



**Alternative  
paths  
to uni in WA  
2024**





## **Introduction**

This booklet updates and collates alternative pathways information that has been provided in In Focus Careers News throughout the year.

All universities want you to study with them and will do their best to identify a pathway that suits your needs.

### **What Do Alternative Pathways Give?**

Alternative pathways are frequently free. You find out about uni life and about a range of degrees that are available. You may find out about less expensive ways of achieving your degree.

Courses like medicine, that have strict quotas, are not available through alternative pathways but most courses will be open to you.

Although each course is different there are usually 4 subject like....

- Academic Writing
- Research Skills and Information Literacy
- Communication Skills
- Essential Maths

You meet new people, talk about courses, costs and career options with them, explore the campus and libraries and get familiar with the uni IT systems.

## How to choose a university

Pick a university that you would like to belong to. Check out [Which Uni is Best for You?](#) for a quick overview of West Australian unis.

Is it close? Are your friends going there? Does it have a great course? Do you like its [ranking by past students](#)?

- Go to that university and meet with a career advisor. Tell them what you would like to study.
- Ask them what is available to help you to meet entry requirements. They will point you to the best course for you, or design one that meets your needs.

## Final Tips

- Students can calculate their anticipated ATAR [HERE](#).
- Students can check the Lowest Offered ATAR Rank in 2023 [HERE](#).
- If something goes wrong in Year 12, you could apply for special consideration through the TISC Access Scheme [HERE](#).

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## University Contact Details

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<b><u>UWA</u></b>	<a href="#">UWA Email:</a> Phone: 6488 1000



<p><b>School leavers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ATAR Entry</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Bonus Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Curtin SteoUp</a> for those who have 60 – 69.95 ATAR</li> <li>• <a href="#">StepUp Equity Adjustment</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Alternative Entry</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Portfolio entry</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Enabling Courses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">UniReady Enabling Program</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">English Bridging Program</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">UniReady Enabling Program (Schools)</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Indigenous pathways</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Indigenous enabling courses</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Pre-Science and Engineering Enabling course</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>VET</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">TAFE or AQF qualifications</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Curtin College</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>STAT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">STAT (Special Tertiary Admissions Test)</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>International Students</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">International Baccalaureate Diploma</a></li> </ul>

## ECU Year 12 Pathways to University



<p><b>School Leavers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ATAR Entry</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Bonus Points</b></p> <p>Eligible students from <a href="#">identified Western Australian schools</a> shown below will receive an automated ATAR adjustment of up to 10 selection ranks to support the entry of students from areas with educational disadvantage. Find more information <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>
<p><b>Alternative Entry</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Work and life experience</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Creative Arts Portfolio Entry</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Credit for studies or rrecognition of prior learning</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Interviews, folios and auditions</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Enabling Courses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">UniPrep Accelerate</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">UniPrep Summer</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">UniPrep General</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>VET</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">VET and English competency requirements</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Certificate IV Pathways</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Edith Cowan College (VET)</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>STAT</b></p>	<p><a href="#">STAT Test: Book through TISC</a></p>

<p><b>International Students</b></p>	<p><b>International Baccalaureate</b></p> <p>This Diploma is a 2 year alternative program is recognised by most universities throughout the world.</p> <p>See page 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">International Future Students Guide</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Western Australian Universities Foundation Program</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Acting, Music Theatre, Performing Arts</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Diploma of Screen Performance Audition Guide - 2023 Commencement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Performance Audition Guide - 2023 Commencement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">WAAPA Monologues - 2023 Commencement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">WAAPA Screen Performance Scenes - 2023 Commencement</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Arts and Cultural Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Arts and Cultural Management Interview Guide - 2023 Commencement</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Broadcasting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Broadcasting &amp; Screen Studies Application &amp; Interview Guide 2023 Commencement</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Dance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Dance Audition Guide - 2023 Commencement</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Music Audition Guide - 2023 Commencement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Music Audition Guide - Eastern States</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Sample Theory Test - Classical</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Sample Theory Test - Jazz and Contemporary</a></li> </ul>

### **Production and Design**

- [Production & Design Interview Guide - 2023 Commencement](#)

### **Screen Studies**

- [Broadcasting & Screen Studies Application & Interview Guide 2023 Commencement](#)



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<p><b>Alternative Entry</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Portfolio Entry</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Enabling Courses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">On Track Flex</a> 1-2 semesters</li> <li>• <a href="#">OnTrack Sprint</a> 4 weeks</li> </ul>
<p><b>VET</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Certificate IV</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pathway</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">K-Track</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Waardong</a> for Aboriginal students who want to become vets.</li> </ul>
<p><b>International Students</b></p>	<p>Your International Baccalaureate can be converted into an ATAR equivalent. You can find the International Baccalaureate score for the courses you're interested in on our <a href="#">course finder</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Western Australian Universities Foundation Program</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Law Preparation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Law Start</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Pre Law</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>STAT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">STAT Book test through TISC</a> for students 19 and over.</li> </ul>



