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GET IN EARLY AT UOW
1 JULY 2010:
Online registration opens
www.uow.edu.au/future/earlyentry

1 SEPTEMBER 2010:
Early Entry Applications close

WEEK COMMENCING 27 SEPTEMBER 2010:
Interviews and on-campus events held at UOW this week for all faculties except Creative Arts

30 SEPTEMBER 2010:
UAC (university Preferences), Scholarships and Dean’s Scholar applications close

WEEK COMMENCING 11 OCTOBER 2010:
You will find out this week if you received an Early Entry offer, so you will know before your exams begin on 14 October.

22 NOVEMBER – 3 DECEMBER 2010:
Creative Arts auditions held

15 DECEMBER 2010:
HSC results available online and via SMS and telephone

16 DECEMBER 2010:
ATARs e-released by UAC

LATE DECEMBER 2010:
Creative Arts degree offers are made

5 JANUARY 2011:
January Options Day at UOW

6 JANUARY 2011:
Last chance to change preferences with UAC

19 JANUARY 2011:
Main round university offers released
WHAT IS EARLY ENTRY?

The UOW Early Entry program recognises that the ATAR alone is not the only way to determine if you have the ability to excel at university.

If you are a current Year 12 student (sitting the 2010 HSC or interstate equivalent in Australia) you are eligible to apply for Early Entry to the University of Wollongong (UOW). International students studying the HSC (or interstate equivalent) at an Australian high school are also eligible to apply to Early Entry.

If you are successful in your application you will receive either:

- a ‘guaranteed offer’ of a place at UOW in 2011; or
- ‘conditional’ upon achieving certain results during your HSC.

Early Entry is available into the following faculties at UOW:

- Arts
- Commerce
- Education
- Engineering
- Health and Behavioural Sciences
- Informatics
- Law
- Science
- Creative Arts*

*Students applying to the Faculty of Creative Arts may not know if they have a place at UOW prior to sitting the HSC. Applicants will be notified before the first round of UAC university offers are released in January. Please see page 8 for further details of the process for Creative Arts degrees.

KEY DATES

Early Entry applications open 1 July 2010 and close midnight 1 September 2010.

Each Faculty, except Creative Arts, will hold interviews or on-campus events in the week commencing 27 September 2010 which is the first week of the school holidays following Term 3.

Creative Arts auditions will be held between 22 November and 3 December 2010.

APPLY FOR EARLY ENTRY

This brochure provides information about the specific Early Entry criteria for each faculty at UOW. As each faculty use different criteria to determine Early Entry offers, your online application will ask for a range of information based on the degrees you have applied to. Application criteria will be tailored to your degree selection, meaning you may be asked to provide different information than your friends who also apply for Early Entry.

HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed for Early Entry based on your past academic record, and possibly other criteria such as interview and/or portfolio and information provided in your application. As part of your application you will be asked to provide information that will assist us in assessing your ability to succeed at UOW.

Each faculty have their own assessment criteria when considering your application—they may consider all of the information provided in your application, or only some of it. This guide will explain which degrees each faculty offer Early Entry to, as well as what information each faculty may use to assess Early Entry applicants.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. APPLY ONLINE

Simply log on to www.uow.edu.au/future/earlyentry and follow the online instructions for all faculties except Creative Arts.

If you wish to apply to any Creative Arts degrees please go to www.uow.edu.au/crearts/students/futureugs and follow the instructions.

If you don’t have all the information that is requested when you start your application—such as exam results—don’t panic. Your application can be saved as long as your contact details and degree choices have been provided. You can then return to your application at any time to add or change your responses before submitting your application.

As part of Early Entry you can apply for a maximum of five degrees.

You can only submit ONE application for Early Entry, so you must ensure that you include all the degrees you wish to apply to in the application. You do not need to complete a separate application for each degree.
A degree does not have to be your first preference with UAC to apply for Early Entry into it. However, any degree you get an Early Entry offer for will need to be your highest eligible preference with UAC after the close of preferences in January 2011 for you to receive your official UAC offer to the degree (see point 4 to the right).

2. AFTER YOUR APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED
Once your application is submitted, it will be forwarded for consideration to each faculty that you have applied to. Some faculties will make offers based solely on the information provided in your online application. Other faculties will assess these applications to determine which applicants to invite to interview or attend an on-campus event, while other faculties will interview all applicants. Please remember that each faculty will assess your application differently, using different criteria. Details of how each faculty assess applications are included in this guide.

3. OFFERS
There are three possible outcomes for each degree you apply to for Early Entry.

- You may be offered a guaranteed place into the degree/s you have applied to. For a guaranteed offer, UOW will inform UAC that you have been offered a place at UOW regardless of your ATAR.
- You may be offered a place that is conditional on your final HSC results. UOW will set particular conditions on entry—a certain level of performance in a particular subject, for example—and will inform UAC that this is your entry requirement instead of the normal ATAR.
- Finally, the faculty may decide that at this point in time they are unable to make you an offer for Early Entry—if this is the case, you should still apply to the degree through the normal UAC process.

