

What is STAR Early Entry?

STAR Early Entry enables Year 12 students from eligible schools to gain early admission to SCU on the basis of their school Principal's recommendation. Our aim is to match individual students to each course based on their likelihood of success in their chosen discipline.

Guide Overview

This guide provides a description of the knowledge, skills and attributes required by students enrolling in Southern Cross University courses. The transition from high school to University requires personal maturity, self-motivation and determination. Any student contemplating applying via STAR must be passing their Year 12 subjects, with some disciplines such as Law and Engineering requiring students to have a very high level of academic achievement in specific subject areas outlined in this guide.

Popular courses such as Nursing require very strong English and Mathematics for you to succeed at University.

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Preparing for Success

Course	Entry guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparing for Success at SCU Program (PSP)	Students not yet ready for university who wish to study in disciplines for which there is not currently an Associate degree pathway such as Education or Nursing can apply for the Preparing for Success at SCU Program (PSP).

Business

Course	Entry guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Accounting• Bachelor of Business• Bachelor of Digital Business <i>(new to 2018)</i>	Students interested in degrees in Business require strong analytical and mathematics skills and sound literacy indicated by a Pass or above in year 12 subjects.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Arts	Students wanting to undertake a double degree with Arts also need to have performed well in HSIE, Social Sciences and/or English/English Communication subjects.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate Degree of Business <i>(SCU College)</i>	You will receive support in building your academic skills and upon successful completion eligible students can also crossover into the Bachelor degrees with credit.

Environment, Science and Engineering

Course	Entry guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Mechanical Engineering • Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering • Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Coastal Systems Engineering <i>(new in 2018)</i> 	<p>Engineering requires excellent maths skills; students will have completed Mathematics (NSW), Engineering Studies (NSW) or Maths B (QLD). Students need to have achieved 70% or above in their trial HSC or mid-year exams.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Environmental Science • Bachelor of Environmental Science/ Bachelor of Marine Science and Management • Bachelor of Forest Science and Management • Bachelor of Marine Science and Management • Bachelor of Science 	<p>Environment Science and other science degrees require students to have strong analytical skills and demonstrated competency in maths and science subjects.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Degree of Science <i>(SCU College)</i> • Diploma of Science <i>(SCU College)</i> 	<p>The Associate Degree of Science is a two-year university qualification. Students will receive support in building their academic skills and upon successful completion, eligible students can cross-over into the Bachelor degrees with credit.</p>

Health and Human Sciences

Course	Entry guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Biomedical Science • Bachelor of Podorthics • Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies) • Bachelor of Nursing • Bachelor of Podiatry • Bachelor of Speech Pathology • Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science • Bachelor of Psychological Science • Bachelor of Occupational Therapy 	<p>While strong interpersonal skills are an asset in many healthcare fields, students interested in studying Health Science courses must have very strong results in English, Maths and Science to succeed at University.</p> <p>SCU's Nursing degree requires high levels of numeracy and literacy.</p> <p>If you cannot demonstrate strong results in English, Maths and Science, you should apply for Preparing for Success, to build your academic skills. Preparing for Success can be completed in one study session and is free of fees.</p> <p>Students wanting to study Psychology will need a good understanding of statistics.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Degree of Health (SCU College) 	<p>The Associate Degree of Health will help you build your academic skills while achieving this two-year university qualification. Eligible graduates can cross-over into the Bachelor Degrees in Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies), Podorthics, Podiatry, Psychological Science, Speech Pathology, Sport and Exercise Science and Occupational Therapy with credit.</p> <p>SCU recommends that students wanting to apply for the other health related courses, such as Nursing, via a pathway should apply for the Preparing for Success foundation program.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Midwifery (not offered via STAR in 2018) 	<p>Due to demand for clinical placements we are unable to offer entry to the Bachelor of Midwifery via STAR.</p> <p>Students can apply for Midwifery through UAC or QTAC to gain entry via the main round offers on the basis of their ATAR/OP.</p>

Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Course	Entry guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Arts• Associate Degree of Creative Writing• Bachelor of Social Science• Bachelor of Social Welfare	Students interested in degrees in Arts, Writing, Social Science or Social Welfare require sound academic achievement (you are passing all your year 12 subjects) with above average results in the HSIE, Social Sciences and/or English/English Communication subject areas.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate Degree of Arts <i>(SCU College)</i>	This two-year university qualification is an award in its own right. You will receive support in building your academic skills and upon successful completion you can cross-over into the Bachelor degrees with credit.

Indigenous Studies

Course	Entry guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge	Students interested in studying the Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge require sound academic achievement with skills in the HSIE or Social Sciences subject areas.

Information Technology

Course	Entry guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Information Technology• Associate Degree of Information Technology	Students need strong analytical skills and a demonstrated interest in computing technology.

Law and Justice

Course	Entry guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Laws • Bachelor of Laws and Creative Writing • Double degrees with Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts • Business • Legal and Justice Studies • Psychological Science <i>(new in 2018)</i> • Social Science • Sport and Exercise Science 	<p>The Bachelor of Laws, with its associated double degrees, is the accredited degree for admission as a lawyer. SCU's School of Law and Justice is distinctive for its commitment to social justice. To succeed in the Bachelor of Laws students need to have demonstrated strong academic performance with excellent skills in Advanced or Extension English. Students will need to be highly recommended by their school to gain entry into our Bachelor of Laws and our Law double degrees. In addition students wanting to undertake a double degree with Law should also demonstrate skills in their chosen subject area.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies) • Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies 	<p>The Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies) and the Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies provide a vocational qualification suitable for employment in law related areas (such as policy development and compliance) and as a Paralegal. These degrees also provide a pathway into the Bachelor of Laws. Students who have achieved good results in HSIE, Social Sciences and/or English/English Communication subjects can be recommended for the Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies) or the Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies.</p>

Media, Music, Art and Design

Course	Entry guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Art and Design <i>(new to 2018)</i>• Bachelor of Contemporary Music• Bachelor of Music	<p>Students recommended for Music and Visual Arts will have successfully undertaken a related course as a Year 12 subject, such as Music or Visual Arts. Students wanting to study Visual Arts will be asked to submit a portfolio and attend an interview.</p> <p>Students wanting to undertake the Performance and/or Songwriting/Composition streams in the Bachelor of Music may be required to attend an audition.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Digital Media and Communications	<p>Students interested in Digital Media and Communications will be adept at storytelling across a range of mediums, from text to web and video. Students should be passing all their Year 12 subject and have above average performance in English.</p>

Tourism and Hospitality Management

Course	Entry guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Business in Tourism and Hospitality Management• Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management	<p>Tourism students require sound analytical skills and would ideally have succeeded in Business Studies or Tourism or Hospitality VET courses in Year 12.</p> <p>Strong interpersonal skills are highly valued in the Tourism industry.</p>

Education — *not offered via STAR in 2018*

Course	Entry guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (Primary/Early Childhood)• Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (Primary)• Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (Primary/Secondary)• Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (Secondary)• Bachelor of Technology/Bachelor of Education (Secondary)	<p>Education courses at SCU are accredited by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT). Courses have national accreditation through the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL). The suite of combined degrees have been designed to offer maximum employment flexibility.</p> <p>These degrees are not offered via STAR. You can apply for these courses through UAC or QTAC to gain entry in the main round offers on the basis of your ATAR/OP.</p> <p>Visit scu.edu.au/courses</p>

If you would like any assistance with your choice of course or your STAR application, contact our Future Students Team on 1800 626 481.