## Notre Dame Year 12 Alternative Pathways

<b>Year 12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ATAR Entry</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Bonus Points</b></p> <p><a href="#">Notre Dame Adjustment Factors</a></p>
<b>Alternative entry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Work and life experience.</a></li> </ul>
<b>Enabling Courses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">UniPath</a> begins in term 4 Year 12. Successful completion gives guaranteed entry.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Tertiary pathway program</a></li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous pathways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Pathways</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Pathways to Medicine</a></li> </ul>
<b>VET</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">VET</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">VET programs</a> at its Broome Campus including <a href="#">Diploma of Nursing</a></li> </ul>
<b>International students</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">International program guide</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">International Bacalaureate</a></li> </ul>
<b>STAT</b>	<p><b>Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)</b></p> <p>Applicants who are 20 years of age on or before March 1 of the year they are due to commence university study are eligible to sit the STAT. Successful completion of the STAT meets mature age entry requirements for most courses..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The STAT is run externally, visit <a href="http://www.tisc.edu.au">www.tisc.edu.au</a> for more information.</li> </ul>

## UWA Year 12 Pathways to University



<p><b>Year 12</b></p>	<p><a href="#">ATAR Entry</a></p> <p><b>Bonus Points</b></p> <p>The <a href="#">Broadway scheme</a> allows eligible students from a Broadway-identified Western Australian school to receive an automated ATAR adjustment.</p> <p><a href="#">FIRST in Family</a></p>
<p><b>Alternative Entry</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UWA has joined all other West Australian universities and offers <a href="#">an Experienced-based entry pathway</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">UWA Smart Start (Albany)</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Enabling courses</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Fairway (during Year 12)</a></p>
<p><b>Indigenous pathways</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Professional Entry Scheme</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Indigenous - study HERE</a></li> </ul> <p>Contact <a href="mailto:sis@uwa.edu.au">sis@uwa.edu.au</a></p>
<p><b>VET</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Diploma Studies</a></p>
<p><b>STAT</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Special Tertiary Admissions Test</a>. For students over 19</p>
<p><b>International Students</b></p>	<p><a href="#">International Baccalaureate</a></p>

## Early Offers for 2024 – Open 1 May

There is no advantage to applying early.

You have until [late September](#) to get your application in.

<p><a href="#">Curtin</a></p>	<p>Applying for an early offer is easy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• From <b>1 May 2023</b>, visit the TISC website and select your chosen Curtin course as your first preference</li><li>• Upload your latest school report</li><li>• We'll assess your eligibility based on your year 11 WACE results</li><li>• If you meet the eligibility requirements, you'll receive an early offer within 5-7 business days. Your offer will contain all the details about any other requirements you'll need to meet before commencing at Curtin.</li></ul>
<p><a href="#">ECU</a></p>	<p>If you're in Year 12 and have a predicted ATAR, or you're completing a Certificate IV or a recognised university enabling course that leads to undergraduate study, you can apply for an early offer for an ECU course.</p> <p>We'll use your Year 11 results to calculate a predicted ATAR and if this meets the requirement for your nominated course, you'll receive an early offer securing your place. This will be subject to you achieving WACE and meeting the English requirements and any other prerequisites for your course (where relevant).</p>

## **Murdoch**

If you're graduating from Year 12 in 2023 and are planning to study at university in early 2024, secure your place at Murdoch Uni by applying for an early offer.

To be eligible, simply apply directly through Murdoch or TISC, using your:

- Year 11, or mid-year Year 12 ATAR or IB subject results or
- Recognised non-ATAR pathway. Simply identify that you are on a recognised pathway to meet entry to Murdoch, for example through studying a Certificate IV or an enabling program like Murdoch's FlexiTrack High or TLC course.

**[Apply through Murdoch](#) [Apply through TISC](#)**

## **Notre Dame Early Offers**

Notre Dame's Early Offer 2023 program is for year 12 school-leavers completing the ATAR pathway. If you are currently in year 12 completing the ATAR pathway, you have the opportunity to secure a place with Notre Dame for 2024 prior to sitting your final WACE or HSC exams. Early Offer applications will need to include your Year 11 and Year 12 school reports and we base your eligibility on your predicted ATAR. You can find out more about our Early Offer minimum academic entry requirements for our programs on our website.

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Ready to begin your career journey at UWA? If you are currently in Year 12, our Early Offers pathway means you can tick your application off your list early. So, it's one less thing you need to think about, and you can spend that time focusing on your final exams.



This information was collated from the websites of universities in Western Australia in **March 2023**.