
Flinders University - Admission Information

With a reputation for innovative teaching and learning, Flinders is a student-centred university making a distinctive contribution to higher education in Australia and beyond. As a leading international research university, ninety per cent of Flinders' research has been ranked at or above world standard by Excellence in Research Australia. Flinders University aspires to make a difference by supporting students and staff to succeed, by building better communities through research excellence, by producing original thinkers, and by engaging meaningfully in ways that enhance our environment, economy and society. Flinders has led the way in providing access to higher education and offers a choice of pathways that cater to people from a variety of backgrounds.

Admission Criteria

Flinders University offers many courses in a variety of areas and the entry requirements for these courses vary. Entry to all courses is normally based on academic merit as determined by assessment of an applicant's qualifications. For selected courses other criteria such as the UMAT, an interview, audition or portfolio submission also apply. Some courses also have SACE Stage 2 (or equivalent) subject prerequisite requirements. For information on such course requirements, please carefully read the relevant course information sets and information on our website: www.flinders.edu.au/study

You can qualify for entry to undergraduate courses through a range of pathways:

Year 12 qualifications

The majority of Year 12 applicants (South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), International Baccalaureate, interstate equivalents) enter university using their ATAR via the traditional competitive entry method. The lowest selection rank required for admission will vary each year dependent upon the number of applicants and places available in the course. Up until you have completed the equivalent of two years (full-time) of a higher education course you are still eligible to use your Year 12 results for entry to most courses.

Flinders University offers guaranteed entry for most courses to applicants competing on Year 12 qualifications with an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) equal to or above the nominated ATAR and who meet all course prerequisites. More information about guaranteed entry including the courses to which it applies can be found at www.flinders.edu.au/guaranteedatar

Students completing the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma who apply for entry to courses through the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) will have their IB scores converted to equivalent ATARs using the national conversion table. SATAC's participating institutions recognise the IB Diploma as equivalent to an Australian Year 12 qualification. SATAC converts a students' total IB points (in the range 24-45) to a selection rank equivalent to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

Bonus points

Bonus points contribute to the Selection Rank when applying for Flinders University courses. Different bonus points are awarded depending on your experience and background. The 'Universities Equity Scheme' awards 5 bonus points for eligible students, and the 'Universities Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme' awards 2 or 4 points for eligible students. An individual student can receive a maximum of 9 bonus points under both schemes. The bonus point schemes apply for all Flinders undergraduate courses with the exception of the Universities Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme which will not apply to the Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine (214941). Both schemes are administered by the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC). For further details visit: www.flinders.edu.au/bonuspoints

Principals Recommendation Program

A student's performance in the final year of secondary education is not always a true indicator of their ability to succeed at university. Flinders will consider a school's recommendation about a student's academic performance and potential for university study for admission to the majority of courses offered at Flinders. Some courses have prerequisite entry requirements which students will be required to meet. Selection will be based on a combination of; principal/school statement, applicant statement, two latest school reports, overall performance at Year 11/12 studies (including subjects and subject combinations that may not be counted towards an ATAR), illustration of achievements in other aspects of life and other studies, where relevant (TAFE/VET/community involvement/work experience/volunteering). For further information go to: www.flinders.edu.au/principalsrecommendation

uniTEST

uniTEST is open to current Year 12 students wishing to enhance their opportunity to attend university. The test results can be used for entry to all undergraduate courses except the Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine. Selection is based on Year 12 results (60% weighting toward the ATAR score) and uniTEST performance (40%). If the combined score does not result in an enhanced selection rank uniTEST results will not be considered. For further information go to: www.flinders.edu.au/unitest

UniLeap

UniLeap is open to recent Year 12 students wishing to enhance their opportunity to attend university. UniLeap is a 4-week program that will develop your independent learning skills and prepare you for university study. Upon successful completion of the program, Flinders will guarantee entry to a limited range of undergraduate degrees. For further information go to www.flinders.edu.au/unileap

Year 12 subject entry (Research Project B) Pathway

For selected courses, Year 12 applicants may be considered for entry based on their performance in specific SACE subjects. Applicants with strong results in the Research Project B subject will be considered on an adjusted Selection Rank based on Year 12 results (60% weighting toward the ATAR score) and Research Project B performance (40%). If the combined score does not result in an enhanced Selection Rank applicants will compete in the normal way. Applicants are required to meet the requirements of the SACE, be eligible for an ATAR and meet all course prerequisite requirements.

Assessment Centre Entry Pathway

Each year students attending selected schools are invited to apply via the Assessment Centre Pathway. This pathway considers assessment methodologies for admission to higher education as an alternative to the ATAR. Students are required to attend an assessment centre to demonstrate the characteristics and aptitude for study at university. Applicants will be assessed against the competencies required for entry to University and the degree they are seeking to enter.

Portfolio Entry Pathway

Each year students attending selected schools are invited to apply via the Portfolio Entry Pathway. This pathway considers assessment methodologies for admission to higher education as an alternative to the ATAR. Students are required to submit a portfolio. Applicants will be assessed against the competencies required for entry to University and the degree they are seeking to enter.

Higher Education study

If you have completed the equivalent of at least one semester (full-time) but no more than the equivalent of two years (full-time) of a higher education course you may be considered for entry to most courses on the basis of your higher education results or any other qualifications that meet the University's entry requirements. Students that have commenced a higher education course but have completed less than the equivalent of one semester (full-time) will be considered on any other qualification they hold that meets the University's entry requirements. Students who have completed more than the equivalent of two years (full-time) of a higher education course will normally be considered for entry on the basis of their higher education results.

