2018 Admissions Guide
For Year 12 Students
Year 12 Entry and Application Guide for Students, Parents and Teachers

We’d love to see you at ECU next year. This is your guide on how to get ready for ECU if you are currently in Year 12. There are many options available and we would love to speak to you directly about your specific situation, goals and dreams. Our Student Recruitment team is available on 134 328 by phone, futurestudy@ecu.edu.au by email or you can chat live with us from ecugetready.com.au

If you have an ATAR and WACE

Meet English Competency, you can use a WACE score to gain entry into a course at ECU.

If you are not getting an ATAR, but are achieving a WACE

Are getting a Certificate IV, have WACE and meet our English Competency Requirements, then you meet standard entry into most Bachelor courses at ECU.

Non ATAR General

Will not generate an ATAR but pass more than two ATAR subjects and you receive a final grade of at least an A in General English or a C or higher in an ATAR level English Subject (to encompass English Literature or English as an Additional Language).

Complete a Certificate IV or Diploma in Year 12, and receive a final grade of at least an A in General English or a C in ATAR English or better.

Achieve WACE and have at least a C grade in General English or attempt a higher level English subject.

Complete Year 12 but:
• did not achieve WACE;
• or do not have at least a final C grade in General English or C in ATAR English or better.

Did not achieve WACE, were home schooled or are in another category.

If you are not sure if your high school experience will meet our standard entry requirements, contact us.

Then...

If you...

Apply directly to TISC for Semester 1 next year.

If you are in Year 11 and not sure if you will achieve a WACE by Year 12, you can apply directly to ECU. This can also work if you achieve a WACE in Year 12.

Applying directly to ECU allows you to take a Portfolio for course of your choice.

Portfolios are based on your academic achievement. Therefore, it is better to demonstrate that you can pass higher level subjects, than to do particularly well in lower level subjects.

Portfolio is a way to demonstrate your background and experience to us, before you are accepted into the course.

Always include UniPrep as one of the preferences on your course application. If you have achieved WACE, you are eligible for admission into UniPrep. A portfolio is not required, as long as UniPrep is one of the options you select on your application and you have achieved an appropriate mark in the right level of English.

If you don’t need a Portfolio. However, keep in mind that a Certificate IV may meet minimum academic requirements, but does not satisfy English prerequisites. So if your course of interest has competency requirements, talk to us about pathways through other courses.

You can’t offer you a place in the course, even if you are eligible.

Please don’t submit a Portfolio for this option.

A Certificate IV or Diploma from a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), like TAFE or Edith Cowan College, may meet the entry requirements to a lot of our courses, and you may also get credit into a related course.

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International students cannot apply for Portfolio admission, unless they are studying the Western Australian High School standard subjects at their school and are set to achieve an ATAR. International students are also not eligible for UniPrep. If you’re an international student and wish to come to ECU, but do not have the subjects and marks to do so directly, think about attending a Registered Training Organisation, like Edith Cowan College or TAFE. This could help you meet requirements and may also mean you get credit for a related course.

But keep in mind...

You have options if your ATAR score is below the indicative ATAR for most courses.

If your ATAR is just below a specific course (like Law), but higher than your standard entry, talk to us about selecting another course first. You can work towards making yourself eligible for your first choice course.

If the ATAR you achieve is just below what you need for standard entry to ECU, you may be eligible for the ECU Access Bonus if your school is listed on our ECU Access List. This is automatically generated – so you don’t have to do anything extra to be considered for our bonus scheme. If your school isn’t listed, or you wish to cover all your bases, submit a Portfolio to ECU.

If your ATAR is well below what you need, put ECU’s UniPrep Course as a preference and use that as a springboard to get where you want to go. With WACE, successful completion of Year 12 and English competency you have a great chance of getting into UniPrep.
What is the Portfolio Entry Pathway?

If you’re a Year 12 student with a near-miss ATAR, or you’re a Year 12 student with high achievement in some ATAR subjects, you may be eligible to submit a Portfolio application to ECU for one of our Bachelor courses.

Keep in mind that not all courses accept Portfolio applications and not everyone is eligible to submit one. We encourage you to contact us about your individual situation and determine if this pathway might work for you.

In your Portfolio you would include:

**Introductory letter** – explaining why you want to attend university and the reasons why you have chosen your particular course. You would also include your future career goals. It should communicate your commitment, preparedness to study and motivation to study.

**Resumé** – outlining your work experience to date, including details of paid work and any voluntary positions you have undertaken, for example in a sporting club or at your church. If you don’t have any work or volunteer experience, that’s fine too.

**Academic records** – detailing your education to date, including secondary school and activities such as leadership programs, sports coaching, umpiring accreditation, TAFE or Registered Training Organisation qualifications, industry training/accreditation, and workplace training.

**Referees** – including two written references, with at least one being a professional/work/school reference.

**Checklist** – make sure that you attach our Applicant Checklist to the front of your portfolio documents, if you’re posting the submission to us.

You may be required to attend an interview. If so, we’ll be in touch.