

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: HOW DO I APPLY?

A: From July 1 2009, log on to www.uow.edu.au/future/earlyentry, complete and submit the online application to apply to UOW for Early Entry to all faculties except Creative Arts. To be considered for Early Entry to Creative Arts degrees please go to www.uow.edu.au/future/earlyentry/creativearts and complete a Request for Interview/Audition form.

Q: WHO SHOULD APPLY?

A: The program is open to students who will sit the HSC or equivalent in 2009. Early Entry is not available to mature age, international or non-school-leaver applicants.

Q: WHAT DO I NEED FOR MY APPLICATION?

A: You will need to provide the following information in your Early Entry application:

- HSC Candidate Number
- Contact details that will still be valid following the completion of the HSC
- School Certificate results for English, Mathematics and Science
- Year 11 Yearly Exam results for all subjects
- Year 12 Half-Yearly Exam results for all subjects
- Trial HSC results for all subjects
- Details of extracurricular activities and achievements, work history and experience, community and sporting activities and achievements

Q: I DON'T HAVE MY TRIAL HSC RESULTS, WHAT CAN I DO?

A: If your Trial HSC results are not available before the closing date for your application (Faculty of Law – 28 August; Faculty of Creative Arts – 18 September; all other faculties – 18 September), you will be able to indicate this in your application. Please ensure that you bring certified copies of your Trial HSC results for all subjects to your interview or event.

Q: CAN I APPLY TO MORE THAN ONE EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM?

A: Yes. You can select to apply to up to nine separate degrees of interest through Early Entry. You will be able to indicate each degree/ double degree you wish to apply for in your single, online application.

A double degree will count as one selection. We recommend that if you are applying to a double degree through Early Entry that you also apply to each of the single degrees that form the double degree. This will ensure that if you are not successful in gaining entry to the double degree you will still be considered for a place in the single degrees.

Q: DO I NEED A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR EACH FACULTY/PROGRAM I AM APPLYING TO?

A: For all faculties except Creative Arts there will be a single online application for Early Entry – you will be able to indicate all degrees you wish to apply to in the one application. If you wish to be considered for Early Entry to Creative Arts degrees please go to www.uow.edu.au/future/earlyentry/creativearts and complete the Request for Interview/Audition Form. If you wish to apply to degrees from Creative Arts and other UOW faculties you will need to complete an online Early Entry application and the Request for Interview/Audition form.

Q: WHEN DO APPLICATIONS OPEN AND CLOSE?

A: All applications open on 1 July 2009.

Applications for students applying to a Law degree close August 28 2009.

Applications that do not include a Law degree close September 18 2009.

Q: DO I NEED TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT MY APPLICATION IN ONE SITTING?

A: No, you can start and then save your application. You will be issued a password to allow you to re-enter your application and update it as you receive your academic

results. The details of your password will be emailed to the email address you provide as part of your application. Please ensure that you do not lose your Early Entry application password as this is required for re-entry into your application.

You will be able to re-enter and update your application as many times as required. Once you have completed your application you will then submit it for consideration by all of the faculties you have applied to. You will not be able to amend your application once it has been submitted.

Q: WHAT TYPE OF QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED AT THE INTERVIEW?

A: Questions will be based on your interest in the degree and the relevant subjects you have undertaken at school. You should also be prepared to discuss your extra curricular activities and achievements.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF I LIVE FAR AWAY FROM THE UNI AND I CAN'T MAKE THE INTERVIEW?

A: Individual faculties may offer phone interviews if you are unable to attend an on-campus interview. Faculties may also offer interviews at a later date to accommodate regional students.

Please contact the relevant faculty to discuss this situation once interview invitations have been issued.

Q: CAN I TALK TO FACULTY STAFF ABOUT THE DEGREE I WANT TO STUDY IF THE FACULTY DOES NOT HOLD INTERVIEWS?

A: Yes, you can. Faculties not holding interviews will be hosting information days or other on campus events, providing you with the opportunity to speak directly to faculty staff. You can also contact faculties direct to discuss your degree options. Faculty contacts can be found online at www.uow.edu.au/future/earlyentry

HIGHEST ELIGIBLE PREFERENCE

As part of your UAC application you will be able to select up to nine degree preferences. You should select degrees in the order that you wish to do them.