Not receiving an Early Entry offer does not mean that you cannot get into the degree—if you achieve the required ATAR and have the degree as a preference with UAC then you can still be offered a place if it is your highest eligible preference, regardless of the outcome of your Early Entry application.

You can receive an offer for every degree you apply to through Early Entry, so you may receive more than one offer.

For all faculties, except the Faculty Creative Arts, offers will be made before you sit for your HSC examinations*.

4. DON'T FORGET UAC
Although you are applying for Early Entry at UOW you must still submit your University Preferences to UAC, regardless of which university or degrees you are applying for.

The Early Entry application is separate to the UAC application; it is compulsory for you to apply through UAC as well if you wish to attend university. UOW will inform UAC of your Early Entry offers, and UAC will waive the normal entry requirements accordingly.

A formal offer to a place at UOW can only be made if the degree for which you have received an Early Entry Offer is the highest eligible preference on your list of UAC preferences. See page 20 for a definition of Highest Eligible Preference.

5. WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR EARLY ENTRY OFFER
If you receive an offer of an Early Entry place, you are not locked into that degree. If you change your mind, you can alter your UAC preferences to another degree. Early Entry allows you to keep your options open. In most cases, you also have the option of deferring the offer made if you choose.

Remember, a formal offer can only be made if the UOW degree for which you have received an Early Entry offer is the highest eligible preference on your list of UAC preferences.

DOUBLE DEGREES

Early Entry is available to a number of double degrees. When applying to a double degree, you will be applying to the faculty that 'owns' the double degree.

Please note that when you apply to the double degree, you will be considered for the double degree option only. If you also wish to be considered for either or both of the single degrees that form the double degree, you need to also include these degrees as degree choices in your application. For example, the following would be considered three separate choices:

- Bachelor of Arts – Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Commerce

*Please see page 8 for further details of the process for Creative Arts Degrees.
UOW has a friendly atmosphere and beautiful campus, as well as world-class standards in teaching and innovation. Its reputation will boost my job opportunities in the future. The best thing about studying here is the degree flexibility. I can literally tailor my degree to suit my ambitions.

I found out about early entry through a UOW visit to my high school. I knew straight away that getting a place at UOW before I sat my HSC would take the exam pressure off immensely. The application process was simple, the main factor was to demonstrate my skills and how enthusiastic I was about the degree.

GEORGE GIRDLER
GUARANTEED EARLY ENTRY OFFER TO BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION & MEDIA STUDIES
Maybe your goal is to work in Australian diplomatic post overseas, or to work as an interpreter for an offshore multinational corporation. Perhaps it is to be part of the editorial staff of an international magazine or maybe run for political office. All of these things and more are possible with an Arts degree.

Arts students are challenged and inspired to think independently. A UOW Arts degree will encourage you to think about and analyse the world around you, it will prepare you to look at the big picture through a flexible degree focused on career outcomes, technological literacy and a vibrant research culture.

DEGREES OFFERED FOR EARLY ENTRY
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Arts (Community, Culture and Environment)
- Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies
- Bachelor of International Studies

DOUBLE DEGREES OFFERED THROUGH EARLY ENTRY
- Bachelor of Arts – Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies – Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies – Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of International Studies – Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of International Studies – Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies
- Bachelor of International Studies – Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies – Bachelor of Science

DEGREES OFFERED FOR EARLY ENTRY THROUGH OTHER FACULTIES:
- Bachelor of Arts – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of International Studies – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Science – Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Engineering – Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science (Physics) – Bachelor of Arts

FACULTY OF ARTS EARLY ENTRY SELECTION CRITERIA:
The Faculty of Arts uses a tiered approach to assessing applications. The Faculty assesses all online applications, and based on this initial assessment there are three possible outcomes:

1. You will receive an offer based solely on the information included in your online application.
2. You will be invited to an on-campus interview to assist the faculty with determining the outcome of your application.
3. You will be advised your application has been unsuccessful for Early Entry and be encouraged to apply to the degree through UAC.

Students attending an interview can still expect to receive the outcome of their application prior to the commencement of HSC exams.

When determining Early Entry offers, the Faculty of Arts considers the following:
- A mark of 80% or above in your two best subjects that are relevant to the degree(s) you’re applying to
- Evidence from school work in Years 10, 11 and 12 (including Trial HSC Results*)

* While you will not need to include your Trial HSC results in your online application, the Faculty may request that you provide certified copies of these results after applications close or bring them to an interview or on-campus event.

