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ACU student

If not you,
who?

"I really enjoyed the ease of being able to meet people when initially starting my course as a mature age student. The boutique style of the university really stood out to me as there were smaller class sizes where it was easier to make friends, but also easier to build strong connections with the lecturers and tutors to make sure I was able to achieve the educational goals I had set for myself."

James
ACU student



A culture of life-long learning

By studying at ACU, you'll join a diverse community of students from a range of beliefs, backgrounds and ages. In fact, more than half of our current student cohort are non-school leavers, meaning they have not come to university straight out of high school.

WHAT IS A NON-SCHOOL LEAVER?

You are considered a non-school leaver if it has been more than three years since you completed Year 12, or you are over the age of 21.

NON-SCHOOL LEAVERS BY FACULTY

FACULTY	2019
Faculty of Education and Arts	55%
Faculty of Health Sciences	50%
Faculty of Law and Business	45%
Faculty of Theology and Philosophy	81%
Total	51%

Non-school leaver commencing, domestic students as a percentage of all commencing domestic students by year.

A culture of support and excellence



IN AUSTRALIA

Top 3

GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

Domestic undergraduate employment rate, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019



5 stars

FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, LEARNER ENGAGEMENT AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Good Universities Guide 2020



IN THE WORLD

Top 2%

UNIVERSITIES

*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020**



Top 10

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020, ranked IFCU members



*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.

Gaining entry to your course

There are many ways you can be assessed for entry to a course at ACU. While each applicant is unique, and your selection rank can be calculated from a variety of factors, below are a few of our common admission pathways and entry programs.

ADMISSION PATHWAYS

Year 12 results	<p>Even if you completed Year 12 many years ago, your results will still be valid and can be used to calculate your selection rank. In fact, Year 12 results are valid indefinitely.</p> <p>Whether this result is considered for an offer to a course will depend on whether you have additional qualifications (including other recognised qualifications completed while at school or after school).</p> <p>acu.edu.au/undergraduate-entry-requirements</p>
Vocational Education and Training (VET)	<p>VET qualifications can be used to gain entry to university. The minimum standalone VET qualification to enter ACU is a certificate IV.</p> <p>We have a number of formal partnership agreements with TAFE and VET providers to give their graduates guaranteed entry into a relevant ACU degree and/or credit for previous studies. To see if your VET provider is one of our partners, you can search our articulation database. View the database at acu.edu.au/articulation</p> <p>If your VET provider is not formally partnered with us, you will need to apply through a tertiary admissions centre (TAC) – either QTAC, UAC or VTAC, depending on which state you plan on studying in. As part of this application, your VET qualification will be assigned a selection rank.</p> <p>acu.edu.au/vocational-education-and-training-pathway</p>
Previous higher education	<p>If you have completed a minimum of two units at another recognised higher education provider, these studies can be used as part of your application to study with us.</p> <p>You will be assigned a selection rank based on this previous study level, duration and your grade point average (GPA). Your selection rank is applied during the admission process. You don't need to fill out any additional forms with us – you simply need to apply via a TAC or directly with ACU.</p> <p>acu.edu.au/undergraduate-entry-requirements</p>
Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)	<p>If you are 21 years or older and have no formal education qualification, you should consider sitting the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT).</p> <p>The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is an aptitude test that helps applicants demonstrate their potential for tertiary study. The test can be a multiple choice test or a written English test.</p> <p>The test is widely accepted and used by many Australian institutions and a STAT result may improve your chances of selection for your course. Please note ACU accepts the multiple choice test results only.</p> <p>acu.edu.au/stat</p>
Pathway certificates and diplomas	<p>By studying a pathway certificate or diploma, you can take advantage of lower entry requirements to begin studying what you love. We will then use any completed grades to help secure your spot in a bachelor-level course.</p> <p>acu.edu.au/pathway-certificates-and-diplomas</p>
ACU College (RTO ID 3578)	<p>ACU College is ACU's Vocational Education and Training (VET) provider and offers a range of nationally recognised certificate and diploma courses that can help you get into your chosen degree and provide a vocational outcome.</p> <p>Areas of study include education, nursing, individual support, management and leadership, and early childhood education. Applications are made directly to ACU College. Pathways to bachelor courses include studies in nursing, education, management and leadership, and early childhood education.</p> <p>acu.edu.au/acucollege</p>

Work and life experience	<p>Your work and life experience can help you gain entry to a university course. To be eligible for a selection rank based on your employment history, you must have been in paid employment for a minimum of six months full-time (or equivalent). This might be continuous employment with one employer, or periods of employment doing the same job with different employers.</p> <p>You will need to provide a statement of service from your employer about the role performed and the length of time you have been employed. If you were self-employed or had periods of self-employment, you must provide a statement from your accountant, solicitor or tax agent confirming the role performed and the duration you were self-employed in this role.</p> <p>acu.edu.au/work-and-life-experience-pathway</p>
Foundation Studies Program – Blacktown Campus	<p>If you haven't got Year 12 results, or your Year 12 results weren't what you were hoping for, don't stress – our Foundation Studies program provides you with another path into university. Develop the skills and confidence to thrive at university and gain guaranteed entry into a range of ACU undergraduate degrees. This fee-free program will prepare you for study at ACU by immersing you in university life while introducing you to a range of foundation units. Please note, this course is currently offered at our Blacktown Campus only.</p> <p>acu.edu.au/fs</p>

