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Academic Skills

# UNSW Prep Program 17-19 2025

## Arts, Design & Architecture (ADA) Stream Details

You will be offered a place in a Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture degree program, subject to meeting the minimum WAM requirements below:

- > Arts, Social Work, Social Sciences, Design, and Fine Arts: A minimum of 50 WAM AND you must pass all 6 UNSW Prep compulsory courses.
- > Education Degrees: A minimum of 50 WAM AND you must pass all 6 UNSW Prep compulsory courses. Assumed knowledge: Band 5 or higher in any HSC English course or the equivalent.
- > Built Environment Programs (Architecture related): A WAM of 60 or 65 AND you must pass all 6 UNSW Prep compulsory courses.

A student entering UNSW via the UNSW Prep Program (ADA stream) will receive credit for their ADA courses.

### Eligibility

- > **ACCESS Eligible**  
Assessed as eligible for UNSW's ACCESS Scheme via UAC's Educational Access Schemes (EAS) process.
- > Study at a Gateway School.
- > **Age**  
17-19 years on 1 March 2025.
- > **Citizenship/Residency**  
An Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or hold a current Australian Permanent Resident visa.
- > **Post-school study**  
You cannot study UNSW Prep at the same time as another course.
- > **UAC**  
Include at least one UNSW Preparation Program preference in your UAC application. UAC codes are: Arts, Design & Architecture - 430100; Business 430110; Engineering - 430120; Science - 430130.
- > **ATAR**  
Have an ATAR of 50.00 or above, or be an Indigenous applicant applying via UNSW's Nura Gili Indigenous Admission Scheme.
- > **Additional Criteria**  
Provide a personal statement (using the template on the website) via UAC's 'Check and Change' facility. You may also be asked to attend a short interview in January.



### How to apply

Applications must be made online via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au). The Personal Statement is a compulsory part of the UNSW Prep application. It is your chance to share what interests you about the program, and what makes you a suitable candidate.

### Time Commitment

- > Study involves 3 x 10-week terms (February - April, June - August and September - November)
- > Time commitments are based on the subjects undertaken within each term (see Course Components).
- > At least 6-8 hours of independent study per week is recommended for each course, as well as some time each week for online learning.

### Cost

UNSW Prep is fully funded by the Australian Government so for the first few subjects of your degree you pay **no course fees**.

Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) [unsw.edu.au/student/managing-your-studies/fees/ssaf](http://unsw.edu.au/student/managing-your-studies/fees/ssaf)

You pay the cost of any materials you need for your course.

## Still curious?

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# UNSW Prep Course Components

## Term 1

### Academic Skills 1 (REGZ9075)

For ALL UNSW Prep Program students (compulsory)

**Available** Term 1

**Prior Knowledge** Must be proficient in written and spoken English

Academic Skills 1 develops the fundamental skills of studying at university. This course will be based around the topic of technology.

#### Other Topics

- orientation to the academic system
- critical analysis skills
- note taking from lectures and written material
- time management skills
- essay writing
- preparing seminar presentations
- an introduction to online learning

### Social Science Skills 1 (REGZ9077)

For ALL students in the Humanities stream of the UNSW Prep Program (compulsory)

**Available** Term 1

**Prior Knowledge** Must be proficient in written and spoken English

Social Science Skills 1 focuses on the fundamental aspects of studying in arts design & architecture subjects including how to read academic texts, understand central themes and write in a persuasive manner. The course is taught in an interactive method, so students learn through participation. The course contains written and spoken assignments which allow students to develop their reading, writing, thinking, research and spoken skills.

## Term 2

### Academic Skills 2 (REGZ9076)

For ALL UNSW Prep Program students (compulsory)

**Available** Term 2

**Prior Knowledge** Must be proficient in written and spoken English

Academic Skills 2 develops the fundamental skills of studying at university. It builds on skills already learned in Academic Skills 1, and introduces students to study strategies used in social science topics. The course is taught in an interactive method, so that students can learn through participation. The course contains both written and spoken assignments including annotated bibliography, critical review and research reports which allow students to further deepen their reading, writing, thinking, researching and spoken skills. Like Term 1, this course will be based around the topic of technology.

### Social Science Skills 2 (REGZ9078)

For ALL students in the Humanities stream of the UNSW Prep Program (compulsory)

**Available** Term 2

**Prior Knowledge** Must be proficient in written and spoken English

Social Science Skills 2 focuses on further developing the academic skills learned in term one. The emphasis in this course will be on undertaking individual and collaborative research projects. It will be taught in an interactive method, so that students learn through active and ongoing participation. The course contains several written and spoken assessments which focus students towards completing the final research report.



## Term 3

Choose two ADA elective courses from the prescribed Term 3 list.

Please note that this list is not final, and a confirmed list will be available on Moodle close to the start of Term 3.

### ADA Course for UNSW Prep Students 2025\*

Code	Course Name	Code	Course Name
ARTS1011	Inventing the Self: Creative Writing in the Digital Age	ARTS1780	Concepts of Europe
ARTS1031	Reading Through Time: Literature from the Renaissance to Postmodernity	ARTS1811	Contemporary Issues in Government and Global Politics
ARTS1062	Hollywood Film	ARTS1010	Inventing the Self
ARTS1091	Media, Society, Politics	ARTS1691	The Use of Language
MDIA1091	Sydney: History, Landscapes, People	DART1130	Photography 1
ARTS1211	Australia's Asian Context	DART1210	Animation 1
ARTS1241	Environmental Advocacy and Activism	BENV0021	Sustainable Urbanism and Design
ARTS1691	The Use of Language	EDST1101	Education Psychology
ARTS1753	Culture, Experience and Change	SOSS1001	Social Research and Society

\*Subject to faculty availability

## Admission to University

### How to apply

All applications for admission to Bachelor programs at UNSW are via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

## Bachelor degree entry requirements

You will be offered a place in the Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture (ADA) degree programs subject to meeting the minimum WAM requirements below. A student entering UNSW via the UNSW Prep Program will receive credit for their ADA courses.

Program	WAM	Program Specific Criteria
3256 Interior Architecture (Honours)	60	Must pass all six compulsory courses
3261 Architectural Studies	65	Must pass all six compulsory courses
3325 Social Science	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses
3332 Construction Mgt. & Property	60	Must pass all six compulsory courses
3341 Media	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses
3342 Design/Media	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses
3343 Fine Arts/Media	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses
3344 Media/Arts	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses
3345 Media/Social Sciences	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses
3362 City Planning (Honours)	60	Must pass all six compulsory courses
3381 Landscape Architecture (Hons)	60	Must pass all six compulsory courses
3409 Arts	60	Must pass all six compulsory courses
3417 Language Studies	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses
4033 Social Work (Honours)	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses
4045 Social Work (Honours)/Arts	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses
4046 Social Work (Hons.)/Social Sci.	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses
4053 Arts/Education (Secondary)	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses; HSC English course or the equivalent <b>Assumed knowledge:</b> Band 5 or higher in any
4067 Design/Education (Secondary)	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses; HSC English course or the equivalent <b>Assumed knowledge:</b> Band 5 or higher in any
4068 Fine Arts/Education (Secondary)	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses; HSC English course or the equivalent <b>Assumed knowledge:</b> Band 5 or higher in any
4071 Education (Primary) (Honours)	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses; HSC English course or the equivalent <b>Assumed knowledge:</b> Band 5 or higher in any
4825 Design	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses
4830 Fine Arts	50	Must pass all six compulsory courses