

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To get into the course you want, you must meet the entry requirements. Entry requirements are set by the institution offering the course, and consist of eligibility and merit.

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility comprises:

- prerequisites, and
- institution admission rules.

## PREREQUISITES

Depending on the course, prerequisites can include Year 12 subjects, interviews, portfolios, auditions, and more.

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

To get into most courses, you must have studied and passed specific Year 12 subjects.

The most common subject prerequisite is English (4,SA). To meet this prerequisite, you must have studied English over the four semesters of Years 11 and 12 and attained a Sound Achievement (SA) or better overall.

If you didn't study a prerequisite subject to Year 12, or didn't pass it, you can meet the prerequisite in other ways; for example, by studying a bridging course. For information on bridging courses, visit [qtac.edu.au](http://qtac.edu.au).

Not all courses have subject prerequisites. Instead, some courses have **assumed knowledge** and/or **recommended study**. If your course has assumed knowledge or recommended study, you can get in without having studied the subject. You'll probably find you're better off if you have studied it, though, because the institution will assume, or recommend, that you have the subject knowledge.

## OTHER PREREQUISITES

Some courses—creative and performing arts programs, for example—have interviews, portfolios or auditions that you must pass to get in. Other courses may have a prior study prerequisite, meaning you need to have already completed another course, like a diploma or bachelor's degree, to get in.

You can find the prerequisites for each course in the Courses section of this *Guide* (pages 31–204).

## INSTITUTION ADMISSION RULES

Institution admission rules apply to everyone who wants to study at a particular institution. Common institution admission rules include:

- English language proficiency—if English is not your first language, you need to demonstrate that you can speak, write, read and comprehend English to a standard set by the institution. Visit [qtac.edu.au](http://qtac.edu.au) for information on ways to demonstrate English language proficiency.
- Age requirements—for some institutions, you need to be a certain age before you can study there. You can find institution age requirements on our website at [qtac.edu.au](http://qtac.edu.au).

## MERIT

If you're eligible, you're considered for an offer based on merit (i.e. based on your OP or selection rank). For some courses, achieving a minimum OP or selection rank is enough to get an offer. For other courses, you'll need a better OP or selection rank than other applicants to compete for a place and get in ahead of them. For a small number of competitive courses, like medicine or dentistry, you'll need even more, such as Field Positions, your Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR), results in certain subjects, QCS Test results, etc. To find out what will be used in these cases, contact the institution you're applying to.

If the course you want doesn't need an OP or selection rank for entry, you don't need to compete for a place and will simply receive an offer for the course during the offer round.