

Table notes

The information published in the undergraduate courses tables on pages 38–59 and the Admission Guide on pages 60–67 is provided as a guide for admission to our undergraduate courses in 2026. The information is correct at the time of publication, but may be subject to change. For the latest course information, including admission criteria, course structure and availability, refer to the relevant course at: sydney.edu.au/courses

Availability to international students

Courses listed in the Admission Guide on pages 60–67 are CRICOS registered and available to student visa holders. For more information on CRICOS-registered courses, visit: www.cricos.education.gov.au

Admission criteria

The admission criteria published in the Admission Guide are provided as a guide only, and will not necessarily result in an offer of a place for all courses. Admission is subject to meeting all admission criteria, including English language requirements and prerequisites where applicable. For courses marked with a triangle (▲), there are additional admission criteria such as auditions and/or interviews.

ATAR-equivalent admission scores listed for non-Australian qualifications are also indicative and subject to changes in assessment schedules used to convert scores. For full course details, check the relevant course at: sydney.edu.au/courses

For a comprehensive list of secondary education (Year 12 or high school) qualifications accepted by the University of Sydney, visit: sydney.edu.au/study/secondary-qualifications

Programs, majors, minors and specialisations

The programs, majors, minors and specialisations listed in the undergraduate courses tables on pages 38–59 are indicative only, and subject to change. Unless specified as a major or a minor only, majors are also available as minors. For the latest information, visit: sydney.edu.au/handbooks

Assumed knowledge and prerequisites

The assumed knowledge and prerequisites listed in our courses tables refer to subjects in the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) curriculum. For example, Mathematics Advanced refers to the two-unit HSC subject or an equivalent subject for other qualifications. Refer to the HSC syllabus to understand the required subjects and standards. www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/Understanding-the-curriculum/syllabuses-a-z

Recommended studies

Some courses may also have recommended studies. For details, check the relevant course at: sydney.edu.au/courses

Dalyell by invitation

‘Dalyell by invitation’ refers to the Dalyell Scholars stream for high-achieving students, which eligible students may be invited to join. Visit sydney.edu.au/dalyell-scholars for more information.

Key to the tables

▲ Additional admission criteria

Combination of ATAR (or equivalent score) plus additional admission criteria (eg, portfolio, audition, interview). Check the details for your specific course at: sydney.edu.au/courses

na Not available or not applicable

Not available, or not applicable as an admission score cannot be applied.

Prerequisites

‡ Mathematics prerequisite

For the courses marked with this symbol, the mathematics prerequisite applies to international students undertaking an Australian state or territory Year 12 qualification in or outside Australia, any Year 12 qualification in Australia, or the University of Sydney Foundation Program (USFP). For more information about the mathematics prerequisite, including equivalent requirements for other qualifications, and options available if you have not studied mathematics, visit: sydney.edu.au/study/maths

^ NESA prerequisites for teaching degrees

- Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- Bachelor of Education (Health and Physical Education)
- Bachelor of Music (Music Education)

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) requires students entering these teaching degrees to achieve the equivalent of a minimum of three Band 5s in their NSW HSC, one of which must be English (English Standard, English Advanced, or English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD), previously known as English as a Second Language (ESL)). For equivalent requirements for other Australian Year 12 qualifications, refer to the UAC website at: www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/admission-criteria/year-12-qualifications

For other non-Australian secondary education (high school) qualifications, the University will assess whether you have achieved an equivalent standard through your high school studies. If you need to meet English proficiency requirements through a test such as IELTS, you will complete those requirements separately.

**** Sciences Po and University of Sydney dual degrees**

- B Arts (Dual Degree: Sciences Po, France)
- B Economics (Dual Degree: Sciences Po, France)

Admission to the program is determined jointly by the University of Sydney and Sciences Po based on additional admission criteria, including attending a panel interview online if invited. Applicants to these degrees need to meet the minimum admission requirements for their degree of choice at the University of Sydney, and the higher of the English language requirements of the University of Sydney and Sciences Po.

