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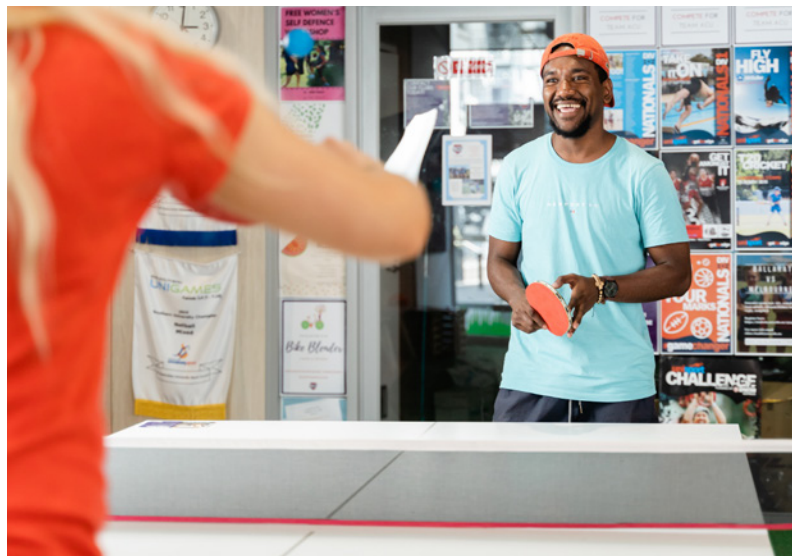
**Be  
different.**

**Make a  
difference.**





CELEBRATING  
*30 years*  
1990 - 2020







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# Why think about uni now?

**Uni might seem ages away, but it's never too early to start planning for your future.**

When you're applying for a uni course, you will need to meet certain prerequisites and academic requirements to be made an offer. The subjects you choose to study in Year 11 and Year 12 will help you to meet these requirements.

Of course, there is more than one way into uni. But choosing the right subjects now will make it easier to gain entry to your preferred course in a few years' time.



# Why go to uni?

Deciding to go to uni is a personal choice. There are lots of paths to success, but a tertiary education will provide you with a range of benefits.



## A bright future

A university degree will give you the knowledge, skills and motivation to pursue the career of your dreams.

University graduates are highly employable and generally earn more – not just because of the qualification, but also the dedication and commitment needed to complete the degree.

At ACU, you'll even get practical, hands-on experience while you study. All our courses offer work placements, internships or volunteering opportunities. This means you get to build industry connections and develop job-ready skills even before your graduate.

If you don't know where your future career is headed, the flexibility and diversity on offer at university can help guide you. You can study subjects you really care about, and you'll have the flexibility to combine your studies with work or travel.



## Make mates

There are so many clubs, organisations and sports teams at uni – you can join them, help run them and even establish them. There's also a range of social events and activities to get involved with. Plus you'll meet plenty of like-minded people in your course and around campus.

### DID YOU KNOW?

## ACU is top 3

FOR GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT  
IN AUSTRALIA

Domestic undergraduate employment rate,  
Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019



# Go global

Want to study health sciences in Italy? Global studies in Mexico? Theology in Israel? Learning abroad programs can count towards your degree, and with more than 200 partner institutions, you can choose from a huge range of international opportunities.

More than 25 per cent of our domestic undergraduate students travel overseas during their studies. You can join a study tour, complete an internship, do a semester or short exchange, participate in community engagement, or take our unique international Core Curriculum program.

Learning abroad programs can be as short as two weeks or as long as a year, and there are generous travel grants available.

[acu.edu.au/study-overseas](https://acu.edu.au/study-overseas)





## 1 in 4

OF OUR DOMESTIC BACHELOR DEGREE STUDENTS TRAVEL OVERSEAS DURING THEIR STUDIES

### We have partnerships in:

#### THE AMERICAS

Brazil  
Canada  
Chile  
Colombia  
Mexico  
USA

#### AFRICA

South Africa  
Uganda

#### OCEANIA

Kiribati  
Solomon Islands  
Vanuatu

#### EUROPE

Austria  
Belgium  
Denmark  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Hungary  
Ireland  
Italy  
Portugal  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
The Netherlands  
United Kingdom

#### ASIA

Cambodia  
China  
Hong Kong SAR  
India  
Indonesia  
Israel  
Japan  
Malaysia  
Nepal  
South Korea  
Taiwan  
The Philippines  
Timor-Leste

# What's the difference between high school and uni?

	AT SCHOOL	AT UNI
<b>Size of organisation</b>	Smaller student population (500 – 1,200 students) with generally only one campus.	Larger student population – universities have thousands of students and often multiple campuses. ACU has almost 35,000 students spread across nine campuses.
<b>Size of classes</b>	20 to 30 students. You will usually attend classes face-to-face at your school.	Lectures: vary, but may be more than 100 students. Tutorials: these are smaller classes with 20 to 30 students. You might attend campus for classes, or study online. Our class sizes are kept small so help is always on hand.
<b>Study areas</b>	National curriculum with options to select subjects in senior levels.	Although some courses have compulsory units, students can also select other subjects called 'electives' that interest them.
<b>Responsibility for learning outcomes</b>	Teachers check homework and progress to ensure students are on track.	Students must take responsibility for their own learning. Lecturers and tutors are on hand when help is needed.
<b>Time in class</b>	Five days a week from 9am – 3pm (total 30 hours).	Generally 12 – 15 hours of time is spent in classes each week. However, some programs might have more contact hours.
<b>Dress</b>	Uniform.	Free dress.
<b>Study periods</b>	Four terms, each approximately 10 weeks.	Two semesters of 12 weeks. There are also optional summer and winter semesters, which are shorter and usually involve a more intense workload.
<b>Living arrangements</b>	Generally at home.	At home, on campus, in your own place, or sharing with roommates.
<b>Information</b>	Provided to parents.	Provided to students.