EARLY ENTRY IS NOT OFFERED INTO:
- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
- Dean’s Scholar: Direct application to Dean’s Scholar in the Faculty of Arts is not available through Early Entry. Applicants interested in this program should register their interest by emailing markh@uow.edu.au. Information about Dean’s Scholar degrees can be found at www.uow.edu.au/arts/prospective/deans

Please see the Creative Arts section of this guide for all Arts/Creative Arts double degrees available for Early Entry.
"I first heard about early entry from relatives. I asked for more information from my high school careers adviser and from Discovery Days at UOW, which helped me apply and put together my portfolio and resume.

The application process was very straightforward, which helped during the busy period of my final year of high school. Everything was clear and simple, so I knew exactly what to do, what I needed in my portfolio, and how to tackle the interview.

Many of my friends were very anxious and stressed before each HSC exam. For me, knowing that I had a place at UOW already took a great deal of stress off me. I was nowhere near as stressed as they were. I personally think I performed even better because my mind was at ease during the exams and I was able to think more clearly."

William So

Conditional early entry offer to Bachelor of Communications and Media Studies – Bachelor of Commerce
You will receive an offer based solely on the information included in your online application.
You will be invited to an on-campus interview to assist the faculty with determining the outcome of your application.
You will be advised your application has been unsuccessful for Early Entry and be encouraged to apply to the degree through UAC.

Students attending an interview can still expect to receive the outcome of their application prior to the commencement of HSC exams.

When assessing applications and determining Early Entry offers, the Faculty of Commerce considers the following information:

- Academic Record*
- Reasons for wanting to study the degree/s applied to
- The faculty of Commerce will pay particular attention to the following subjects when assessing applications:
  - Mathematics – General maths or above is required to be considered for Early Entry to Commerce
  - English – Standard English or above is required to be considered for Early Entry to Commerce. Please note students undertaking English as a Second Language will be considered.

For further information on criteria, see our website www.uow.edu.au/commerce/UOW044453.html

* While you will not need to include your Trial HSC results in your online application, the Faculty may request that you provide certified copies of these results after applications close or bring them to an interview or on-campus event.

EARLY ENTRY IS NOT OFFERED INTO:

- Dean’s Scholar – Direct application to Dean’s Scholar in the Faculty of Commerce is not available; however, if you receive a guaranteed Early Entry offer and obtain the ATAR required for entry into the Dean’s Scholar Program, you will be automatically accepted to this degree if Commerce Dean’s Scholar at UOW is your highest eligible preference.
Perhaps you dream of one day seeing your plays being performed on stages in London or of performing to a large audience. Maybe you hope to gain national exposure working in the Australian film or radio industries, or even write features or design graphics for national publications.

Creative Arts students at UOW can expect to develop technical skills and artistic insight, linking theoretical, historical and aesthetic perspectives with up-to-date skills through practice-based learning. Students benefit from the Faculty's relationships with diverse practitioners, cultural organisations and teaching institutions.

Creative Arts students at UOW receive a high level of personal attention, with only limited places available in this highly competitive field.

A submission of work or audition is a compulsory step in securing a place in the Faculty of Creative Arts at UOW, both as part of the Early Entry program and regular entry.

**DEGREES OFFERED FOR EARLY ENTRY:**
- Bachelor of Creative Arts – Majors: Creative Writing, Graphic Design, Theatre* and Visual Arts
- Bachelor of Digital Media
- Bachelor of Journalism
- Bachelor of Performance*
- Bachelor of Creative Arts (Dean’s Scholar)

* Subject to final approval

**CREATIVE ARTS EARLY ENTRY PROCESS**
The Faculty of Creative Arts has a different entry process to the other UOW Faculties. Please note the following:

If you wish to apply for entry to a Creative Arts degree (or double degree) you will need to complete the following steps:

1. Complete and submit Part 1 of the Faculty of Creative Arts Domestic Undergraduate Application indicating which degree/s or major you are you are interested in. This can be done at [www.uow.edu.au/crearts/students/futureugs](http://www.uow.edu.au/crearts/students/futureugs)
2. Apply to UAC. This can be done by placing the degree you are interested in as a preference.
3. Submit a portfolio and/ or attend an Interview/ Audition, as invited by the faculty.
Applications open 1 July 2010.

Please note that applicants to the Faculty of Creative Arts will not learn the outcome of their application prior to sitting the HSC*. Outcomes will be mailed to applicants prior to Christmas and the close of UAC change of preferences.

Bachelor of Creative Arts and Bachelor of Digital Media and Bachelor of Journalism applicants to the Faculty of Creative Arts will be required to submit a portfolio of work, a statement of interest and Year 11, Year 12 (half yearly report) and Trial HSC (if available) results as part of the application process.

Bachelor of Performance and BCA (Theatre) applicants will need to attend an audition as part of their application process.

