

# Your pathway into a UNSW Degree.



Academic Skills



UNSW Prep was amazing because  
it was the second chance I never  
thought I would get.

# Don't give up on your dream

If you are keen to study at UNSW but have experienced difficult circumstances during the HSC that impacted on your study, think about UNSW Prep as a way to get your plans back on track.

UNSW Prep is specifically designed for school leavers aged 17-19 to help you gain the skills and confidence needed for academic success.

You will build your skills in research, critical thinking and essay writing so you're better equipped for university study. When you successfully complete the program, you will be eligible for entry into a UNSW degree program.

# Program Outline

UNSW divides the academic year into 3 terms. A term at UNSW is 10 weeks long.

UNSW Prep course	UAC Code	Length of UNSW Prep Course	What you might study
Humanities	430100	1 year (3 terms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Academic Skills</li> <li>&gt; Social Science Skills</li> <li>&gt; Elective course – 1st Year Arts, Design &amp; Architecture course</li> </ul>
Business	430110		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Academic Skills</li> <li>&gt; Maths Skills</li> <li>&gt; Elective course – 1st Year Business Course</li> </ul>
Science	430130		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Academic Skills</li> <li>&gt; Maths Skills (or elective course)</li> <li>&gt; Elective course – 1st Year Science course</li> </ul>
Engineering	430120	1.5 years (4 terms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Academic Skills</li> <li>&gt; Maths Skills</li> <li>&gt; Elective course – 1st Year Engineering Course</li> </ul>

Faculty	Program	Some credit awarded*
Commerce	Bachelor of Commerce	✓
Humanities	Arts, Social Sciences, Music (plus audition), Arts Education, Media, Criminology & Criminal Justice, International Studies	✓
Engineering	Bachelor of Engineering (Flexible First Year)	✓
Science	Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Life Sciences	✓

## UNSW Prep to UNSW Degree

Your final grades in UNSW Prep will be calculated to give you access to a range of degree programs here at UNSW. At uni this mark is called a WAM – Weighted Average Mark. It's the average mark you achieve across all completed units in a course.

And the good news is...

Once you complete UNSW Prep and start studying at UNSW, you will already have some credit towards your degree.

\*Find more information at [unsw.edu.au/unswprep17-19](https://unsw.edu.au/unswprep17-19)

## Who can apply?

To be eligible for UNSW Prep, you will need to meet the following criteria:

- > Be 17-19 years of age on 1 March of your commencing year
- > Be an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or hold a current Australian Permanent Resident Visa
- > Be eligible for the UNSW ACCESS Scheme (see p4)
- > Have an ATAR of 50 or above, or be an Indigenous applicant applying via the UNSW Indigenous Admission Scheme

## How does UNSW Prep work?

The program teaches you the academic skills needed for university-style learning.

It runs for three terms (or four for Engineering) at UNSW's Kensington campus.

You decide which of the following areas you're interested in studying:

- > Humanities
- > Business
- > Science
- > Engineering

You will need to complete two subjects each term. Some subjects are compulsory and others you will be able to choose. There will be lectures, small in-class tutorials and independent study time.





## How to apply

1. **Apply online** via the University Admission Centre's (UAC) online system [uac.edu.au](https://uac.edu.au) using the following course codes:
  - > **Science (430130)**
  - > **Engineering (430120)**
  - > **Humanities (430100)**
  - > **Business (430110)**
2. You will need to prepare a **personal statement** that must be uploaded with your UAC application. The personal statement is your chance to share why you have chosen UNSW Prep and what makes you a suitable candidate. Instructions for completing and uploading your personal statement, including key dates, can be found at [unsw.edu.au/unswprep17-19](https://unsw.edu.au/unswprep17-19).
3. A **phone interview** may also be required for entry into UNSW before each offer round.

## When to apply

Applications open in early August and ontime applications close in late September each year.

## UNSW Prep costs

UNSW Prep is **free** of tuition fees – these are covered by the Australian Government. However, this situation might change so please check fee details prior to application - [unsw.edu.au/unswprep17-19](https://unsw.edu.au/unswprep17-19).

Other costs associated with study that you will need to cover are:

- > Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) which is \$315 per year in 2022 for full time study. This helps cover costs of all the non-academic student services, sporting and recreational activities etc.
- > You will have to buy or borrow course materials such as textbooks, calculators, lab coats etc.

## Join in with student life!

If you enrol in UNSW Prep, you will be part of UNSW's vibrant student community and all it has to offer. There's something for everyone at uni. You will have full use of the facilities on campus and access to all the sport, clubs and societies you have time to join. There's plenty of fun on campus and opportunities to make new friends. The social events are great and lots of them are free which is a bonus! All these will help you find your place in the university community.

## UNSW ACCESS Scheme

The UNSW ACCESS Scheme allows us to take your personal circumstances into consideration when you apply to study. If you have experienced any of the following during your HSC, you may be eligible for the UNSW ACCESS Scheme:

- > Financial hardship
- > English language difficulties
- > Refugee status
- > Disability or long-term illness/medical condition
- > Severe family illness/death
- > Attendance at a rural or disadvantaged high school

To be considered for UNSW ACCESS, you will need to lodge an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) application through the University Admission Centre (UAC).

Visit [uac.edu.au/eas](https://uac.edu.au/eas) for more about EAS and to apply.

## Supporting you

We know that joining UNSW Prep and going to uni will be a big step. We want to make sure you get the support you need to see it through. UNSW has many support services, offering both personal and academic support to all students. Staff are available to provide academic advice, counselling, disability services, leadership and personal development, peer mentoring, legal advice, career counselling and development. Visit [student.unsw.edu.au/support](https://student.unsw.edu.au/support)

## Still curious?

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