Even though things are different at uni, there's always support available. Check out page 10 about how we're here to help you.



# Your path to uni

Choosing what to study in Year 11 and 12 can be daunting, but there is no need to stress. Here's a quick guide to keep you on track as you take your next steps in high school.

1.

## Look at the big picture

What do you want to do after high school? You don't have to be certain, but if tertiary study may be one of your future goals, you need to start planning for it now. Research tells us you'll potentially have 17 different jobs through five careers in your lifetime – so it's never too early to start thinking about your options.



2.

## Consider your talents and passions

There are a lot of Year 11 and 12 subjects to choose from. When deciding, have a think about your interests and skills – what are you best at and what subjects do you enjoy? By choosing subjects that align with your abilities and passions, you're giving yourself the best chance at achieving good results.



3.

## Learn about career options

At the end of high school and any tertiary study – a career is likely your end game. Have a think about what you might like your job to be in the future – go to career expos, take career quizzes and talk to friends, family and your career advisor. There are no right or wrong answers, and you don't need to be sure, but having a narrowed list of career options is going to help you choose your subjects.



4.

## Explore your study opportunities

Different careers require different qualifications. After you've narrowed down your career direction, look at the different university courses that can help you get there. Scan the prerequisites and make sure you cover off any of the major ones when choosing your Year 11 and 12 subjects. You should check your TAC (UAC, QTAC or VTAC) website too for up-to-date course and prerequisite subject information. It's also helpful to visit career expos, careers days at your school and university open days to know all of your options. At ACU, we have Open Day on all of our campuses, hold information sessions, run campus tours, and even hold University Experience days where you can try out a day in the life of a uni student.



Explore the courses at ACU  
[acu.edu.au/courses](https://acu.edu.au/courses)



# Life at uni

New places. New faces. Amazing experiences. Life as a uni student is very different to life at high school.

## Freedom + responsibility

You'll gain much more independence – teachers won't make you go to class, and no one will follow you up for homework. Of course, with this new freedom comes new responsibility – you'll need to keep your studies on track and organised. But don't stress, you won't be on your own. At ACU, we have a huge range of student support services to help you achieve your goals and thrive during, and after, your studies with us.

## No more 9am – 3pm, Monday to Friday

Your timetable will also look very different at uni. Depending on the course you choose, you may be able to squeeze all your subjects into three days a week – but you'll still be busy. You'll need to read, research, review and ensure your assignments are completed on time.

You'll also have the flexibility to study part-time – so you can earn money, volunteer or pursue other passions at the same time.

## Different class experience

Classes are in different formats and may be held face-to-face or online. You'll usually have lectures (typically a large group of students with an academic presenting), tutorials (smaller group discussions with an academic) and workshops/practicums (interactive experiences where you refine your skills).

The classroom experience is different depending on which university you attend. At ACU, we keep our classes smaller so you don't get lost in the crowd and have access to support when you need it.

### SAMPLE FIRST SEMESTER TIMETABLE

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8am	Subject 1 (lecture)			Subject 3 (lecture)	Subject 4 (tutorial)
9am					
10am					Subject 4 (lecture)
11am	Subject 1 (tutorial)				
12pm					
1pm				Subject 2 (tutorial)	Subject 3 (tutorial)
2pm	Subject 2 (lecture)				



# Life on campus

Uni shouldn't be just about your studies. At ACU, you'll join a thriving campus community, make friends for life, and be as busy, or as relaxed, as you like.

## Join a club

Whatever your interest – there's a club or society for you. You can play sport competitively or just for fun, improve your photography, learn a language, or join the performing arts set.

## Your association

The ACU National Student Association (ACUNSA) elects student leaders and is run by students, for students. They make sure your voice is heard, and organise a range of events, opportunities, and activities. Joining is the perfect way to get involved in uni life.

## Get ahead by giving back

At ACU we're all about making an impact. So we offer a huge range of community engagement and volunteering opportunities, both in Australia and overseas.

**“ACU offers its students amazing opportunities and I've met people at uni that have become lifelong friends.”**

**Olivia**  
ACU student

[acu.edu.au/campus-life](http://acu.edu.au/campus-life)





# Support at uni

Uni is very different to high school, and it will bring a range of new and exciting challenges. We know you can do it, but you shouldn't have to do it alone.

At ACU, you'll find a range of support that helps you adjust to uni life and provides an environment where you can achieve your best. Whether you're after academic support, career advice, or feel like you need to speak to a counsellor, student services are here for you.

**"I enjoy the community feel on campus. I feel supported and nurtured in a way that has allowed me to flourish."**

**Domonique  
ACU student**

## **Our services include:**

- Academic skills development
- Career development
- Counselling
- Disability support
- Student advocacy
- Campus Ministry
- Indigenous Higher Education Units, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

**[acu.edu.au/studentservices](https://acu.edu.au/studentservices)**



# Information for families

It is common for young people to be uncertain about what they want to do in their lives. As parents or carers, you can help by talking through employment, education and training options. You can also help them develop the skills they need to make decisions and achieve their goals.