Interviews/Auditions will be held between 22 November and 3 December 2010.

The Faculty of Creative Arts will conduct portfolio review and hold auditions later than other Early Entry interviews to best allows students to concentrate fully on their HSC preparation (such as their major works) and still have sufficient time to prepare their best work to present to the Faculty.

* The Faculty of Creative Arts may make some early offers to applicants who have submitted all required information (including portfolio) by 1 September. Portfolio requirements can be found on the Faculty’s website and must be submitted once Part 1 of the Faculty of Creative Arts Domestic Undergraduate Application has been submitted.

Please visit www.uow.edu.au/crearts/students/futureugs for further details.

DOUBLE DEGREES OFFERED THROUGH EARLY ENTRY

The Faculty of Creative Arts offers the following double degrees in conjunction with other UOW Faculties:

- Bachelor of Creative Arts – Bachelor of Journalism
- Bachelor of Creative Arts – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Creative Arts – Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Creative Arts – Bachelor of International Studies
- Bachelor of Creative Arts – Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies
- Bachelor of Creative Arts – Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Creative Arts – Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Journalism – Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Journalism – Bachelor of International Studies
- Bachelor of Journalism – Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies
- Bachelor of Journalism – Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Journalism – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Journalism – Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Journalism – Bachelor of Engineering

To be considered for entry to any of the above double degrees you will need to complete and submit Part 1 of the Faculty of Creative Arts Domestic Undergraduate Application for the Creative Arts degree that forms part of the double degree. You will also need to complete the Early Entry Online Application form for the other degree that forms part of the double degree.

You will be assessed by each faculty separately and notified of the outcome for each degree. If you are successful in gaining entry to each of the single degrees that form the double degree and the double degree is your Highest Eligible Preference with UAC, then you will be made an offer to the double degree.

FACULTY OF CREATIVE ARTS SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Academic Results (to be submitted with Portfolio or brought to Audition)
- Portfolio or audition- all applicants applying for a Bachelor of Performance or Bachelor of Creative Arts Theatre major will be required to audition. Students applying to other programs must submit a portfolio of work. By the very nature of the degrees offered through the Faculty of Creative Arts, applicant’s aptitude in their selected discipline must be assessed. This assessment is undertaken either by a submission of work or audition. Please see the Faculty of Creative Arts website www.uow.edu.au/crearts/students/futureugs for portfolio and audition requirements.

Please note: Creative Arts auditions and interviews often coincide with ‘Schoolies Week’. Attendance at ‘Schoolies’ is not considered a sufficient reason for not being able to attend your scheduled audition. Please note this is the case for all UOW Creative Arts auditions, not just for Early Entry applicants.
FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Maybe you dream of working for the Department of Education, guiding children in their formative years and helping shape the educational future of the country. If so, your work could be in NSW or further afield in Australia—or maybe you want to put all that you have learned into practice by teaching in another country, gaining valuable experience overseas while contributing to education in other cultures.

Education students graduating from UOW will gain qualifications to develop a rewarding career in the Australian national school system and in other systems. Education graduates, for example, are qualified to undertake a wide range of professional roles in Family and Children’s Services nationally and internationally. Our graduates are constantly in demand by education authorities around the world including the UK, USA and Canada.

With an international reputation of excellence, and dedicated academic staff committed to teaching as a profession, UOW provides an outstanding environment for educating effective teachers.

DEGREES OFFERED THROUGH EARLY ENTRY:
- Bachelor of Education: The Early Years (0–5 years)
- Bachelor of Physical and Health Education
- Bachelor of Mathematics Education
- Bachelor of Science Education

FACULTY OF EDUCATION EARLY ENTRY SELECTION CRITERIA:
Early Entry to the Faculty of Education will be determined after consideration of your:
- Academic record – Years 10, 11 and 12 including Trial HSC* results.
- CV – academic achievements, employment history, community service and extracurricular activities and interests
- Interview – Applicants will have the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to the degree and associated professions through their enthusiasm, attitude and passion for teaching.

* While you will not need to include your Trial HSC results in your online application, the Faculty may request that you provide certified copies of these results after applications close or bring them to an interview or on-campus event.

EARLY ENTRY IS NOT OFFERED INTO:
- Bachelor of Primary Education (please apply through the normal UAC process)
- Graduate Diploma in Education
- Double Degrees are not available for Faculty of Education degrees
- Dean’s Scholar: Direct application to the Dean’s Scholar Program in the Faculty of Education is not available through Early Entry. Applicants interested in this program should register their interest by emailing the Student Services Centre at sscgen@uow.edu.au Information about Dean’s Scholar degrees can be found at www.uow.edu.au/educ/courses/deansscholar
You may want to work as an international consultant setting up communications infrastructure in developing countries, or perhaps work to keep Australia’s mining industry at the forefront of modern, environmentally friendly methods and technology. Or maybe you want to set up steel mills around the world or build infrastructure what will secure natural resources for generations to come. You may want to improve cancer survival rates or discover the next breakthrough in superconductors.

