



Curtin University



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What is the Curtin UniReady Program?

The Curtin UniReady Program is a **university enabling program**, providing a pathway for non-ATAR students (that is, General Pathway students) into selected degrees at Curtin University.

Enabling programs are normally accessed by students after they finish their Year 12 studies, however, St Mary MacKillop College and Curtin University have entered into a partnership that allows the College to deliver the UniReady Program to Year 12 students. Eligible Year 12 students can select the UniReady Program as one of their school subjects and undertake the UniReady Program whilst still at school.

Upon completion of the UniReady Program, students are awarded a notional ATAR of 70 which can then be used to satisfy the entry criteria for a range of degrees at Curtin University and other universities.

What do students study in the Curtin UniReady Program?

Students undertaking the Curtin UniReady Program undertake 4 units. Each unit is studied for approximately 7 weeks.

Two units are compulsory:

- PWRP0001 Introduction to Academic Writing
- COMS0002 Introduction to Communications

The other units studied are:

- BIOL0001 Introduction to Health Sciences
- MATH0003 Applied Mathematics

Students will be provided with a schedule of topics and assessments to assist in planning their progress through the units.



Which university degrees can be accessed via the Curtin UniReady Program?

Approximately 50 degree courses can be accessed via the Curtin UniReady Program. Selected examples appear below as an indication:

Faculty of Humanities

Bachelor of Applied Science (Architecture)
Bachelor of Applied Science (Construction Management)*
Bachelor of Applied Science (Interior Architecture)
Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning
Bachelor of Design (Includes majors like Animation and Game Design, Fashion Design)
Bachelor of Creative Arts (Includes majors like Fine Art, Screen Arts and Theatre Arts)
Bachelor of Arts (This includes majors like International Relations, Journalism, History)
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood, Primary or Secondary)

Faculty of Business and Law

Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor of Commerce

Faculty of Health Sciences

Bachelor of Psychology
Bachelor of Science (Health Sciences / Health Promotion)
Bachelor of Science (Nursing)
Bachelor of Science (Health Sciences)

Faculty of Science and Engineering

Bachelor of Science (Multidisciplinary Science)*
Bachelor of Science (Coastal and Marine Science)*
Bachelor of Information Technology*
Bachelor of Technology (Computer Systems and Networking)*

*requires students to have completed ATAR Maths Applications if entering via UniReady in Schools.

Please note that additional courses are available, and courses can change from time to time. Curtin University maintains a current list of eligible courses at:

<https://futurestudents.curtin.edu.au/undergraduate/pathways/enabling-programs/uniready/>

The Curtin UniReady Program is also recognised by some other Universities. Please see the '*Frequently Asked Questions*' for more information.

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Pre-requisites

Students must meet certain academic pre-requisites to be considered for entry into the Curtin UniReady Program:

For General courses: Minimum of B grades, and 60% or above in English

For ATAR courses: At least a C grade in all ATAR subjects studied.

All students must have less than 10 % negatively rated Personal Performance Indicators.

Places in the UniReady program are limited and Personal Performance Indicators and Christian Service records will be utilised when determining final allocations of positions.

Costs

The College will subsidise 50% of the total cost of participation in the Curtin UniReady Program. The remaining \$325 will be charged to families. Thus, the total cost to families is \$325.

Contacts and further information

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Frequently asked questions

How will I keep track of my progress in the Curtin UniReady Program?

To reflect the University environment, the College will provide an indicative schedule for course content, but students will be responsible for their own progress. Students will submit assessments regularly and the marks will be published on SEQTA and also via the Curtin University Information Portal (Blackboard).

How much out-of-school study is needed?

The Program requires a substantial time commitment. Students will have approximately 5 hours of classroom time allocated to the program and are expected to commit to a similar amount of time for homework and preparation.

On occasions, tutorials and workshops will be offered during Homework Class hours. Students are expected to make every effort to attend the scheduled times.

Are there exams?

Students will be required to undertake some formal examinations throughout the year. Students participating in the Program will undertake these examinations during the regular College examination periods.

What happens if I hand in assessments late, or not at all?

An academic penalty will be applied by Curtin University if assessments are not submitted, or submitted after the due date. Failure to submit all assessments will lead to the student failing the UniReady Program.

Is there interaction with people outside the school environment?

On occasions, students will be required to participate in discussion groups; these will typically be undertaken online and may include students from other schools.

Assessments will be marked by a variety of markers, some of whom are external to the College (for example, teachers at other schools or Curtin University staff).

Students will also have the opportunity to attend an excursion to Curtin University during school hours, for the purposes of presenting an assignment and also for a tour of the campus.

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Is Curtin UniReady recognised by other universities?

Please see the table below for further information.

University	Curtin UniReady Program status
Curtin University	Valid for entry into a wide range of courses.
Edith Cowan University	Valid for entry into selected courses: check with University admissions.
Murdoch University	Valid for entry into selected courses: check with University admissions.
University of Notre Dame Australia	Valid for entry into selected courses on a case-by-case basis, combined with student interviews and meeting other admission criteria.
University of Western Australia	Not valid for entry to courses at UWA.
Interstate and international universities	Some interstate and international universities also recognise the Curtin Program. Please check with the course coordinator for further information.

What is the cost of the Curtin UniReady Program?

The College will subsidise 50% of the total cost of participation in the Curtin UniReady Program. The remaining \$325 will be charged to families.

Can I withdraw from the Curtin UniReady Program?

Students are permitted to withdraw from the Program within the first three (3) weeks of the school year. In this case a refund of fees will be provided. After this time, no refunds can be made and withdrawals from the program will not be possible.

What happens if I fail assessments, or fail a unit?

Students will study 4 units and must pass all 4 units in order to successfully complete the program. A 'Pass' grade is a mark greater than 50%. There are several options for students who fail a unit (or units) within the program. Please see the explanatory table below.

SITUATION	NEXT STEP	RESULT
Pass 4 units	→	Successful completion
Fail 1 unit, with the failed unit being a mark between 45% and 49%	Complete Further Assessment at school and achieve a mark of greater than 60% in the Further Assessment.	Successful completion
Fail to achieve a mark of greater than 60% in the Further Assessment	Repeat the relevant unit (or equivalent) at Curtin University (or online) during the summer break.	Successful completion
Fail 1 unit, with the failed unit being a mark less than 45%.	Repeat the relevant unit (or equivalent) at Curtin University (or online) during the summer break.	Successful completion
Fail more than 1 unit	Repeat the relevant units (or equivalents) at Curtin University (or online) during the summer break.	Successful completion

Will I receive accommodations if I have a learning difficulty?

The Curtin UniReady Program is open to students with learning issues, including students who receive extra time for assessments, students on an Individual Education Plans (IEP). However, all students must meet the necessary prerequisites for entry into the Program.

Some adjustments can be made, for example, students may receive extra time for assessments or may be permitted to use learning aids. Students and parents should note that course content and assessment content **cannot** be modified.

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