

uniTEST FAQs



What is uniTEST?

uniTEST is an aptitude test that has been developed to assess the kinds of generic reasoning and thinking skills that underpin studies at higher education and that are needed for students to be successful at this level.

uniTEST is designed for school leavers and will complement our existing selection criteria such as the ATAR.

Flinders University will select applicants based on both their Year 12 results (60% weighting toward the ATAR score) and uniTEST performance (40%).

Additional information can be found at unitest.acer.edu.au

Why should I sit the test?

uniTEST will provide you with the opportunity to enhance your prospects of gaining a place in your preferred course at Flinders University.

Does it apply to my preferred course?

uniTEST results can be utilised for entry into most courses offered at Flinders University, a full list of eligible courses can be found at flinders.edu.au/unitest

Is there a cost to sit uniTEST?

There is no cost to sit uniTEST.

What is covered in the test?

uniTEST is a 95 item, multiple-choice examination which has been designed to evaluate abilities and aptitude over the three core areas of Quantitative, Critical and Verbal/Plausible Reasoning. This reasoning is assessed across the broad domains of mathematics, science, humanities and social sciences.

Sample questions are available at flinders.edu.au/unitest

How long is the test?

The test itself will take a maximum of 2.5 hours, you may however need to allow up to 3.5 hours (total time including administration).

Can I prepare for the test?

No specific preparation is required for uniTEST.

How do I sit the test?

uniTEST is undertaken online, under examination conditions.

Can I sit the test at my school?

Many schools have been invited to participate in uniTEST and the majority of those have taken the opportunity to administer the online testing between July and November.

If you would like to sit the test at your school please speak to your Careers Counsellor or Year 12 Coordinator and ask them to contact us at unitest@flinders.edu.au for further information.

Can I sit the test at Flinders University?

It is preferred for uniTEST to be delivered at your school but we understand that this is not always possible. For this reason we may be holding some on campus testing (limited spaces) towards the end of the testing period.

To find out more contact us at unitest@flinders.edu.au confirming the name of your school.

Am I eligible to sit the test?

uniTEST is open to any current Year 12 student who will complete an Australian Year 12 qualification this year (including international onshore Year 12 students).

What if I don't meet the above eligibility?

There are a variety of pathways to a Flinders University degree including using a TAFE/VET qualification, Year 12/SACE or interstate equivalent, International Baccalaureate, Principal's Recommendation Program, Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT), Tertiary Studies or our Foundation Studies Program.

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What do I need on the day of the test?

You are only permitted to take the following items into the exam room:

- a bilingual dictionary (for ESL candidates)
- a pencil
- water in a clear bottle with the label removed

Bags are permitted but should be left to the side of the venue, away from your desk.

Items not permitted under any circumstances are:

- calculators
- food
- mobile phones, mp3 players, laptops, PDAs
- pencil cases
- packets of tissues
- books

What happens after I've completed the test?

Once you've completed the test your answers will be submitted to the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) who will carry out the marking process on behalf of Flinders University.

When will I be advised of my results?

You will receive an email from ACER advising that your results are available, once all tests have been marked. This usually happens in early to mid-December; around the same time as your Year 12 results being released.

How are uniTEST results reported?

You will receive a scale score out of 100 for each of the 3 sections in the test, along with a total scale score.

Why are my scores scaled?

Scores are scaled to take into consideration year-to-year differences in test difficulty.

What does the percentile rank mean?

A percentile rank indicates how you performed in relation to all other candidates who sat uniTEST in the same year, regardless of the course applied for. A percentile rank is given to enable you to gauge your performance relative to all others who took the test in the same year. A higher percentile figure indicates higher performance and vice versa.

What happens if I perform poorly in the test?

It will be of little consequence if you perform poorly in uniTEST as Flinders University will only consider your highest entrance score when offering you a place. If your ATAR (inclusive of any applicable bonus points) is higher than the combined uniTEST/ATAR score, this will be considered as priority in the first instance.

You cannot be disadvantaged by participating in uniTEST.

When will I be advised if I have an offer?

The South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) will, on behalf of Flinders, make you an offer. If you are successful you will be offered a place in the January offer rounds. You will be able to check it online at SATAC as well as receiving an email notifying you of your offer.

If I get an offer can I defer?

Yes, you can defer your offer of a place at Flinders University. If you request deferment SATAC will send you a letter, no later than April, explaining the procedures to be followed to take up your place.

If I defer and decide to change my preference can I re-sit uniTEST?

You are only allowed to sit uniTEST once and cannot re-sit in subsequent years. Your result however will be valid for your change of preference providing the course is on the list of eligible courses.

How long will my result be valid for?

uniTEST results remain valid for a period of 2 years. If you decide to change course mid-year; your uniTEST result may be considered in determining a place in your newly preferred course.

If you have undertaken uniTEST and are unsure if your results are still valid you should contact our Admissions / Prospective Students Office:

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