UOW Engineering graduates are not only involved in a wide range of exciting technical projects; they can also run the organisations in which they work. Faculty of Engineering graduates are problem solvers managing projects, people and finances.

As a UOW Faculty of Engineering student you will develop strong fundamental engineering skills as well as developing the design skills needed for innovation in the competitive industries of the future.

DEGREES OFFERED THROUGH EARLY ENTRY:
- Bachelor of Engineering (Flexible Entry)*
- Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Environmental)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Mining)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Dean’s Scholar)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Environmental)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Materials)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronic)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Mining Engineering)
- Bachelor of Science (Materials)
- Bachelor of Science (Nuclear Science and Technology)
- Bachelor of Science (Physics)**
- Bachelor of Science Advanced (Physics)**
- Bachelor of Medical and Radiation Physics**
- Bachelor of Medical and Radiation Physics Advanced**

* The Bachelor of Engineering (Flexible Entry) allows you to complete the first year of your degree before nominating your major area of study.
** Please note that at UOW Physics is offered through the Faculty of Engineering not the Faculty of Science
Perhaps you have dreamt of becoming a nurse, or maybe you would prefer to work to improve public health policy. You may be interested in working to promote a healthier lifestyle or reducing poverty in communities around the world.

With courses that prepare graduates with in-depth background knowledge, critical, creative and logical thinking skills as well as practical skills in written and spoken communication, UOW Health and Behavioural Science degrees are recognised nationally and internationally.

Graduates are highly regarded as they leave UOW prepared to succeed in a rapidly changing health environment.

DEGREES OFFERED THROUGH EARLY ENTRY:
- Bachelor of Health Sciences in Indigenous Health Studies
- Bachelor of Nursing – offered at Wollongong, Bega and Shoalhaven
- Bachelor of Public Health
- Bachelor of Psychology (4-year degree)

HEALTH RELATED DEGREES OFFERED FOR EARLY ENTRY THROUGH OTHER FACULTIES:
- Bachelor of Medical and Radiation Physics*
- Bachelor of Medical and Radiation Physics Advanced*
- Please see the Creative Arts section of this guide for all Health and Behavioural Sciences/Creative Arts double degrees available for Early Entry

* Physics related degrees are offered through the Faculty of Engineering

FACULTY OF HEALTH & BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES EARLY ENTRY SELECTION CRITERIA:
- Academic Record (including Trial HSC* results)
- CV – achievements, employment history and extracurricular activities and interests
- Attendance at Interview or the Faculty on-campus information day.

* While you will not need to include your Trial HSC results in your online application, the Faculty may request that you provide certified copies of these results after applications close or bring them to an interview or on-campus event.

EARLY ENTRY IS NOT OFFERED INTO:
- Bachelor of Medical and Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Science (Exercise Science, Nutrition, Psychology)
- Bachelor of Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
- Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Bachelor of Public Health Nutrition
- Bachelor of Science (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
Maybe you dream of designing the next generations of multiplayer platforms or the games that will be played on them. Perhaps you want to create animated films, work as a broker with the Australian Stock Exchange, or become a statistician advising government and business.

As one of the first universities to combine all fields of study related to the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry into a single faculty, UOW is now one of the largest sites for ICT research in the southern hemisphere.

As an Informatics student you will learn practical skills reinforced through industry placements and interaction with industry leaders through faculty collaboration with leading global companies.

With graduates gaining employment across the world, from Europe to Asia and the USA, a UOW informatics degree will provide you with opportunities across the globe.

**DEGREES OFFERED THROUGH EARLY ENTRY:**
- Bachelor of Computer Science (Computer Science)
- Bachelor of Computer Science (Multimedia and Game Development)
- Bachelor of Computer Science (Digital Systems Security)
- Bachelor of Computer Science (Software Engineering)
- Bachelor of Computer Science (Enterprise Systems Development)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Computer, Electrical, Telecommunications)
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Business Information Systems
- Bachelor of Mathematics & Finance
- Bachelor of Mathematics
- Bachelor of Mathematics Advanced
- Bachelor of Medical Mathematics*

**DOUBLE DEGREES OFFERED FOR EARLY ENTRY**
- Bachelor of Mathematics – Bachelor of Computer Science
- Bachelor of Engineering (Computer, Electrical, Telecommunications) – Bachelor of Mathematics

**DEGREES OFFERED FOR EARLY ENTRY THROUGH OTHER FACULTIES:**
- Bachelor of Computer Science – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Information Technology – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Information Systems – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Computer Science – Bachelor of Engineering
- Bachelor of Mathematics – Bachelor of Engineering
- Bachelor of Mathematics – Bachelor of Science (Physics)

* Please see the Creative Arts section of this guide for all Informatics/Creative Arts double degrees available for Early Entry

**FACULTY OF INFORMATICS EARLY ENTRY SELECTION CRITERIA:**
- The Faculty of Informatics interview all applicants.
- Academic Record (including Trial HSC Results**)
- Achievements and Activities – Students are not only assessed on their academic achievements, but also on their community achievements and their extracurricular activities.
- Interview – Students are assessed on their forecast intended career, their level of interest and achievement in the subjects that are relevant to the degree and their passion for the discipline.