Your Highest Eligible Preference is the first degree on your preference list that you qualify for — this includes, but isn't limited to, meeting all of the entry requirements.

Remember to put the degree you 'prefer' as your highest preference, then work your way down your list of preferences.

UAC will only make you an offer to your Highest Eligible Preference.

You will not be made a UAC offer to every preference you qualify for. For this reason it is important to list degrees in the order that you wish to do them. If you receive an offer for your second preference, you can't decline it and then receive an offer to your third, even if you've met the entry requirements for both.

Q: HOW AND WHEN DO I GET MY EARLY ENTRY OFFER?

A: You will be notified in writing of the outcome of your Early Entry application before you sit your HSC exams for all faculties except Creative Arts. Applicants to Creative Arts will be mailed the outcome in relation to Creative Arts degrees in late December.

All 'formal' offers will be made through the UAC rounds, so you still need to lodge your preferences with UAC for your Early Entry offer to be activated, regardless of which faculties and degrees you are applying to. Offers cannot be issued without a UAC application.

IF I APPLY FOR EARLY ENTRY DO I HAVE TO MAKE IT MY FIRST PREFERENCE?

A: For your Early Entry offer to be activated in the UAC system it needs to be your Highest Eligible Preference. You are not obligated to make your Early Entry offer your first UAC preference. We advise students to put the degree they most want to study as their first UAC preference.

Q: CAN I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

A: Yes all students can apply for scholarships; however this process is separate to Early Entry. We encourage all students to consider applying for a scholarship. For more information on UOW Scholarships please go to www.uow.edu.au/future/scholarships

Please note that scholarship applications close on 30 September 2009.

Q: CAN I DEFER MY EARLY ENTRY OFFER?

A: Yes, once you receive your offer through UAC you can defer it for one year. Please note that offers to Creative Arts degrees at UOW cannot be deferred.

Q: WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE OUTCOMES IF I APPLY FOR EARLY ENTRY?

A: There are four outcomes:

1. **Guaranteed Offer**
2. **Conditional Offer**
3. **No Offer** – You receive a letter advising that based on the subjects you are currently studying the faculty are unable to apply their Early Entry criteria to make a decision about your application. .
4. **No Offer** – You receive a letter saying that at this stage the faculty would rather wait until you have your final HSC results before we discuss your degree options with you. You should apply the degrees you are interested in through the regular UAC process and work towards achieving the published UAI cutoff.

Q: I WAS GIVEN AN EARLY ENTRY OFFER FROM UOW BUT IT'S NOT ON MY UAC OFFER?

A: It is important that you place the degree you most want to study at the top of your UAC preference list. Your UAC offer letter will make you an offer to the degree that is your Highest Eligible Preference. To receive an offer for a degree for which an Early Entry place has been offered (either guaranteed or a conditional offer for which you have met the conditions), it will need to be your Highest Eligible Preference lodged with UAC.

If you don't receive an offer through UAC for the degree to which your received an Early Entry offer, you should contact UniAdvice on 1300 367 869.

Q: DO I HAVE TO ACCEPT MY EARLY ENTRY OFFER?

A: No, by receiving Early Entry you are not locked into that offer. You will receive your 'formal' offer from UAC to your Highest Eligible Preference. For your Early Entry offer to be activated it needs to be your highest eligible preference. You can change your UAC preferences until midnight on January 6 2010.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T GET EARLY ENTRY?

A: You are at no disadvantage if you apply for our Early Entry program and don't receive an offer. You can still apply to the degree through the normal UAC process. We encourage you to use the Early Entry process to ask us any questions you may have about university study or the University of Wollongong.

Q: MY FRIEND GOT THE SAME TRIAL MARK AS ME AND THEY GOT EARLY ENTRY AND I DIDN'T, WHY?

A: While we can't discuss other people's applications, you should know that there are a number of factors that influence our decision about whether or not to offer an Early Entry place. This is not limited solely to Trial HSC results.