ENTRY PROGRAMS

Veterans' Entry Program (VEP)	<p>If you are a current or former member of the Australian Defence Forces, you may be eligible for our Veterans' Entry Program (VEP). We'll assess your service in the military and convert it to a selection rank, so you can gain entry to an ACU program. Once you're an ACU student, our Student Veteran Support Program (SVSP) will give you the tools and support you need to transition to student life and succeed.</p> <p>acu.edu.au/veterans</p>
Community Achiever Program (CAP)	<p>If you regularly volunteer through your workplace, community organisation, or cultural or religious group, we want to recognise your contribution – and reward you. By joining our Community Achiever Program (CAP), you'll be rewarded with a range of opportunities during your studies to enhance your leadership and community-building skills.</p> <p>acu.edu.au/community-achiever-program</p>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Program	<p>If you are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander you may be eligible to apply for entry to an ACU course through our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Program. This program considers factors other than your Year 12 results. Through the program you will meet with a member of the Indigenous Higher Education Unit (IHEU) and a faculty representative. Your potential to undertake study will be based upon any of your previous studies, life experiences and achievements. Applications for most courses are made directly through the relevant state TAC (UAC, QTAC or VTAC).</p> <p>acu.edu.au/atsi</p>
Elite Athlete and Performer Program (EAPP)	<p>The Elite Athlete and Performer Program (EAPP) is designed to help you balance elite sporting and performance commitments with your studies and university life. Program benefits include access to early and flexible timetabling, academic support, financial scholarships, representative subsidies and gym access on campus. EAPP eligible students also qualify for course entry assistance to study at ACU. Apply to the EAPP via our website.</p> <p>acu.edu.au/eapp</p>
Passion for Business (P4B)	<p>Passion for Business (P4B) is a guaranteed early offer program designed to nurture your learning potential, develop your knowledge in key business fields and give you a step up in your future business career.</p> <p>acu.edu.au/p4b</p>
Passion for Law (P4L)	<p>Passion for Law (P4L) is an early offer program that recognises your passion and commitment to law. Designed to nurture your learning potential, it will give you a step up in your future law career.</p> <p>acu.edu.au/p4law</p>

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

WHAT IS A SELECTION RANK?

Your selection rank is essentially an entry score – it is calculated by TACs (QTAC, UAC or VTAC) and used to determine if you are eligible for entry to an undergraduate degree. For example, if you have an ATAR or OP from Year 12 studies, your selection rank will be your ATAR/OP combined with any adjustment factors you are eligible for. VET courses, work experience and STAT tests can also be used to calculate a selection rank. Most universities will assess you for entry to a course based on your selection rank.

Support while you study

Your wellbeing is our biggest priority. And we know the support of a caring community will help you achieve your best. At ACU, you'll join a vibrant campus community and have the support you need to thrive during, and after, your studies.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS

Our Indigenous Higher Education Units (IHEU) on each campus offer academic, personal and cultural support in a welcoming and culturally safe space.

acu.edu.au/indigenoussupport

ACADEMIC SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Set yourself up for academic success with help from our academic skills development team. Take part in workshops, explore online resources or have an in-person consultation. First-year students can also take part in PASS, peer-assisted study sessions that provide free weekly peer-led study groups for units that students can find challenging.

acu.edu.au/academic-skills-development

CAREER ADVICE

Enhancing your employability is our job. Access career advice, application and interview assistance, workshops and professional development. We'll also help you engage with employers, seek a student job on campus or develop your entrepreneurial skills.

acu.edu.au/careersupport

DISABILITY AND CARER SUPPORT

If you are a student with a temporary or ongoing diagnosed health condition, disability, mental health issue or learning disability, or if you have significant carer responsibilities, our disability advisors can help you put together a plan to manage your study.

acu.edu.au/disability-support

STUDENT ADVOCACY

We offer information, advice and a referral service to help you navigate university policies and procedures. The service is confidential, free and available to all current ACU students.

acu.edu.au/student-advocacy

COUNSELLING

Free and confidential counselling is available to all ACU students who are experiencing mental health, personal, study or work-related issues.

acu.edu.au/counselling-services

SAFETY

We want you to flourish on campus. That's why we're committed to making our university a place of safety and respect for all students and staff.

acu.edu.au/student-safety

MEDICAL SERVICES

ACU has medical centres on our Brisbane and Melbourne campuses. They offer comprehensive, high-quality health care services to students, staff and the local community. Bulk billing is available.

acu.edu.au/medical-centres

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our Campus Ministry teams work to bring the distinctive Catholic identity and mission of ACU to life. Offering a range of activities and services, our teams work to build an inclusive student community, care for your pastoral needs and spiritual wellbeing, and encourage you to see the world in new and different ways.

acu.edu.au/campusministry





How to apply



We know that applying for a uni course can seem a bit confusing at times. So, we've broken it down into five easy steps.

acu.edu.au/apply

1 Choose the course

Find the program that's right for you by looking through our available undergraduate courses.

2 Check eligibility and closing dates

Find out what kind of applicant you are and check if you meet the entry requirements.

3 Browse scholarships and entry schemes

Take a moment to see if you're eligible to apply for one or more of our scholarships or entry programs.

4 Gather your documents

You may need the following items and supporting documents to get your application underway:

- Personal email address
- High school or further study results
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Proof of name change

5 Apply

You can apply for most undergraduate courses via the relevant TAC (QTAC, UAC or VTAC) website.

In some circumstances, you apply for your undergraduate course directly to us. To find out if your preferred undergraduate course accepts direct applications, visit the relevant course page.



Join us at an event or information session

We run a range of events throughout the year designed to help you with your study options – including Open Days, information sessions, one-on-one consultations and more. Depending on the event, you can join us online, on-campus or via the phone.

acu.edu.au/events

Explore our campuses

Learn more about our campuses with our virtual tours, videos, campus maps and more.

acu.edu.au/campuses

Got a question or feeling social?

AskACU: acu.edu.au/askacu

We're here to help

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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