* New degree subject to approval
** While you will not need to include your Trial HSC results in your online application, the Faculty may request that you provide Certified Copies of these results after applications close or bring them to an interview or on-campus event.

**EARLY ENTRY IS NOT OFFERED INTO:**
Dean’s Scholar – Direct application to Dean’s Scholar in the Faculty of Informatics is not available. Entry to the Dean’s Scholar program is by invitation only.
“The early entry scheme at Wollongong really appealed to me. It offered me a guaranteed place at university and the interview day gave me a chance to look around the campus. Wollongong was such a friendly community—all of the people and staff are really approachable and eager to help. It made the transition to uni so much easier.

The application process was quite extensive, though it was definitely worth it in the end. It was really good to know that your previous marks were also being taken into consideration rather than just the result of your test on the day.

Getting accepted for early entry meant that I could solely focus on achieving my best in the exams. Having worked towards the HSC for two years I knew that I still wanted to do as well as I could, but early entry made the daunting experience of exams a lot more bearable.”

SARAH HODGKINSON

GUARANTEED EARLY ENTRY OFFER TO BACHELOR OF ARTS – BACHELOR OF LAWS
With a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from UOW you can build a successful future in legal practice. There are many possible career directions for which a law degree can prepare you, particularly if you choose to study a double degree.

Our law school is committed to a style of legal education that involves much more than simply learning legal rules. In addition to the prescribed foundation subjects and diverse range of elective options, the UOW law degree includes a specific program of skills subjects as part of the core curriculum. You will also undertake a period of practical experiences to help you gain an understanding of the human, social and policy contexts of the law in action.

These distinctive features ensure that our graduates hit the job market with the knowledge, skills and qualities that employers are looking for, whatever their chosen career path.

**DEGREES OFFERED THROUGH EARLY ENTRY:**

- Bachelor of Laws (4-year degree)

**DOUBLE DEGREES OFFERED FOR EARLY ENTRY**

- Bachelor of Arts – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of International Studies – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Commerce – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Computer Science – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Business Information Systems – Bachelor of Laws* 
- Bachelor of Information Technology – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Mathematics – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Engineering – Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Science – Bachelor of Laws
- Please see the Creative Arts section of this guide for all Laws/Creative Arts double degrees available for Early Entry

* subject to approval

**EARLY ENTRY IS NOT OFFERED INTO:**

- Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry)

**FACULTY OF LAW EARLY ENTRY SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Academic Record: academic performance determines invitations to attend the *Life at Law School* on-campus event. The Faculty of Law will consider the following academic results:
  - 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

- For invited applicants: attendance at *Life at Law School* will include presentations from the faculty and sitting of the ‘Seeking Critical Thinkers’ test, a 45-minute multiple choice paper produced by the Australian Council for Educational Research. Please note this test assesses critical thinking, logic and interpretation skills, not knowledge on a specific topic. It requires no study or preparation.

- Offers will then be determined based on performance in the Seeking Critical Thinkers Test and academic performance including Trial HSC* Results. Applicants invited to attend *Life at Law School* will be required to provide certified copies of their Trial HSC results when they attend *Life at Law School*.

- The Faculty of Law do not conduct individual interviews with applicants.

* While you will not need to include your Trial HSC results in your online application, the Faculty may request that you provide certified copies of these results after applications close or bring them to an interview or on-campus event.
Perhaps you’ve envisaged developing new drugs that will help save lives, or researching sea level rise. Maybe you have dreamt of working for CSIRO.

With a strong integration of teaching and research, UOW graduates will learn from leading researchers from the very beginning of their studies at UOW. Students also benefit from studying in a Faculty nationally and internationally renowned for its research activities and links with universities and research organisations around the world.