Start speaking with your teenager about what path they want to take in Years 9 and 10, as they may need to study certain subjects in Years 11 and 12 to get into their chosen university course. It is also recommended to have university preferences decided before the stresses of Year 12 take hold. Below are some suggestions that may help your child achieve their full potential.

## Help identify:

- their interests, attributes and abilities
- their hopes and plans for the future
- the type of work or study they would like to pursue.

## Explore:

- the range of job and study pathways available after school
- career options that might suit their interests, attributes and abilities
- alternative pathways in their chosen field
- scholarships they may be eligible for
- entry requirements for their chosen pathway.

## Work with them to:

- set long-term goals for their chosen career/study pathway
- break down long-term goals into small, achievable steps
- keep their options open
- attend ACU's Open Day, University Experience days and information evenings to find out more about courses, career opportunities and university before Year 12 has begun
- choose actions today that can help them progress towards their goals, eg selecting school subjects they enjoy or are degree prerequisites.

## Encourage them to:

- work consistently at school
- persevere, even when things may seem tough
- talk to people in fields they are interested in
- believe in their own ability to succeed
- not to give up and stay focused on their dream.

**More information for families**  
[acu.edu.au/families](https://acu.edu.au/families)



# Think you know ACU?

You're just getting started.  
It's education, but not as  
you know it.







### Meaningful education, not mass production

At ACU, it's education, but with a bigger purpose. We're a university committed to standing up for people in need and causes that matter. If you've got the desire to make an impact, we'll give you the skills to change the world. And if you want to start making an impact now – you can. Coach kids' soccer in East Timor, help refugees in court, assist disadvantaged children with their homework, nurse patients in Vanuatu, or teach in remote Indigenous communities – the opportunities are endless.



### Getting job-ready, from day one

We know that the best way to get ahead is hands-on, practical experience. That's why our campuses have facilities like nursing simulation labs, fully functioning ambulances, art galleries and moot courts. All our courses offer work placements, internships with leading companies, or volunteering opportunities. And the results speak for themselves – we're top three in Australia for graduate employment.\*

\*Domestic undergraduate employment rate, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019



### Relax, or don't, in your downtime

We've worked hard to create campus spaces that are relaxed, inviting, and fun. And with clubs and societies for everything from photography, to French, to skiing – we're bound to have a group that's right for you.



### A perfect fit

When you study at ACU, you become part of a community. Our campuses and classes are the perfect size, and you won't get lost in the crowd. Your lecturers will know your name, and you'll make great friends and strong networks.

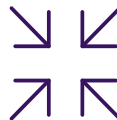


### The world is your campus

We're young, but we are making our mark. We're ranked in the top 40 of Generation Y universities worldwide\* and in the top 10 Catholic universities\*\* – alongside Georgetown University and Boston College in the US. We've got more than 200 partners on six continents, community engagement opportunities around the globe, and a campus in Rome, Italy.

\*Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2019

\*\*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020, IFCU members



### There's more than one way into ACU

There's no right or wrong way to get into university. We have a range of pathways that provide alternative options if you didn't get the score you need, haven't completed the prerequisites, or don't meet some other requirement. We'll also recognise your prior learning, give you credit where relevant, and consider work and life experience towards your entry rank.

[acu.edu.au/pathways](http://acu.edu.au/pathways)



### We've got your back

Whether it's figuring out how to enrol or finding the best coffee on campus, we'll help you out in person, online, by phone, or even SMS. And if you need support with your studies, or counselling services, we've got that covered too.

[acu.edu.au/askacu](http://acu.edu.au/askacu)



### We care about you

Everyone is welcome at ACU. We're inclusive and supportive of everyone, every day, and our students feel it – giving us five stars for learner engagement and skills development\*. Your wellbeing is our focus. So we have a huge range of support services to help you thrive while on campus. See page 10.

\*Good Universities Guide 2020



### Scholarships

We know that balancing the cost of living and study can be tricky. So we offer nearly 400 scholarship opportunities which recognise academic achievement, community participation, and help out students from a range of backgrounds.

[acu.edu.au/scholarships](http://acu.edu.au/scholarships)



### A space of your own

Living in student accommodation is one of the best ways to get the most out of your uni experience. With ACU accommodation you'll get academic support, make lifelong friends, and be part of a fun and close-knit community.

[acu.edu.au/student-accommodation](http://acu.edu.au/student-accommodation)

# Our campuses

We've got eight campuses around Australia, and a campus in Rome, Italy. Each one is unique, but they're all dynamic, inviting and great places to learn.

Head to [acu.edu.au/tour](https://acu.edu.au/tour) to take a virtual tour of your campus.



## BALLARAT

Our Ballarat Campus is located in the centre of the city. Situated amid historical gardens, beautiful old buildings, and a block from Lake Wendouree, it has a lot to offer. Explore the grounds, enjoy a home-cooked meal at the canteen, and soak up the community vibe.

- Central location
- Free parking
- State-of-the-art physiotherapy building with labs and simulation rooms

## BLACKTOWN

We've partnered with Blacktown City Council to open a new ACU campus in Blacktown, Western Sydney.

- Student information centre opening 2020
- Range of courses on offer from 2021
- Excellent transport links close by and next to a major shopping centre

## BRISBANE

Whether you want to get involved in campus life, create a professional network or just find a quiet place to study — our Brisbane Campus has you covered. Set on 40 hectares of parklands, the campus has ample parking, state-of-the-art learning facilities, and places to hang out like cafes and a swimming pool.