The Sciences Po dual degrees require a total of four years of full-time study to be eligible for two separate awards from Sciences Po and the University of Sydney. During years 1-2, students enrol at Sciences Po, France, and pay the applicable fee directly to Sciences Po. During years 3-4, students enrol in the applicable CRICOS-registered Sydney degree (international students enrol in the applicable CRICOS-registered Sydney degree), with eligible transfer credits for studies undertaken at Sciences Po. Students pay the applicable Sydney fee in years 3-4 to the University of Sydney.

Student visa holders who commence one of these courses may face additional costs associated with their student visa. For visa information, visit:

www.homeaffairs.gov.au

Explanation of admission scores

The following explanations relate to the admission scores listed in the Admission Guide on pages 60–67.

English language test scores

All English test scores need to be no more than two years old at the date of course commencement. For a full list of English language tests accepted by the University, visit:

sydney.edu.au/study/english-reqs

English – IELTS Academic: The first score listed is the overall score; the score listed within brackets is the minimum score required in each section (L for Listening, R for Reading, S for Speaking, W for Writing).

English – TOEFL iBT (internet-based TOEFL): The first score listed is the total score required. The first score within brackets is the minimum score for each section – Listening, Reading and Speaking. The second score is the minimum score for Writing. Where specific section scores are required, L is for Listening, R for Reading, S for Speaking, and W for Writing.

International ATAR

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a number between 0 and 99.95 that tells you where you rank in your year group. It's based on the overall results of an Australian Year 12 qualification, and it can change from year to year. The figures shown in the 'International ATAR' column apply to international applicants only.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

Entry is based on the total score for the completed International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.

GCE A Levels

(Applies to UK General Certificate of Education Advanced Level examination and select comparable qualifications.) The first score listed is the requirement for three subjects; the second score is for four subjects. If there are more than four subjects, the best four will be used to calculate the aggregate. The aggregate is calculated from the A2 subjects based on A*=6, A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1. Advanced Subsidiary (AS) subjects are not used in calculating the aggregate. At most, one Applied A level subject may be included in the aggregate.

Canada

British Columbia: Certificate of Graduation.

Grade average from all grade 12 subjects except Graduation Transition, based on: A=4, B=3, C+=2.5, C=2, C-=1, F=0. Also applies to Adult Secondary School graduation diplomas, comparable qualifications in the Yukon territory and the Diplôme de fin d'études.

China

Gaokao: The Gaokao requirement is listed as a percentage for each course. Calculate the score required as a percentage of the maximum score for your province. The maximum score is 750 in most provinces, with exceptions including Shanghai (660) and Hainan (940). For example, for Beijing, 70% = 525 out of a maximum score of 750.

France

French Baccalaureat: French Baccalaureat score for the following (including French territories and departments):

- Baccalaureat General
- Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement du Second Degré
- Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré
- Option Internationale du Baccalaureat (OIB) – International option of the French Baccalaureate

Germany

Abitur: Average grade or 'Durchschnittsnote' required for the following qualifications:

- Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife
- Abiturientenzeugnis
- Zeugnis der Reife
- Reifezeugnis

Hong Kong

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE):

Aggregate based on the best five subjects, including any combination of compulsory and Category A and C electives, but excluding Category B (Applied Learning) subjects. For compulsory subjects and Category A electives, the aggregate score is calculated based on 5** or 5*=6, 5=5, 4=4, 3=3, 2=2 and 1=1. For Category C electives, A=2.5, B=2.0, C=1.5, D=1.0, E=0.

India

CBSE All India Senior School Certificate: All India Senior School Certificate awarded by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). Select either English or Hindi, then the best four remaining externally examined subjects. Sum the five grade values based on A1=4, A2=3.5, B1=3, B2=2.5, C1=2, C2=1.5, D1=1, D2=0.5.

Where five A1 results are presented and the average of the numerical exam marks is 96 or higher, the aggregate is deemed as 21.

Indian School Certificate: Indian School Certificate awarded by the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE). The required score is the average of the best four subjects, including English.

Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC): Average of the best five academic subjects in the Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. The requirement is higher for other states.