DEGREES OFFERED THROUGH EARLY ENTRY:
- Bachelor of Science (all majors: Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Environment, Geology, Geosciences, Human Geography, Land & Heritage Management, Medical Biotechnology, Medicinal Chemistry, Nanotechnology or Physical Geography)
- Bachelor of Environmental Science
- Bachelor of Marine Science
- Bachelor of Medical Biotechnology
- Bachelor of Medicinal Chemistry
- Bachelor of Nanotechnology

DOUBLE DEGREES OFFERED FOR EARLY ENTRY
- Bachelor of Science – Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science – Bachelor of Commerce

DEGREES OFFERED FOR EARLY ENTRY THROUGH OTHER FACULTIES:
- Bachelor of Science (Materials, Physics, Nuclear Science and Technology)*
- Bachelor of Science Advanced (Physics)*
- Bachelor of Medical and Radiation Physics*
- Bachelor of Medical and Radiation Physics Advanced*
- Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies – Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Engineering – Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Laws – Bachelor of Science

Please see the Creative Arts section of this guide for all Science/Creative Arts double degrees available for Early Entry

*Physics related degrees are offered through the Faculty of Engineering

FACULTY OF SCIENCE EARLY ENTRY SELECTION CRITERIA:
- Academic Record*
- Criteria for Bachelor of Science applicants:
  » at least 75% in two science subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Environmental Science, Geography or Physics)
  » at least 75% in Mathematics, or studying Mathematics Ext 1 or Ext 2. General Maths is not usually considered suitable
- Criteria for Environmental Science, Marine Science, Medical Biotechnology, Medical Chemistry and Nanotechnology specialist degree applicants:
  » at least 80% in two relevant science subjects
  » at least 75% in Mathematics, or studying Mathematics Ext 1 or Ext 2
- Interview

* While you will not need to include your Trial HSC results in your online application, the Faculty may request that you provide certified copies of these results after applications close or bring them to an interview or on-campus event.

EARLY ENTRY IS NOT OFFERED INTO:
- International Bachelor of Science – If you are interested in the International Bachelor of Science, you can express this during the interview process. You will then be provided with details of how to apply to this degree. This will involve the completion of a separate application form and interview.
- Advanced Degrees – You cannot apply directly to advanced degrees through Early Entry; however, the Faculty of Science may, at their discretion, make Guaranteed Offers to Advanced degrees to outstanding Early Entry applicants.
WHAT IS A CERTIFIED DOCUMENT?

A 'Certified' Document is a copy of an original document that has been signed by an authorised person confirming that the copy is a ‘true copy’—that is, an exact, unaltered copy of the original document.

To obtain a 'Certified' copy you will need to make photocopies of the original document and take these copies along with the original to an authorised person who will verify that the copies are ‘true copies’ of the original. They will certify the copies by stamping or writing on the copy: “This is a true copy of the original document sighted by me” and then printing and signing their name. They must also provide a contact telephone number.

People who are authorised to ‘certify’ copies for you to bring to your Early Entry interview or event include:

- Justice of the Peace – this is our strongly preferred method of certification. The signing Justice must also record their registration number on the document.
- Accountant or registered tax agent
- Manager of a bank or credit union
- Barrister, Solicitor or Patent Attorney
- Post Office manager
- Police Officer with the rank of Sergeant or above

People who are authorised to ‘certify’ copies for you to bring to your Early Entry interview or event include:

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that you have properly certified copies of your academic results, including your Trial HSC results, to provide at all interviews you attend for Early Entry. University staff will not be able to certify documents for you at your interview.

*For information about what ‘Certified’ means see the next column.*
**Important**

**Early Entry: Your Responsibilities**

- You have a responsibility to submit honest and accurate information in your Early Entry Application and at any interviews you are invited to attend.
- You have a responsibility to provide proof of your results (in the form of a Certified Copy) at interview or when requested. Failure to provide proof of results may result in the University being unable to fully assess your application, or withdrawing an offer.
- You must apply for all degrees through the UAC system regardless of any Early Entry offer made—if you haven’t applied through UAC, your Early Entry offer won’t be activated and you’ll forfeit your Early Entry place.
- You must sit the HSC (or equivalent) and receive an ATAR (or equivalent) for your Early Entry offer to be valid.
- You should complete the HSC—across all subjects—to the best of your ability, regardless of any Early Entry Offer received. Performing your best is essential to keeping all your options open. Also, unusually poor performance in the HSC may indicate academic difficulties that could jeopardise your tertiary studies (see below).

Please note that regardless of any Early Entry offer made, if your HSC results and ATAR are significantly different to the results provided as part of your Early Entry application, the University reserves the right to re-interview you. At this second interview, the Faculty will discuss with you your HSC results/ATAR and why they are significantly different to previous results achieved. Based on this, the Faculty may alter their offer in favour of an Alternative Entry Pathway designed to better prepare you for success in your chosen degree.