- Free parking and shuttle bus
- Excellent health labs and health clinic
- Newly renovated library





### CANBERRA

Just five kilometres from the city centre, our Canberra Campus has plenty to offer. With a campus lounge, swimming pool and beautiful landscaped gardens, you'll have a lot to keep you busy between classes.

- Modern nursing, paramedicine, social work and health sciences labs
- Free parking and accessible by light rail and bus
- Library and 300-seat lecture theatre



### MELBOURNE

Our Melbourne Campus is right next to the cafes, art galleries and live music venues of Brunswick Street. Kick back with a coffee on our rooftop garden or hang out with friends in one of our cafes.

- Close to six tram routes, bus routes and Parliament Railway Station
- Award-winning library
- Art gallery and media production studios



### NORTH SYDNEY

Just across the Harbour Bridge from the city centre, our North Sydney Campus is a great place to study and relax.

- High-tech nursing simulation, speech pathology and occupational therapy labs
- Moot court, for simulating real-life law court proceedings
- Short walk from the train station



### STRATHFIELD

Our Strathfield Campus is set amid beautiful landscaped grounds and historical buildings, with excellent transport links. Whether you want to have a friendly match on our rugby and soccer ovals or take in a show at our art gallery, there's always something going on.

- Onsite, undercover parking and shuttle bus
- Art gallery
- High-tech biomechanics lab and FIFA-accredited sports pitch



### ROME, ITALY

Our Rome Campus is located on Janiculum Hill, a site that has a rich history dating back to the 3rd century. It sits on a sprawling property that boasts extensive gardens and terraces to enjoy beautiful views of the city.

- Close to the Vatican and popular tourist sites
- Contemporary, onsite residential accommodation
- Community engagement opportunities



### ADELAIDE

Located in the up-and-coming area of Thebarton, our Adelaide Campus primarily offers postgraduate courses in theology.

# Finding your course

Discover which Year 12 tertiary subjects connect with our courses and career opportunities.

## DO YOU LIKE THESE SUBJECTS?

History, literature, drama, geography, theatre, languages, English, media, philosophy, design and technology, sociology and performing arts.



WHAT YOU CAN STUDY AT ACU	POSSIBLE CAREER
Arts, creative arts, drama, visual arts and design, global studies, psychology, applied public health.	Humanitarian worker, teacher, illustrator, curator, painter, photographer, film production, writer, political analyst, creative director, art gallery manager, youth worker, psychologist, counsellor.

Mathematics, history, physical education, psychology, languages, sciences, geography and performing arts.



WHAT YOU CAN STUDY AT ACU	POSSIBLE CAREER
Primary teaching, early childhood teaching, secondary teaching, inclusive education and disability studies, psychology, exercise and sports science, physical activity and health science, sport and outdoor education, nutrition science, biomedical science.	Primary teacher, kindergarten teacher, early childhood educator, secondary teacher, training and development, psychologist, counsellor, nutritionist, outdoor education instructor.

Philosophy, religion and society.



WHAT YOU CAN STUDY AT ACU	POSSIBLE CAREER
Theology, philosophy, arts, applied public health, social work, psychology, youth work.	Teacher, chaplaincy, social inclusion officer, pastoral worker, social worker, psychologist, counsellor, youth work.



## DO YOU LIKE THESE SUBJECTS?

Accounting, economics, legal studies, business administration, mathematics, politics, languages, English, history, literature, philosophy, geography, global studies and sociology.



### WHAT YOU CAN STUDY AT ACU

Law, business, theology, arts, commerce, global studies, applied public health, international development studies.

### POSSIBLE CAREER

Lawyer, legal advisory, solicitor, industrial relations officer, barrister, business manager, diplomat, legal aid, company administrator, non-government organisations (NGOs), philanthropy, arts administration, social justice advocate, community development worker.

Business administration, economics, accounting, management, legal studies, languages, information technology, industry and enterprise, mathematics, politics.



### WHAT YOU CAN STUDY AT ACU

Business, commerce, information technology, accounting and finance, marketing, economics, human resources, legal studies, business administration, mathematics, advertising, management, politics, event management.

### POSSIBLE CAREER

Manager, brand manager, event manager, marketing manager, accountant, business analyst, advertising executive, public relations manager, human resources manager.

Mathematics, biology, psychology, chemistry, health and human development, physical education, food and technology.



### WHAT YOU CAN STUDY AT ACU

Nursing, paramedicine, midwifery, exercise and sports science, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech pathology, physical activity and health science, biomedical science, high performance sport, nutrition science, psychology, sport and outdoor education.

### POSSIBLE CAREER

Nurse, paramedic, midwife, speech pathologist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, exercise scientist, sports coach, fitness trainer, public health officer, psychologist, counsellor, pharmaceutical and medical technology industries, science communications.

Psychology, English, chemistry, human development, biology, mathematics and sociology.



### WHAT YOU CAN STUDY AT ACU

Psychology, social sciences, social work, youth work, arts, applied public health.

### POSSIBLE CAREER

Psychologist, school counsellor, policy analyst, advisory officer, evaluator, youth worker, welfare officer, counsellor, health educator, epidemiologist.

## Did you know?

You can also follow multiple passions and expand your career opportunities by studying a double degree, such as a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws.

# Entry programs

There's more than one way to gain entry to university. Entry programs improve your chances of getting into your preferred course by considering criteria other than your academic results.



## ACU Guarantee

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. And 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 achievements and aspirations. Applications are made through our website.