Kenya

Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education: Aggregate based on maximum seven subjects, where A=12, A-=11, B+=10, B= 9, B-=8, C+=7, C=6, C-=5, D+=4, D=3, D-=2, E=1.

Malaysia

Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM): Aggregate for minimum 3 (first score listed) or 4 (second score listed) Advanced Level subjects based on A=7, A-=6, B+=5, B=4, B-=3, C+=2, C=1. Partial passes and fails are not included. Subjects must be taken in the same academic year.

Unified Examinations Certificate (UEC): Grade average (A1, A2 or B3) based on the best five subjects* (excluding vocational subjects), taking the numerical value of the grades – for example, A1=1, A2=2, B3=3, B4=4 and so on, where a sum of 5=A1 average, 6-10=A2 average, and 11-15=B3 average.

*Dentistry and medicine double degrees require nine A1 subjects.

Norway

Vitnemal: Grade average in the Norwegian Certificate of Completion of Upper Secondary School Examinations (Vitnemal fra den Videregaende Skole).

Singapore

Singapore A Levels: GCE Advanced Level (A Level) examinations conducted in Singapore.

- Applicants must present at least three H2 subjects, and the aggregate can be raised to a maximum of four H2 subjects or the equivalent by:
 - one content-based subject (at H1, H2 or H3 level) and General Paper (GP) at H1 level, or
 - Knowledge and Inquiry (KI) at H2 level.
- H3 subjects are ranked the same as H2 subjects.
- Project Work and Mother Tongue are not included.
- The aggregate is the sum of all H2 subjects taken in the same academic year, with at most one subject from the preceding or following academic year.
- If more than three H2 subjects are taken, the best combination will be used.
- The aggregate is calculated for H2 subjects based on A=120, B=100, C=80, D=60, E=40, with half the value for H1 subjects (for example, A=60, B=50 and so on).

South Africa

National Senior Certificate: Average of the best four subjects (with the highest percentage results), excluding Life Orientation.

South Korea (Republic of Korea)

College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT): Aggregate calculated from four standard scores in Korean Language, Mathematics and the best two subjects from Social Studies or Science area. The Korean Senior High School Diploma is not assessable.

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka GCE A Levels: GCE Advanced Level (A Level) examination aggregate of the best three Advanced Level subjects, based on A=4, B=3, C=2, S=1. A fourth subject grade may be added if three A grades are achieved.

Sweden

Slutbetyg: Swedish Secondary School Leaving Certificate (from a Gymnasieskolan). Average of grades, based on A=20, B=17.5, C=15, D=12.5, E=10, F=0. (Different requirements apply prior to 2014.)

United States (in or outside the US)

American College Test (ACT)*: Composite score. Evidence of graduation from a secondary education qualification is also required. ACT scores required can be lower for applicants presenting Advanced Placement tests (APs) with a score of 3 or better.

SAT*: Composite score out of 1600 for tests taken from 2016. Evidence of graduation from a secondary education qualification is also required. SAT scores required can be lower for applicants presenting Advanced Placement tests (APs) with a score of 3 or better.

*Note: The SAT and ACT do not meet the University of Sydney's mathematics course prerequisite for applicants who are required to meet this requirement. For information on the mathematics prerequisite, visit:

sydney.edu.au/study/math

University of Sydney Foundation Program (USFP)

The first (numerical) score listed is the USFP score or GPA; the second (letter) grade listed is the English grade required. This score can serve as a guide to admission to other Australian university foundation programs; however, requirements may vary from course to course. A GPA of 8 may be considered equivalent to 80%. Separate English requirements will apply for other foundation programs.

△ For Nursing pre-registration degrees, the USFP English test result will not meet the English requirements set by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC). USFP students will be required to meet the IELTS requirement of an overall 7.0 with no band below 7.0. For more information, visit: sydney.edu.au/courses

USFP package offers are not available with Sciences Po dual degrees, due to the structure of these degrees, which require the first two years to be undertaken in France, and the resulting student visa implications.

Vietnam

Vietnamese High School Graduation Certificate:

Vietnamese High School Graduation Certificate (Bằng tốt nghiệp THPT) with the required Grade 12 GPA from an approved high school.