Flinders University offers guaranteed entry to current Flinders students with a nominated Grade Point Average (GPA) to a majority of courses via our Flinderslink program. Note, for some courses subject prerequisites apply. More information about Flinderslink including the courses to which it applies can be found at www.flinders.edu.au/flinderslink

TAFE/VET qualifications

Applicants who have completed TAFE/VET qualifications (minimum Certificate 3) are eligible to apply. Note, admission is competitive and most courses require higher than Certificate 3 level for admission. Flinders University offers guaranteed entry to selected courses via our TAFElink program. To be eligible for TAFElink you must have completed a TAFE/VET Certificate 4 or higher qualification and meet all course prerequisites. More information about TAFElink including the courses to which it applies can be found at www.flinders.edu.au/tafelink

Adult entry

Applicants who have not had the opportunity to gain access to university by traditional means may apply for entry through the adult entry pathway using the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) or Foundation Studies/tertiary preparation programs.

Adult entry to university via the STAT assesses your ability to study at a tertiary level. To be eligible to compete using the STAT:

- you must be aged 18 or over before 1 February for semester 1 entry or 1 July for semester 2 entry, and
- if you have studied at higher education level in the last two years you must not have accumulated more than the equivalent of a total of two full-time years of higher education study or,
- if you have studied at higher education level and you have accumulated more than the equivalent of a total of two full-time years of higher education study, at least two full academic years must have passed since your last enrolment in higher education study.

Some of our courses consider personal competencies and/or employment experience alongside a valid STAT score. Further information can be found at www.flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/stat

Students that successfully complete the Foundation Studies Program at Flinders University are guaranteed entry to a range of undergraduate degrees. Students can also apply for other courses however selection is competitive. Flinders also recognises a range of Foundation Studies or tertiary preparation programs offered by other higher education institutions. For further information go to www.flinders.edu.au/foundation

Indigenous Admissions Scheme

Flinders recognises that many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have not had the opportunity to gain entry to university by traditional means. The Indigenous Admissions Scheme (IAS) was developed to address this. The IAS provides the opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for entry into undergraduate courses. Year 12 students who are concerned that they may not receive the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) score needed for the course of their choice may also apply through IAS. For further information go to www.flinders.edu.au/indigenousadmissions

Overseas qualifications

If you are a domestic applicant and your prior study was undertaken overseas you must supply certified copies of all academic transcripts when applying. If any of your documents are in a language other than English, you must submit certified copies of both the original documents and the full translation. Transcript translations must show results for all subjects undertaken. All translations must be certified by an independent accredited translator.

SATAC have formulated a number of conversion tables on behalf of its member institutions to assist them in accessing equivalency of overseas qualifications.

How to apply

To apply for a place at Flinders University you will need to lodge an application through the South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre (SATAC) website: www.satac.edu.au. Select the blue 'Undergraduate' button and click on 'Apply' to begin your application. There will be a processing fee attached to your application. Applications will open in early August and the first closing date will be late September, after that date an additional late application fee applies.

The majority of offers are made in the main January offer round, with subsequent offers made to courses that still have places available in later rounds. If you are successful in receiving an offer for a course you will be notified via email.

Applications for the Foundation Studies Program are submitted directly to the university via the Student Information System. Once you have activated an account, click on the 'My Application' tab to create an application. For further information go to www.flinders.edu.au/foundation

Enrolment

Once you have responded to your offer via SATAC, you must also formally accept your offer in the Flinders Student System before you can commence your enrolment. Some courses require you to also enrol in at least one topic by a deadline, or your offer may lapse and your place will be offered to another applicant.

To start your enrolment at Flinders you need to activate your student account and then go to the 'MyFlinders' website where enrolment support resources are available, see my.flinders.edu.au

If your offer is for an undergraduate course that allows deferment, this will also be an offer response option for you. To check whether your course allows deferment and for further information about deferring go to www.flinders.edu.au/defer

Many courses at Flinders will grant credit for studies undertaken at other recognised educational institutions. Credit transfer is available for applicants who have completed or partially completed an award from another university or recognised higher education institution, or who have completed an

appropriate level of qualification from TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Many TAFE/RTO qualifications have already been assessed for credit towards some of our courses; these can be searched with our Credit Transfer Database. Other qualifications will require individual assessment. Eligibility for credit does not guarantee entry to a course at Flinders University. For further information go to www.flinders.edu.au/credit

Student Profile

The table below gives an indication of the likely peer cohort for new students at Flinders University, categorised by basis of admission. Data is based on students that commenced undergraduate study in Semester 1, 2017.

Applicant background	Semester 1, 2017	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
Year 12 (Students offered on the basis of Secondary Education, IB or equivalent)	2484	50.79%
Higher Education Study (Students offered on the basis of previous higher education study)	749	15.31%
TAFE/VET Award (Students offered on the basis of a completed TAFE/VET award)	394	8.06%
Adult Entry (Students offered on the basis of STAT)	554	11.33%
Other (Students offered on the basis of Flinders Foundation Studies, other tertiary preparation courses, special consideration [e.g. Indigenous Admissions Scheme])	287	5.86%
International students	423	8.65%
All students	4891	100%

Notes:

- 1) Includes commencing students only
- 2) Student numbers for combined degrees will be counted twice as students are enrolled in two courses

Further information

Further information is available at www.flinders.edu.au/study/