[acu.edu.au/acu-guarantee](https://acu.edu.au/acu-guarantee)

## Alternative entry programs at ACU:

### ELITE ATHLETE AND PERFORMER PROGRAM

[acu.edu.au/eapp](https://acu.edu.au/eapp)

### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADMISSION PROGRAM

[acu.edu.au/atsi](https://acu.edu.au/atsi)

### FOUNDATION STUDIES – BLACKTOWN CAMPUS

[acu.edu.au/fs](https://acu.edu.au/fs)

### ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

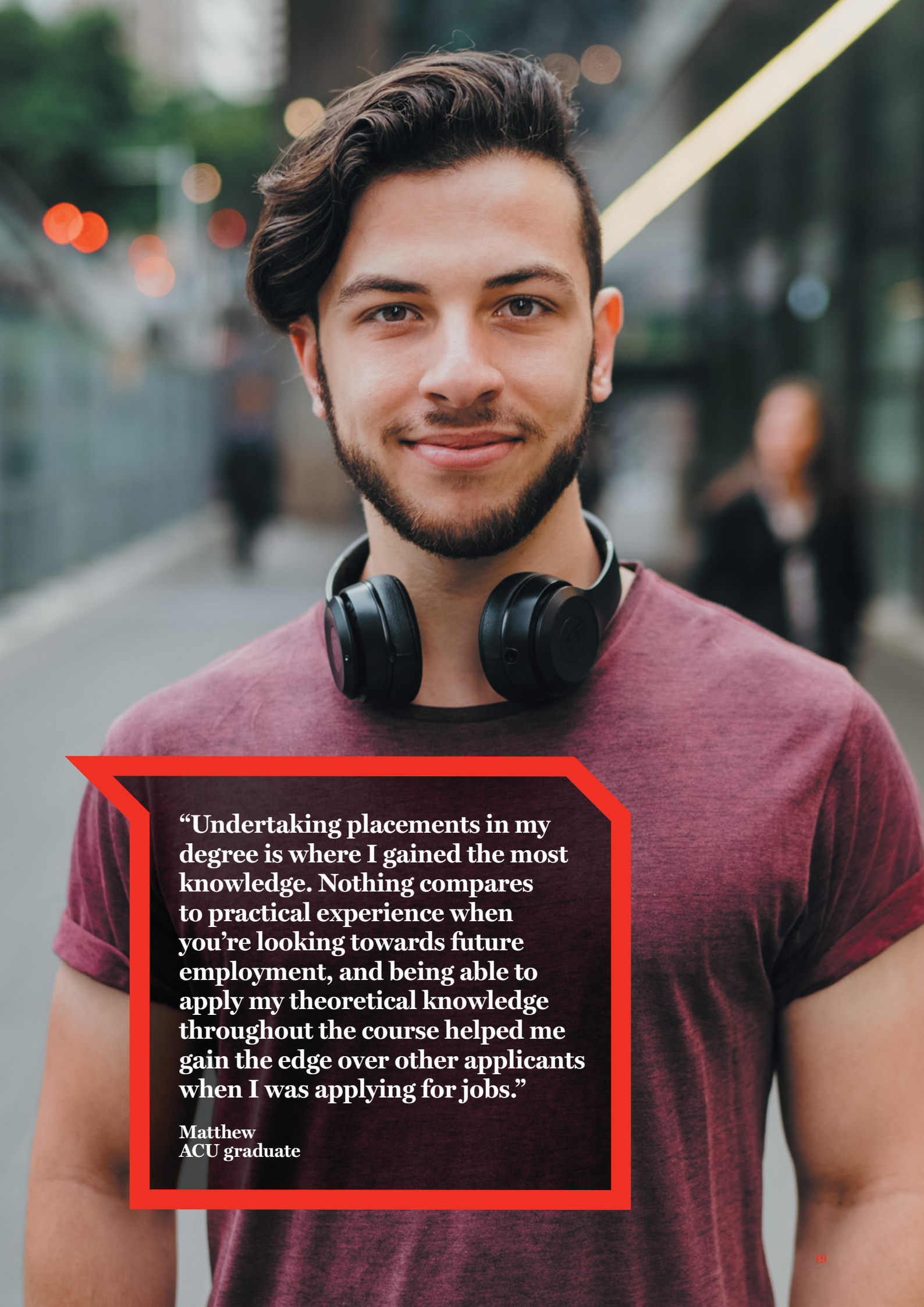
[acu.edu.au/adjustmentfactors](https://acu.edu.au/adjustmentfactors)

### ACU COLLEGE (RTO ID 3578)

[acu.edu.au/acucollege](https://acu.edu.au/acucollege)

**Note: we are currently reviewing our entry programs. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.**





**“Undertaking placements in my degree is where I gained the most knowledge. Nothing compares to practical experience when you’re looking towards future employment, and being able to apply my theoretical knowledge throughout the course helped me gain the edge over other applicants when I was applying for jobs.”**

**Matthew  
ACU graduate**



## IN AUSTRALIA

### Top 3

#### GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

Domestic undergraduate employment rate,  
Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019



### Top 6

#### SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNER ENGAGEMENT

Undergraduate cohort, Student Experience Survey 2018



### First

#### GRADUATE EMPLOYER SATISFACTION

Undergraduate cohort, Employer Satisfaction Survey 2019



### 5 stars

#### FOR EMPLOYABILITY, INTERNATIONALISATION AND FACILITIES

QS Stars 2019



### 5 stars

#### FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, LEARNER ENGAGEMENT AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

