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UniSA Advantage Bonus Points



UniSA helps you achieve your career goals through our unique bonus point program called UniSA Advantage.

Why does UniSA offer bonus points?

We believe that students who study subjects relevant to their intended degree are better prepared for university. If you successfully complete Year 12 selected subjects relevant to your UniSA degree you will receive **Achievement** bonus points. And no matter what school you attend you may also qualify for **Aspire** bonus points. Read on to discover the two types of bonus points, how they are calculated, and how many points you may be eligible for.



Georgia Papps

Bachelor of Management/
Bachelor of International Studies

'My ATAR increased with the addition of bonus points because my high school is classified as rural. I also received subject points for English Communication and Mathematics.

'The change of lifestyle in moving to Adelaide, finding a place to live and settling into study has been pretty hectic. But in regard to study, I'm finding that Year 12 English has really helped prepare me for uni because it taught me how to structure essays and all about citing references and avoiding plagiarism. If you already know how to do this, the transition can be much easier.'

What are bonus points?

In a nutshell, bonus points can increase your ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) when you apply to study at UniSA.

There are two types of bonus points

Will I get bonus points?

All Year 12 students may be eligible to receive bonus points when applying for programs at UniSA. How many you get will depend on your individual situation.

1. UniSA Achievement bonus points

- » Are determined by the subjects you study at school that relate to the program you apply for at UniSA.
- » Recognise that students who complete subjects relevant to their degree are better prepared for university and reward your achievements in selected Year 12 subjects.
- » For example, if you study Art in Year 12, you will earn bonus points when applying for an arts-based program such as Interior Architecture or Product Innovation.
- » Each relevant subject in which you score a C or better attracts two points, up to a maximum of five.
- » Points are awarded automatically when you apply to UniSA through SATAC.

2. UniSA Aspire bonus points

- » Are linked to the school you attend or to students on School Card or Youth Allowance.
- » Recognise that all students don't get the same education opportunities and are designed to increase university access for students who may have been educationally disadvantaged.
- » For example, if you attend a school recognised as rural, you would receive Aspire bonus points. If your school does not qualify, but you are on School Card or Youth Allowance, you can apply at unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints.
- » Each eligible student will receive five Aspire points.
- » If you are unsure whether your school is recognised, or if you need to submit an application form, check with your Year 12 Coordinator, Career Counsellor or Principal. Or contact UniSA direct on 1300UNINOW or email study@unisa.edu.au.



Gabriella Canala

Bachelor of Journalism

'Do your research and know which subjects can attract bonus points for the degree you want to do so you can choose your Year 11 and 12 subjects to maximise your chances of doing well at uni.'

'It was a pleasant surprise when I received my offer for Journalism, and my advice for other students is to really follow what you want to do. If you don't get into what you want at first, you can always try again, or try another pathway, as there are other ways to get into your preferred program.'



What do I need to do to get bonus points?

For most bonus points, you don't need to do anything as they will be automatically applied to your ATAR when you apply to UniSA through SATAC. You just need to be aware of points you may qualify for when you choose your Year 12 subjects and select your university preferences.

What happens to my ATAR?

Students who gain their SACE with at least 80 credits at Stage 2, of which the majority must be Tertiary Admissions Subjects (TAS), will receive an ATAR calculated from their final year results.

If you are eligible for bonus points at UniSA, these will be added to your university aggregate and a new, higher UniSA ATAR will be calculated. Students on School Card or Youth Allowance, who do not qualify for Aspire points through their school, will need to complete an application.

Visit unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints.

Either way, after you complete Year 12, check your adjusted ATAR with UniSA when finalising your preferences because this will have an impact on the UniSA degrees you will be eligible for.

It's important to note, this adjusted ATAR will be used by SATAC to assess admissions to UniSA degrees only, and not to other universities. To check the Year 12 interstate or International Baccalaureate subject equivalents, students can contact UniSA direct on 1300UNINOW.



Alexander Mlaco

Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)

'I had heard about bonus points in an email from CareerShop, which I registered for after attending UniSA Open Day when I was in Year 11 at Rostrevor College.'

'Maths and Physics (which attracted bonus points) are core subjects when it comes to all aspects of engineering, and if I hadn't studied these subjects at school, I wouldn't be able to cope at uni. The same goes with English; it's underestimated by many for engineering, as well as in all facets of life.'

How should I prepare for bonus points?

Whatever stage of school you are at, it pays to think about bonus points as early as you can because when it comes to your career there is no such thing as too much preparation. One of the great things about Achievement bonus points is they help you see how the subjects you enjoy at school can be put to use in the workplace – we think of it as a little food for thought as you brace for some big decisions. See page 8 for more information on subject selections.

