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# Curtin UniReady 2020

## Information Pack

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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, Newman 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

Students can then select two further units from the choices below:

- HUMN0001 Introduction to Humanities
- MGMT0001 Introduction to Commerce
- 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?

For the 2020 academic year, approximately 50 degree courses can be accessed via the Curtin UniReady Program. Selected examples appear below as an indication:

Bachelor of Applied Science (Architecture)  
Bachelor of Applied Science (Construction Management)

Bachelor of Arts (Animation and Game Design)  
Bachelor of Arts (Digital Experience and Interaction Design)  
Bachelor of Arts (Fashion)  
Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art)  
Bachelor of Arts (Interior Architecture)  
Bachelor of Arts (International Relations)  
Bachelor of Arts (Journalism)  
Bachelor of Arts (Urban and Regional Planning)

Bachelor of Business Administration  
Bachelor of Commerce

Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood, Primary, or Secondary)

Bachelor of Psychology  
Bachelor of Science (Coastal and Marine Science)  
Bachelor of Science (Computing)  
Bachelor of Science (Health Sciences / Health Promotion)  
Bachelor of Science (Mine and Engineering Surveying)  
Bachelor of Science (Molecular Genetics and Biotechnology)  
Bachelor of Science (Nursing)  
Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Commerce (Psychology / Human Resources)

Bachelor of Social Work

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.

## Pre-requisites

Before being accepted for entry into the Curtin UniReady Program, students must meet certain academic pre-requisites:

**For ATAR Pathway students:** Mostly C grades in all ATAR subjects.

**For General Pathway students:** Mostly B grades, and 60% or above in English

## Costs

The total cost of participation in the Curtin UniReady Program is \$650 per student. Of this cost, the College will pay 50% (that is, \$325 per student) and 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?*

The College will provide an indicative schedule for course content, but students are responsible for their own progress. This is reflective of the University environment. 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 Club 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.

### *Is Curtin UniReady recognised by other universities?*

Please see the table below for further information.

<b>University</b>	<b>Curtin UniReady Program status</b>
<b>Curtin University</b>	Valid for entry into a wide range of courses.
<b>Edith Cowan University</b>	Valid for entry into selected courses: check with University admissions.
<b>Murdoch University</b>	Valid for entry into selected courses: check with University admissions.
<b>University of Notre Dame Australia</b>	Valid for entry into selected courses on a case-by-case basis, combined with student interviews and meeting other admission criteria.
<b>University of Western Australia</b>	Not valid for entry to courses at UWA.
<b>Interstate and international universities</b>	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 total cost of participation in the Curtin UniReady Program is \$650 per student. Of this cost, the College will pay 50% (that is, \$325 per student) and the remaining \$325 will be charged to families. Thus, the total cost to families is \$325.

### *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 Curriculum Adjustment Plans (CAP) and students on 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.