*Good Universities Guide 2020*



# Numbers that count





## IN THE WORLD

### Top 2%

#### UNIVERSITIES

*Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2020\*



### Top 40

#### GENERATION Y UNIVERSITIES

*Times Higher Education* Young University Rankings 2019



### Top 80

#### UNIVERSITIES IN ASIA-PACIFIC

*Times Higher Education* Asia-Pacific University Rankings 2019



### Top 10

#### CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

*Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2020, ranked IFCU members



### Top 50

#### SPORTS SCIENCE

(#26 ARWU 2018)

#### NURSING

(#32 ARWU 2019)



### Top 75

#### EDUCATION

#63 ARWU 2019



## RESEARCH

### First or equal first in Australia

#### CARDIORESPIRATORY MEDICINE AND HAEMATOLOGY

#### CLINICAL SCIENCES

#### COGNITIVE SCIENCES

#### HUMAN MOVEMENT AND SPORTS SCIENCE

#### NURSING

#### NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

#### PSYCHOLOGY

#### PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

#### RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

#### SPECIALIST STUDIES IN EDUCATION

Four-digit FoRs, Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2018

\*Percentage calculated as ACU's world rank as a proportion of the total number of universities in the world: *International Handbook of Universities 2019*, Palgrave MacMillan.

# What can I study at ACU?

We offer a huge range of courses, so you can find the perfect fit for your interests and aspirations.



## Allied health

Health practitioners help us live life to the fullest. They're the ones who get us back on the pitch after a sporting injury, help us overcome that stutter and teach us to walk again after an accident. They also work hard in the background, preventing disease, influencing governments and keeping whole communities safer, happier and healthier. When you choose a career in allied health, your work could impact anyone from an individual to a community.

[acu.edu.au/allied-health](http://acu.edu.au/allied-health)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy  
Bachelor of Physiotherapy  
Bachelor of Social Work  
Bachelor of Speech Pathology



## Business

Whether you travel the world for international business, manage a successful team, enter the finance field or launch a marketing agency, a career in business means opportunities. It's up to you which one you chase, but no matter your goal, we can help you reach it. And with us, you'll get more than your usual business degree. You'll learn how to act, lead and empower others to create positive and sustainable change.

[acu.edu.au/business](http://acu.edu.au/business)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Accounting and Finance  
Bachelor of Arts/  
Bachelor of Commerce  
Bachelor of Business Administration  
Bachelor of Commerce  
Bachelor of Commerce/  
Bachelor of Business Administration



## Creative arts

As the world gets smaller, it's more important than ever to create meaningful connections with other people. A career in visual arts, creative arts or communications gives you a voice to cut through society's noise and make a difference to the lives of others. Whether your medium is video, poetry or pottery, we'll teach you how to make your mark remarkable.

[acu.edu.au/creative-arts](http://acu.edu.au/creative-arts)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Creative Arts  
Bachelor of Visual Arts and Design





## Global studies and international development

Step out of the classroom and onto the world stage. When you study in the field of global studies and international development, you'll learn to see complex international issues, relations and a changing society through the lens of an informed global perspective. If you want to make a difference in a world of differences, a career in global studies or international development could be for you.

[acu.edu.au/global-studies](https://acu.edu.au/global-studies)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Applied Public Health/  
Bachelor of Global Studies

Bachelor of Arts/  
Bachelor of Global Studies

Bachelor of Business Administration/  
Bachelor of Global Studies

Bachelor of Commerce/  
Bachelor of Global Studies

Bachelor of International Development  
Studies

Bachelor of Theology/  
Bachelor of Global Studies



## Humanities and social sciences

One degree offers many courses of action. When you study humanities and social sciences with us, you'll open your world by exploring your interests in greater depth, mastering new subjects and learning how to think critically. Choose from a range of majors and minors including drama, music, creative writing, English, geography, international development studies, history, sociology, philosophy, politics and international relations, psychology, study of religions or theology.

[acu.edu.au/humanities-and-social-sciences](https://acu.edu.au/humanities-and-social-sciences)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Arts



## Information technology

Do you dream of being at the cutting edge of an ever-evolving industry? Our information technology degrees have been designed for students with the ambition and drive to shape the way we work, socialise, communicate and entertain. Study with us and get a head start building the future.

[acu.edu.au/information-technology](https://acu.edu.au/information-technology)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Information Technology

Bachelor of Information Technology/  
Bachelor of Business Administration



## Law

Take a global, practical and ethical approach to your studies. When you enrol in a law degree with us, you'll be signing up to make an impact in your legal career by placing an emphasis on justice, equity and the dignity of all human beings. At ACU, it's law, like never before.

[acu.edu.au/law](http://acu.edu.au/law)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws  
Bachelor of Biomedical Science/  
Bachelor of Laws  
Bachelor of Business Administration/  
Bachelor of Laws  
Bachelor of Commerce/  
Bachelor of Laws  
Bachelor of Laws  
Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry)  
Bachelor of Laws/  
Bachelor of Global Studies  
Bachelor of Philosophy/  
Bachelor of Laws  
Bachelor of Psychological Science/  
Bachelor of Laws  
Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Laws



## Nursing, midwifery and paramedicine

Nurses, midwives and paramedics are there for us when we are at our most vulnerable. They help us keep our health on track, provide critical care and even save lives. With a career on the health care frontlines, you'll have the power to improve the wellbeing of others and be there to provide vital care to the most vulnerable people in the community.