Year 10

- » Familiarise yourself with bonus points – what they are and how they work.
- » Check out the subjects that can attract bonus points for various degrees of your interest and whether the program has prerequisites or assumed knowledge subjects and keep this in mind when making your choices for Year 11.
- » Register at unisa.edu.au/careershop to gain updates automatically.

Year 11

- » Grab the latest UniSA program guides to see which subjects attract bonus points for the degrees you're interested in.
- » As you finalise your Year 12 subject choices, keep these points in mind as you may be eligible for a bonus, depending on the programs you apply for.

Year 12

- » After you receive your results, check which bonus points you are eligible for and whether these are allocated automatically with your UniSA application through SATAC or if you need to apply for them. Call 1300 UNINOW when results come out or check out the bonus points calculator on **CareerShop** (unisa.edu.au/careershop).
- » Achievement points are automatic. Aspire points for students attending recognised schools are also automatic. But students on School Card or Youth Allowance, whose school does not qualify, will need to complete an application for Aspire Points. Download and complete at unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints
- » Check your adjusted ATAR and take into account bonus points when you apply for programs at UniSA.

Where to next?

To find out more about bonus points eligibility or how to find out your new adjusted ATAR, contact 1300UNINOW or (08) 83022376, or email study@unisa.edu.au. You can also register with **CareerShop** – your online career partner. **CareerShop** gives you exclusive access to a bonus points calculator so you can explore points you may be eligible for. Log on at unisa.edu.au/careershop.

Emily Playford

Bachelor of Laws/
Bachelor of Journalism

'I received bonus points because my school is recognised as rural, and coming from a school that didn't have access to all the facilities of some other places, it is nice to receive this recognition. I also received points for subjects relevant to my degree (English Studies, Mathematics Studies and Specialist Mathematics). Bonus Points increased my ATAR which allowed me to get into the Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Journalism double degree. I don't know what I want to do at the end of my study, but I was pretty sure I would enjoy this double degree and I am so far. I'm finding it really, really interesting.'



Aaron Pandopulos

Bachelor of Medical Science

'My initial rank was not high enough for Medical Science. But I received bonus points for three subjects in Year 12 that were relevant to the program - Mathematics Methods, Biology and Chemistry, giving me the maximum of five subject (Achievement) bonus points.'

'In first year we study Biology and Chemistry and the knowledge I gained in these subjects at school made it really simple at the start, which helped as I settled into the new environment at university.'



Tips on selecting subjects at school

Choosing the subjects you take at school is an important step in planning your study and career path as these can impact which university degrees you are eligible for. You should be mindful of prerequisites and assumed knowledge, along with those subjects which attract bonus points. Here's a quick snapshot:

Prerequisites

A Year 12 subject you must take and pass with an achievement score of C or better to be considered for the UniSA program.

Assumed knowledge

These subjects are not essential to gain entry into particular programs, but some prior experience in certain areas will help – like mathematical studies would make Pharmacy easier. Lecturers will assume you have some familiarity with their particular subject area.

Bonus points – Check the career areas you're interested in and use the codes to see which Year 12 subjects can attract bonus points for these program areas.

Bonus Point subject codes

A	Accounting
AI	Australian & International Politics
AS	Aboriginal Studies
D	Design & Technology
E	English Studies or English Communication or English as a Second Language Studies
EC	Economics
CS	Child Studies
IT	Information Technology
L	Any Stage 2 Language
LS	Legal Studies
M	Mathematics (Methods, Studies or Specialist)
MD	Media Studies
FH	Food and Hospitality
PE	Physical Education
PY	Psychology
SS	Agricultural and Horticultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Nutrition, Physics or Psychology
SC	Society and Culture
T	Tourism
V	Visual Arts

More tips and tools

Note - this is a general introduction. For a full list of programs and bonus points, visit unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints. Points can vary for double degrees and we also encourage you to check out our detailed guides to undergraduate programs.

For Year 10, 11 and 12 subject selections, **CareerShop** can be a useful tool, so check it out at unisa.edu.au/careershop.