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**Early Entry Outcomes**

- **Guaranteed Offer** – Based on your previous achievements the Faculty may be prepared to make you an offer without knowing your HSC subject results or ATAR.
- **Conditional Offer** – Faculties may give you an offer that is conditional on you achieving a certain ATAR or certain results in subjects related to the degree.
- **No Offer** – You receive a letter advising that based on the subjects you are currently studying the faculty was unable to apply their Early Entry criteria to make a decision about your application.
- **No Offer** – You receive a letter saying that at this stage the faculty would rather wait until your final HSC results are determined before they discuss degree options. This letter will encourage you to attend January Options Day at UOW in 2011. Students receiving this outcome should still apply for any degrees they are interested in studying through UAC. The normal UAC process will still apply to students who have not been successful in receiving an Early Entry place.

**When Will You Find Out the Outcome of Your Early Entry Application?**

- For all faculties except Creative Arts, you will learn the outcome of your Early Entry prior to commencing your HSC exams, in the week commencing 11 October 2010.
- For students applying to the Faculty of Creative Arts, you will learn the outcome in relation to any Creative Arts degrees following the interview period, which finishes on December 3, 2010. The outcome for Creative Arts applications will be mailed before Christmas—so you will find out before you are required to submit your final UAC preferences, before first round university offers are made.
- All outcomes will be notified in writing and mailed to the address provided on your Early Entry application.
Q: **HOW DO I APPLY?**  
**A:** From July 1 2010 until midnight September 1 2010, 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/crearts/students/futureugs and complete Part 1 of the Faculty of Creative Arts Domestic Undergraduate Application.

Q: **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**  
**A:** The program is open to students who will sit the HSC or interstate equivalent, in Australia, in 2010. Early Entry is not available to mature age, off-shore 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 or interstate equivalent
- Contact details that will still be valid following the completion of the HSC, both email and mailing.
- Academic results* – academic results may include any or all of the following:
  - 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
- Depending on which degrees you are applying to, you may also need to provide:
  - Details of other school-related achievements and representation
  - Employment History and work experience
  - Extracurricular activities including non-school based sport, hobbies, community and volunteer activities
  - A telephone referee – school-based referees such as teachers and careers advisers are not suitable referees for Early Entry, please ensure that you have a referee from outside of school

Q: **DO I NEED TO PROVIDE MY TRIAL HSC RESULTS?**  
**A:** Most faculties will consider your Trial HSC results in determining offers, however we do not collect these results as part of the online application. You will be required to provide certified copies of your Trial HSC results to the faculty or faculties you have applied to, either while attending an interview or on-campus event or the faculty may request you send these results in for consideration.

Q: **CAN I APPLY TO MORE THAN ONE EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM?**  
**A:** Yes. You can apply to up to five separate degrees through Early Entry. Please remember that you can only submit one application for Early Entry so it is important that you include all the degrees you wish to apply for in your 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 consider applying 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:** No.

For all faculties except Creative Arts there will be a single online application—you will be able to indicate all degrees you wish to apply to on the one application form. If you wish to be considered for Early Entry to Creative Arts degrees please go to www.uow.edu.au/crearts/students/futureugs and complete Part 1 of the Faculty of Creative Arts Domestic Undergraduate Application.

If you wish to apply to degrees from Creative Arts and other UOW faculties you will need to complete Part 1 of the Faculty of Creative Arts Domestic Undergraduate Application for the Creative Arts degrees and the online application for all other degrees.

*Interstate students will be able to provide their equivalent results as part of their application.
**Q: WHEN DO APPLICATIONS OPEN AND CLOSE AND CLOSE?**

A: All applications open on 1 July 2010 and close at midnight on 1 September 2010.

**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 resume your application and update it.

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 to resume your application.

You will be able to resume and update your application as many times as required. Once you have completed your application you will then submit it for consideration.

You cannot 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/ON-CAMPUS EVENT?**

A: Please contact the relevant faculty to discuss this situation once 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

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**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 to their application 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.
Q: 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 2010.

Q: CAN I DEFER MY EARLY ENTRY OFFER?
A: Yes, once you receive your offer through UAC you can defer it for one year. The process for deferring Early Entry offers is exactly the same as deferring all other University offers. You will not need to defer your offer until after main round offers are released in January 2011.

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 three outcomes:
1. Guaranteed Offer
2. Conditional Offer
3a. No Offer – You receive a letter advising that based on the subjects you are currently studying the faculty is unable to apply their Early Entry criteria to make a decision about your application.
3b. 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 ATAR cut-off.

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 you 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 2011.

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.
IN JUST 4 EASY STEPS!

1. FIND A COURSE
   Check out the UOW Course Guide or head to coursefinder.uow.edu.au.

2. APPLY ONLINE
   Submit your application at www.uow.edu.au/future/earlyentry from 1 July until 1 September.

3. COME TO UOW
   Meet with UOW staff on-campus. 27 September – 1 October.

4. GET YOUR OFFER
   Offer letters will be posted before HSC exams start. Stress less with UOW Early Entry!