[acu.edu.au/nursing-midwifery-and-paramedicine](http://acu.edu.au/nursing-midwifery-and-paramedicine)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Midwifery  
Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry)  
Bachelor of Nursing  
Bachelor of Nursing (Enrolled Nurses)  
Bachelor of Nursing/  
Bachelor of Business Administration  
Bachelor of Nursing/  
Bachelor of Paramedicine  
Bachelor of Paramedicine  
Bachelor of Paramedicine (Professional Entry)





## Nutrition and biomedical science

Combine your love of health and science with a passion for improving the wellbeing of individuals and communities. A degree in nutrition or biomedical science will give you the skills required to influence general healthcare, chronic disease management and disease prevention.

[acu.edu.au/nutrition-and-biomedical-science](http://acu.edu.au/nutrition-and-biomedical-science)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Biomedical Science  
Bachelor of Biomedical Science/  
Bachelor of Applied Public Health  
Bachelor of Biomedical Science/  
Bachelor of Business Administration  
Bachelor of Nutrition Science  
Bachelor of Nutrition Science/  
Bachelor of Business Administration



## Philosophy

If you've got big questions, a degree in philosophy can give you the analytical skills to explore them. Studying philosophy deepens your thinking and teaches you to analyse, understand and engage with complex ideas. It teaches reasoning, logic and critical thinking – skills you can apply to every part of your life, whatever career path you go down.

[acu.edu.au/philosophy](http://acu.edu.au/philosophy)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of  
Philosophy




## Psychology

Psychology is the study of the human mind and behaviours. Psychologists put that knowledge to work in all sorts of fields, from counselling to teaching to market research. When you study psychology, you'll discover the inner workings of the mind and learn the skills to provide meaningful insight and support to others, when they need it most.

[acu.edu.au/psychology](http://acu.edu.au/psychology)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Psychological Science  
Bachelor of Psychological Science/  
Bachelor of Arts  
Bachelor of Psychological Science/  
Bachelor of Commerce  
Bachelor of Psychological Science/  
Bachelor of Exercise and Sports  
Science  
Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)



“I really enjoy studying at ACU because the sense of community is very strong. As soon as I started my studies, all of the staff I interacted with were so welcoming and happy to help.”

Sam  
ACU student



## Public health and administration

Learn the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting wellbeing. As a public health graduate, you'll have the skills to develop, plan and manage solutions that improve population health.

[acu.edu.au/public-health-and-administration](https://acu.edu.au/public-health-and-administration)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Applied Public Health  
Bachelor of Applied Public Health/  
Bachelor of Business Administration



## Sport and exercise science

There's nothing like feeling at the top of your game. And as a sport and exercise scientist, you'll be helping others feel on top of theirs. With a degree from ACU, you'll be able to help elite athletes achieve peak performance, assist those with chronic disease to find optimal health, and inspire children to enjoy a life of fitness and wellbeing.

[acu.edu.au/sport-and-exercise-science](https://acu.edu.au/sport-and-exercise-science)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science  
Bachelor of Exercise Science/  
Bachelor of Applied Public Health  
Bachelor of Exercise Science/  
Bachelor of Business Administration  
Bachelor of High Performance Sport  
Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science/  
Bachelor of Nutrition Science  
Bachelor of Physical Activity and Health Science  
Bachelor of Sport and Outdoor Education





## Teaching

We all have that one teacher whose influence continues to push us to be our best selves years after we've left their classroom. Our teaching and education courses give you the tools to be that teacher students remember. And, just as importantly, mentor and lead the next generation of educators.

[acu.edu.au/teaching-and-education](http://acu.edu.au/teaching-and-education)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Birth to Five Years)

Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)

Bachelor of Education (Primary)

Bachelor of Education (Primary and Special Education)

Bachelor of Education (Primary and Secondary)

Bachelor of Education (Secondary and Special Education)

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts)

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Arts (Humanities)

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Arts (Mathematics)

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Arts (Technology)

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Exercise Science

Bachelor of Educational Studies

Bachelor of Inclusive Education and Disability Studies



## Theology

Theology is for those who are curious about the origin, nature and future role of religion in society. It's for those with inquisitive and enquiring minds; those eager to probe the foundations of the Christian faith, the development of its central teachings and philosophies, and its relationship with the modern world.

[acu.edu.au/theology](http://acu.edu.au/theology)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Theology



## Youth work and community development

Gain skills to help people thrive and make an impact on the lives of individuals, families and communities. As a youth work student at ACU, you'll be immersed in a practical, hands-on degree with field placements and industry connections to local youth support services.

[acu.edu.au/youth-work-and-community-development](http://acu.edu.au/youth-work-and-community-development)

### COURSES

Bachelor of Youth Work

## Pathways to ACU

If you're worried that you won't get into your preferred university course, don't panic. That's why we have admission pathways. They provide alternative options if you didn't get the score you need, don't go on to complete Year 12, or don't meet some other requirement.

For more information about pathway courses at ACU, visit:

**ACU COLLEGE**  
[acu.edu.au/acucollege](http://acu.edu.au/acucollege)

**ADMISSION PATHWAYS**  
[acu.edu.au/admission-pathways](http://acu.edu.au/admission-pathways)

**FOUNDATION STUDIES (BLACKTOWN CAMPUS ONLY)**  
[acu.edu.au/fs](http://acu.edu.au/fs)

# What is an ATAR?

The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) is used to rank your academic performance relative to all the other students in your age group.

It's a number between 0.00 and 99.95 – with 99.95 being the best score possible. For example, if you got an ATAR of 70.00, you are in the top 30 percent of your cohort. If you got an ATAR of 60.00, you are in the top 40 percent.