Health Sciences	Subjects
Health Sciences	E,M,SS
Human Movement and Health Studies	E,M,SS
Laboratory Medicine	E,M,SS
Medical Radiation programs	E,M,SS
Medical Sciences	E,M,SS
Midwifery	E,M,SS
Nursing	E,M,SS
Nutrition and Food Sciences	E,M,SS
Occupational Therapy	E,M,SS
Pharmaceutical Science	E,M,SS
Pharmacy	E,M,SS
Physiotherapy	E,M,SS
Podiatry	E,M,SS

Business	Subjects
Business (International Business, Finance & Trade)	E,M,AI
Business (Property)	E,M,A
Business Administration	E,M,A
Applied Finance	E,M,EC
Commerce	E,M,A
Human Resource Management	E,M,EC
Law	E,LS,AI
Logistics and Supply Chain Management	E,M,EC
Management	E,M,EC
Tourism and Event Management	E,M,T

Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment	Subjects
Built Environment	E,M,SS
Civil Aviation	E,M,SS
Computing and IT programs	E,M,IT
Construction Management and Economics	E,M,SS
Engineering programs	E,M,SS
Environmental Science	E,M,SS
Science and Mathematics programs	E,M,SS
Urban and Regional Planning	E,M,SS

Education, Arts and Social Sciences	Subjects
Aboriginal and Australian Studies	E,AS,SC
Adult, Vocational and Workplace Learning	E,SC,PY
Architecture and Design programs	E,D,V
Arts programs	E,AI,L
Communication and Media programs	E,MD,IT
Design and Technology Education (Design and Technology)	E,D,IT
Design and Technology Education (Home Economics)	E,D,FH
Early Childhood Education	E,CS,PE
Journalism	E,MD,IT
Junior Primary and Primary Education	E,M,SS
Media and Culture	E,MD,IT
Media Arts	E,MD,IT
Primary and Middle Education	E,M,SS
Public Relations	E,MD,IT
Psychology	E,M,PY
Social Work and Human Services	E,SC,AI
Visual Arts, Graphic Design and Illustration	E,D,V
Writing and Creative Communication	E,MD,IT



We're here to help

Along with bonus points, UniSA offers a number of advantages to give you the best possible start to your career.

Study in Regional SA

You don't need to travel to Adelaide to attend university. UniSA also offers a unique experience through a selection of degrees in regional South Australia at our Whyalla and Mount Gambier campuses - known as the Centre for Regional Engagement. Programs are offered in four areas – Business and Enterprise/Accounting; Nursing and Rural Health; Social Work and Rural Practice; and Engineering (Whyalla only). Foundation Studies Regional Strand is also offered at both campuses; this is a one-year no-fee preparatory program for over 18s as an alternative entry into university study. For more information visit unisa.edu.au/crc

Indigenous Student Services

Indigenous Student Services supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through on-campus locations at City East, City West, Magill, Mawson Lakes, Whyalla and Mount Gambier and at three off-campus centres in Ceduna, Port Lincoln and Port Augusta. Each location has an Indigenous Academic Advisor providing a range of services to students. For more information visit unisa.edu.au/future/indigenous

Learning and Teaching Unit

The Learning and Teaching Unit (LTU) provides resources and support to help you make the most of your time at UniSA, from the moment you accept your offer until after you graduate. Visit a unit on your campus or access resources online 24/7. LTU presents workshops and offers tips on writing assignments, career planning, using UniSA technology, managing exam stress, and much more. For more information visit unisa.edu.au/ltu/students

Scholarships

UniSA has a range of scholarships to help out with the costs associated with attending university, like accommodation, living and study expenses. Our scholarships can include financial assistance, work placements, mentoring assistance and even overseas travel. Many are specifically for new students. New scholarships are being added all the time. Visit unisa.edu.au/scholarship

CEFA

The Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEFA) is a national not-for-profit organisation that assists rural youth in their transition from high school to further education. To apply for financial assistance you must live in, or attend high school in, a community that has a local Education Foundation. For more information visit cef.org.au

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Top things for you to do on CareerShop

1. Gain exclusive access to our bonus points calculator;
2. Connect with students and graduates who have the same interests as you - watch a vodcast, follow a blog or ask a question;
3. Check out prerequisites, assumed knowledge and the bonus points calculator to make sure you choose the right subjects;
4. Keep on-top of upcoming career news and events – like UniSA's Open Day;
5. What's hot next season? Research UniSA degrees and scholarships to find out about new opportunities;
6. Enter our exclusive competitions and win some great prizes.

Join **CareerShop** now at unisa.edu.au/careershop – it's free!

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or 1300 UNINOW. Email study@unisa.edu.au.
Facsimile (08) 8302 9150

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UniSA Learning and Teaching Unit

unisa.edu.au/ltu

Paying for university

goingtouni.gov.au
– find out about HECS and other financial
assistance. Or phone 1800 020 108.

Accommodation

unisa.edu.au/accommodation
– advice and assistance with finding affordable
and appropriate accommodation.

How to apply

satac.edu.au/uniweb
– apply to study at UniSA via the South Australia
Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC).

For information specific to international students,
please visit [*unisa.edu.au/international*](http://unisa.edu.au/international)

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