)	<a href="http://www.coe.mq.edu.au/">www.coe.mq.edu.au/</a>
Macquarie University Student Enquiry Service and FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)	<a href="http://www.student.mq.edu.au/ses/">www.student.mq.edu.au/ses/</a>
Macquarie University <i>Handbook of Undergraduate Studies</i> (Web version)	<a href="http://www.handbook.mq.edu.au/">www.handbook.mq.edu.au/</a>
Open Universities Australia (OUA)	<a href="http://www.open.edu.au">www.open.edu.au</a>

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