## What are ATARs used for?

Many universities will use ATARs to assess whether you can meet the academic requirement of your chosen course. However, it's important to understand that ATARs are not the only things universities will assess – and there are many different pathways to study.

## Is an ATAR different to a selection rank?

Yes, an ATAR and a selection rank are different. An ATAR is your academic performance relative to all the other students in your age group. Whereas your selection rank is your ATAR combined with any adjustment factors you are eligible for. Most universities will actually assess you for entry to a course based on your selection rank, not your ATAR.





# Uni terminology

## ADMISSION PATHWAY

When you don't meet the entry requirements, successful completion of a pathway program can help you get in to your preferred course. You can move through qualification levels by gaining full or partial recognition for the pathway studies you complete.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE

A qualification requiring two years of full-time study, or part-time equivalent. You could receive credit for this study toward a bachelor degree.

## ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE

Some university courses assume you have studied certain subjects at school. It is best to do the recommended subjects to avoid getting behind at university, however it's not compulsory.

## ATAR

ATAR stands for Australian Tertiary Admission Rank. It's the score you receive from your VCE/HSC/QCE/Year 12 tertiary studies, based on an overall ranking of your performance against other Year 12 students in the same year.

## BACHELOR DEGREE

Also known as an undergraduate qualification, which requires three to four years of full-time study, or part-time equivalent.

## BRIDGING COURSE

If you would like to prepare further for university study, or don't meet the assumed knowledge or prerequisite requirements, an intensive bridging course will help you get prepared.

## COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE (CSP)

A university place awarded to eligible students, whereby the Australian Government contributes to the cost. You will need to pay a portion, known as the student contribution. You will be prompted to complete the necessary paperwork upon enrolment.

## CORE UNIT

A subject you must complete as part of your degree.

## CREDIT POINTS

The value attached to a unit (subject). You need to obtain a certain number of credit points to complete your degree.

## DEFER

Guarantees your place at university, but delays enrolment for up to 12 months. You could take a gap year, volunteer or work.

## DIPLOMA

A qualification requiring one year of full-time study, or part-time equivalent.

## DOUBLE DEGREE

Two degrees undertaken at the same time – it will take less time to complete them together than if you did them separately.

## EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME (EAS) – NSW/ACT

Assists NSW and ACT applicants who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage. Visit [uac.edu.au/eas](http://uac.edu.au/eas) for more information.

## EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME (EAS) – QUEENSLAND

Assists Queensland applicants who have experienced difficult circumstances that negatively impacted their studies. Visit [qtac.edu.au](http://qtac.edu.au) for more information.

## ELECTIVE

A subject you can select that is not a mandatory inclusion in your course.

## ENROLMENT

Once you receive an offer into a university course, you will need to choose the units (subjects) you will study in the coming year.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum qualifications required for entry into a course, eg a minimum entry score, specific subjects or an audition/interview.

## FACULTY

An academic department within a university, which specialises in a particular field.

## HONOURS

Usually an additional year of full-time study building on your bachelor degree to allow for further specialisation and research. For some courses, honours may be embedded into your bachelor's degree.

## LECTURE

A formal class conducted by an academic lecturer.

## MAJOR

A specialisation in your bachelor degree, which comprises about eight units (subjects). You will be able to tailor your major, and can usually complete more than one in a degree.

## MINOR

A sub-specialisation in your bachelor degree – usually four subjects.

## ORIENTATION

An introduction to university life, facilities, and your area of study before the start of your first semester.

## POSTGRADUATE

A course of study, usually following on from a bachelor degree, allowing for more in-depth research and specialisation. This may be a certificate, diploma, master's degree or a PhD.

## PREREQUISITES

Year 11 and 12 subjects you must successfully complete to be eligible for entry into a course (there may be an alternative entry option like completing a TAFE or university bridging course).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Practical training in a work environment, which may be part of your degree.

## RECOMMENDED STUDIES

Year 11 and 12 subjects that will prepare you for your degree, but are not compulsory.

## SCHOOL

A department specialising in a particular field within a faculty (academic department) of a university.

## SELECTION RANK GUIDE

The lowest selection rank (including adjustment factors) to which an offer was made in 2020, at the time of publication. These numbers can change as offers continue to be released, so it's essential you view the most current details for your course at [acu.edu.au/courses](http://acu.edu.au/courses).

## SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS) – VICTORIA

Assists Victorian applicants who have experienced disadvantage that impacted their studies. Visit [vtac.edu.au](http://vtac.edu.au) for more information.

## TUTORIAL

A small class in which discussion and questions are encouraged. Tutorials are conducted in addition to lectures, and attendance may contribute to your final mark.

## UNDERGRADUATE

When you start university, you'll be an undergraduate student, working towards your bachelor or associate degree.

## UNIT

A subject within a course. Each subject or unit has a specified number of credit points that counts towards your degree.

# University Experience

Try out life as an ACU student and discover our degrees for yourself.

[acu.edu.au/uni-experience](https://acu.edu.au/uni-experience)

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## Open Day

Every year we throw open our doors and invite you to join us on campus. If you've got questions, we'll be waiting with the answers at Open Day.

[openday.acu.edu.au](https://openday.acu.edu.au)

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## Campus tours

Book a campus tour to see what sets us apart.

[acu.edu.au/campus-tours](https://acu.edu.au/campus-tours)

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# Got a question or feeling social?

## AskACU

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Call: 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)

If you've got a question, our AskACU team has you covered. You can search FAQs, text us, email, live chat, call – whatever works for you.

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